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Sunday 17th May 2020
(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook

Today we welcome **Revd Janette Smith** to preach at our online service streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: **[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.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 1 Peter chapter 3 will be included in the service.

Andy is preaching in the Church of the Good Shepherd service this morning. This will be available on the COGScrookhorn YouTube channel.

ASCENSION DAY: Look out for a short service online from 10am on Thursday for Ascension Day.

THY KINGDOM COME is the annual call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. We hope to have short video reflections available from 10am each day on Facebook from Friday.

You may also like to watch:

- The Bishop of Portsmouth leading Sunday Worship for the Diocese at [facebook.com/CofEPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsdown) (Sunday 9.00am).
- Sunday Worship from St David's Cathedral 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://www.youtube.com) and search for Christ Church Portsdown. Alternatively you can go direct to: 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.

DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE

The Church of England has launched a new free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. This is especially for those unable to watch services online and includes the option to listen to the most recent national CofE service. This is all available 24 hours a day at no charge on:



0800 804 8044

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 (cash or envelopes), please do consider switching to Direct Debit or online payment.

The best way to do this is via the Parish Giving Scheme, which can now be done online or by telephone

You can register online at **register.parishgiving.org.uk** or by calling **0333 002 1271**

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

You will also need your own bank details.

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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Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 8:20—9:17

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. ²² As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' ⁹ God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ² The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴ Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. ⁶ Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. ⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.' ⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalm 66:7–18

⁷ Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,
⁸ Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. ⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹⁰ You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. ¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. ¹² I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹³ I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. ¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. ¹⁵ I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. ¹⁶ If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, ¹⁷ But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. ¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15–21

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'