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Sunday 14th June 2020
(1st Sunday after Trinity)

Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook

Today's service will be 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. All the readings and the collect for today are at the bottom of this sheet. The reading from the Epistle to the Romans will be included in the service.

You may also like to watch:

- The Church of England national service at [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland) and <https://www.youtube.com/thechurchofengland> (Sunday 9.00am).
- The Portsmouth Diocesan service led by the Bishop at [facebook.com/CofEPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsdown) (Sunday 9.00am)
- Sunday Worship on BBC1 (Sunday 10.45am).
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 (Sunday 1.15pm)
- Several other churches are also streaming services or prayers every day, which can be watched online at any time during the week.

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.

MATTHEW GROVE

You may be aware that Matt was due to be ordained on 4th July to be Curate in our two parishes. Although the Ordination service has had to be postponed, Matt will be licensed by the Bishop as a Lay Worker in a service streamed live on the Diocese of Portsmouth Facebook page at 12.30 on 4th July. The Ordination is now scheduled for November.

Due to current Coronavirus legislation, the Curate's house in Purbrook is still occupied by tenants. The Diocese is currently looking for alternative (temporary) accommodation but the start of Matt's ministry with us is likely to be delayed. Please do remember him in your prayers.

WHEN WILL OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS BE OPEN?

You may have heard on the news, or seen the Prime Minister's announcement, that places of worship can open for private individual prayer from Saturday 13th June. However, the government only issued guidance for this on Friday 12th. We hope to be able to open our church buildings for specific periods soon but need some time to implement all the requirements.

FLORENCE MOCKFORD: Florence's funeral will be held on 30th June at The Oaks Crematorium. Only family can attend. Please do continue to remember Peter, June and Robert in your prayers.

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

Please pass this number on to others who may find it useful.

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.

If you prefer to give direct to Christ Church (either by Standing Order as a one-off payment) then see details at christchurchportsdown.org/more/giving . For details of giving to St John's please contact the Vicar or Warden.

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Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 18:1–15

¹⁸ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Psalm 100

¹ O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. ² Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. ³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with

praise; give thanks to him and bless his name. ⁴ For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Romans 5:1–8

⁵ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35–10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.