



Portsmouth Parish News Easter 2008

On top of the hill, at the heart of the Community



Easter message

Easter greetings from all at Christ Church.

This will be my first Easter as Vicar of Christ Church and I am looking forward with excitement to our Easter celebrations. The Easter message is first and foremost a message of hope. There are many to whom life seems to be without hope but, at the first Easter, Jesus showed that there is hope even in the darkest of situations, as he rose from death. In doing that he gives us all hope, hope of an everlasting life, and hope of a better life now.

I do hope that you will join us at Christ Church as we remember the terrible events of Jesus' death on Good Friday, and the amazing miracle of his life on Easter Sunday.

May God bless you and give you hope this Easter.

Rev'd Andy Wilson

Something for you we hope

At Christ Church we recognise that not everybody worships God in the same style and so we offer a range of different services.

At 8.00am each Sunday we have a Holy Communion service that offers a time of quiet reflection. At 10:30am our main service is more informal and lively, particularly on the second and fourth Sunday of the month when the children stay with us for a Family Service. On the first Sunday of every month we have recently introduced a service at 6.00pm where there is a more contemporary approach to worship.

Each of these services provides the opportunity to meet with God. We do hope that one of them will be right for you and you will be able to join us.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

11th - 17th MAY 2008



Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action across the UK to help fight against global poverty.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those who gave money and time last year - As we prepare for this years effort we would ask that you watch for the red envelope dropping through your letterbox and join our Church as we seek to support those who are in desperate need across the globe. If you pay tax then don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid form so we can claim back the tax you paid from the government.

The Mighty Youth

After a bit of a gap, we have re-established a youth group at Christ Church. *The Mighty Youth* is a group of around twenty teenagers from school year 9 and up, led by Andy & Jacqui Wilson. There is a varied programme mixing social events with discussion of what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the 21st century.

For more details contact Andy & Jacqui on 9237 5360.

A new look for the Scout and Guide HQ

Congratulations to our Guides who, following a successful grant application made by the guides themselves (not their leaders!), have been able to make huge improvements to the land around the Scout and Guide HQ. Well done!

Thanks

Thanks to the Guides and to our Toddler group who have both recently made donations to help the church look after the buildings and grounds.

Christ Church Portstown

Holy Week and Easter Services 2008 at Christ Church Portstown



Easter Blessings from

Welcome to our Easter Services at Christ Church

This card comes with Easter Greetings from Christ Church, your local Parish Church up on the hill. We hope you will be able to join us for some of the services over the Easter period. Please open up to the card to see our newsletter.

A prayer for Easter

Glory and praise to You, Risen Saviour, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from following You.

In this Easter season, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels

He is not here in the tomb: He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Palm Sunday, 16th March

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Family Communion

Monday in Holy Week, 17th March

10:00 Morning Prayer
19:30 Holy Week Meditation

Tuesday in Holy Week, 18th March

10:00 Morning Prayer
19:30 Holy Week Meditation

Wednesday in Holy Week, 19th March

10:00 Holy Communion
19:30 Holy Week Meditation

Maundy Thursday, 20th March

10:00 Morning Prayer
19:30 Holy Communion

Good Friday, 21st March

10:00 Walk of Witness
14:00 Hour by the cross

Easter Day, Sunday, 23rd March

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Family Communion

Come and worship with us at the Holy Week and Easter Services.
A warm and friendly welcome is assured.

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