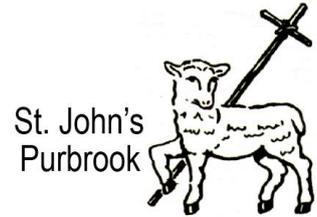




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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**(Second Sunday of Easter)**

As restrictions due to the 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.

**Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook**

Today's service will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: **[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown)** . The service will not be live on YouTube but will be posted later on the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel. It will also be shared on the St John's Facebook page. All the readings and the collect for today are at the bottom of this sheet. The reading from Luke chapter 24 will be included in the service.

**You may also like to watch:**

- The Bishop of Portsmouth leading Sunday Worship for the Diocese at [facebook.com/CofEPortsdown](https://facebook.com/CofEPortsdown) (Sunday 9.00am)
- Sunday Worship from Hereford Cathedral led by the Bishop of Dover on BBC1 (Sunday 10.45am)
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 (Sunday 1.15pm).
- Several other churches are also streaming services every day, which can be watched online at any time during the week.

**Services** from the Vicarage from previous weeks are 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 more meaningful!

**Taking part:** If you would like to contribute to one of our online services (and are able to record your contribution) then please get in touch with Andy.

**COMMUNITY FIRST HELPLINE**

Havant Borough Council, working with Community First has set up a helpline that residents in Havant Borough who are isolating at home can ring, should they require assistance; shopping, prescription collections, dog-walking, a friendly voice to speak to etc. Requests for assistance are passed to voluntary groups around the borough, some specifically set up for this purpose.

If you, or someone you know, are self-isolating, live in Havant Borough and need help, then call Community First on 0300 500 8085.

## 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. The best way to do this is via the Parish Giving Scheme.

You can find out more at [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)

You can also register online at [register.parishgiving.org.uk](http://register.parishgiving.org.uk)

To register you will need the following details:

For Christ Church:

Parish: Portsdown Christ Church

Diocese: Portsmouth

PGS Parish Code: 290629068

For St John's:

Parish: St John the Baptist

Village: Purbrook

Diocese: Portsmouth

PGS Parish Code: 290629070

## 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### COLLECT

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT: Zephaniah 3:14–20

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

### Psalm 116:1–7

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. <sup>2</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held. <sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.' <sup>4</sup> Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. <sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me. <sup>6</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you. <sup>7</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

### NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13–35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.