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## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Palm Sunday**

As restrictions due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic remain in place, all church services and meetings are currently cancelled. This notice sheet is being issued by email to church members.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Last Sunday's service** from the Vicarage is now available to watch on the Christ Church YouTube channel page. The simplest way to see this is to go to [youtube.com](https://youtube.com) and search for Christ Church Portsdown. Alternatively you can go direct to:

[tinyurl.com/qmnlz2e](https://tinyurl.com/qmnlz2e)

Please do subscribe to the channel. If we get enough subscribers, we can change the URL to something simpler!

**This Sunday's service** will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page from 10.30am. We have discovered that you do NOT need to have a facebook account to watch this. Simply go to **[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown)** at 10.30 on Sunday and click on the video. The service will not be live on YouTube but will be posted later. All of today's readings (not just the one used in the service) and the Collect are included at the end of this document. You may wish to take time to read these through the day.

We would usually distribute **Palm Crosses** on Palm Sunday. Attached are instructions on how to make your own which you could do before (or during) the Sunday Service. Bishop Christopher will be making one during the service that he is leading (see below).

### **You may also like to watch:**

- the Bishop of Portsmouth from 8am at [facebook.com/CofEPortsdown](https://facebook.com/CofEPortsdown)
- the national Church of England service led by the Bishop of Manchester from 9am at [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://facebook.com/thechurchofengland)
- Sunday Worship from Hereford Cathedral on BBC1 at 10.45am
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 1.15pm.
- Several other churches are also streaming services on Sunday, which can be watched online at any time during the week

### **HOLY WEEK**

At the moment Andy is looking at streaming services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, although this may change. Details will be available during the week.

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Each morning (Tuesday to Saturday) at 8.30am, Andy says Morning Prayer in his study. It is not permitted for you to join him physically, but he invites you to join him spiritually. The words that he uses can be found each day by going to [www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer) and then clicking on Morning Prayer (Contemporary) on [today's date].

**THE FUNERAL of Nancy Pinestone**, a long-standing member of Christ Church will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10am at The Oaks Havant Crematorium. Family only will be able to attend, but when it is possible to do so, we will hold a memorial service at Christ Church.

## HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

This week you should receive a second document entitled 'How do you feel?'. This has been written by Sheila Gill, one of the Deputy Wardens at Christ Church, as a response to living through these unusual times. Do read it.

## GIVING

Both of our churches are experiencing reduced income from cancelled hall bookings and the lack of collections at services. If you usually give in the plate, please do consider switching to Direct Debit or online payment. Do get in touch if you need more details.

## CARE AND PRAYER

Christ Church members should have received a letter about a care and prayer network within Christ Church. If you haven't then do email Emma Evans and ask for it. **Everybody from either church** is still invited to phone the Vicar with requests for prayer or practical support.

## CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is closed. Emma is working from home, so please note her number below if you wish to speak to her.

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## **PALM SUNDAY**

### **Collect**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**Amen.**

### **READINGS**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 50:4–9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

#### **Psalms 31:9–16**

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also. <sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed. <sup>11</sup> I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me. <sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel. <sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. <sup>14</sup> But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God. <sup>15</sup> 'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup> 'Make your face to shine upon your servant and save me for your mercy's sake.'

## **NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 2:5–11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1–11**

<sup>21</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

## **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**