



Portsmouth Parish News Easter 2009

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



Easter message

Easter greetings from everybody at Christ Church.

I wonder what Easter means for you. Chocolate eggs? A long weekend? A chance to see the family or catch up on jobs around the house? School holidays? All of those things are good and it is important that we punctuate our year with times of celebration, especially when times are difficult. In the Church we will be celebrating Jesus' victory over death at the first Easter, but only after we have remembered the pain of that death two days previously. Sometimes we have to go through darkness in order to appreciate the light; we have to experience sadness in order to fully understand joy.

I do hope that you will join us at Christ Church as we remember the pain and sorrow of Jesus' death on Good Friday and then celebrate the joy of his life on Easter Sunday. Times of our services are listed overleaf.

I pray that you will know God's blessing and His joy this Easter.

Revd Andy Wilson, Vicar

Need a venue for a Family or Club event?

Why not check out our Parish Hall?. We have a main hall plus a smaller hall and a meeting room, full kitchen facilities, tables and chairs for around 140 people. You can find more information on the facilities, availability and charges on our web site at http://www.christchurchportsdown.org/property/parish_hall.htm

The Mighty Youth

We have a youth group at Christ Church called *The Mighty Youth*. It's a group of teenagers from school year 9 and up. 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.

Contact us at parish.office@christchurchportsdown.org or 023 9237 9992

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th - 16th May 2009



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.

Something for you we hope

At Christ Church we recognise that not everybody likes to worship God in the same style and at the same time of the day.

- 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 or Parade Service.
- On the third Sunday of each month at 6.00pm we have our monthly informal service, where there is a more contemporary approach to worship.
- Finally, we have recently re-introduced the traditional service of Evensong, using what is, for some, the familiar setting of the Book of Common Prayer. The next Evensong service will be at 6.00pm on 26th April.

Each of these services provide the opportunity to meet with God. We hope that one of them will be right for you.

If you want to see what sort of things we do in the main services then you can find out via our Listen on Line service via our web site. The web address is <http://www.christchurchportsdown.org/>

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 10:30 Procession of Palms and Holy Communion
- 10:30 Junior Church - start in Church
- 18:00 The Mighty Youth - Vicarage (age 13 to 19)

Wednesday 8th April - Holy Week

- 10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday 9th April - Maundy Thursday

- 19:30 Holy Communion

Friday 10th April - Holy Week

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

Sunday 12th April - Easter Day

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 10:30 Family Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th April

- 10:00 Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 10:30 Family Service
- 18:00 Informal Service of worship
- 19:00 The Mighty Youth - Vicarage (age 13 to 19)

Welcome to our Easter Services at Christ Church

This card comes with Easter Greetings from your local Parish Church of Christ 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.

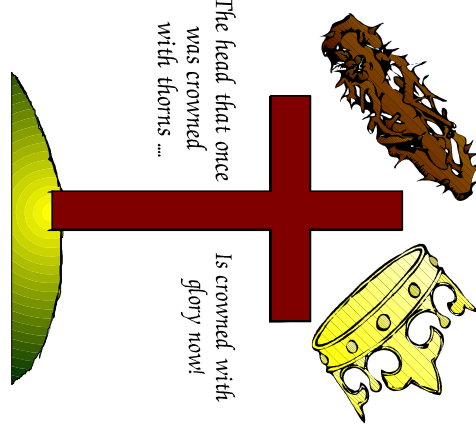
An Easter Prayer

Of all of God's gifts Easter shows us our fate,
forgiven we will rise and pass through Heaven's gate

This Easter remember the sacrifice of a Son,
and through His resurrection Eternal life we have won

This Easter we pray that the love of God is resurrected,
Reborn, and renewed inside your heart

Easter Blessings from



**Holy Week and Easter Services 2009
at Christ Church Portsdown**

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