

ALPHA COURSE: The next Alpha Course is being hosted by CoGS over six Tuesday evenings from 2nd October. Speak to Andy or contact the CoGS office on 02392 256814 for further details.

THE FUNERAL of Cissie Attrill will take place in church on Friday 5th October at 1.30pm (Please note change of time).

LEADING WORSHIP, a short course led by Revd Emma Racklyeft, Havant Deanery Lay Training Officer starts on Monday 15th October at CoGS. Speak to Andy or contact Anne Grove on 02392 256814 or havantdeanery@gmail.com for further details.

ADVENT FAYRE 2018: Sat 1st Dec 12md - 3.30 pm
Planning is already underway; please put the date in your diary and think about how you can help. **THANK YOU.**

Donations needed for sweet making; Sheila Taylor would like icing sugar, desiccated coconut, condensed milk, cooking chocolate, 70% cocoa solids chocolate & stork cooking spread.

Handbags! Handbags! Handbags! Sandra and Sue are on the hunt for any donations, in good condition, please leave at the back of the church. **THANK YOU.**

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Mission of the Month: Church Army



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Christ Church

For Christ. For you.

Welcome to our services today
Please join us for refreshments after The 10.30 Service.

Sunday 23rd September 2018 – Trinity 17

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
1030 The 10.30 Service

This Week's Activities

Monday		Diocesan Clergy Conference (Andy away until Wednesday)
Thursday	1000	The Thursday Service (Holy Communion)
	1930	PCC Standing Committee
Friday	1230	Neighbourhood Lunch (in church hall)
Saturday	0900	Church Cleaning
	1700	Renewal of Wedding Vows: Tim & Alison Ward

Sunday 30th September 2018 – Trinity 18

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)
1030 The 10.30 Service

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Mark 9:38-50

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." ³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. ⁴² "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched." ⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ