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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**(4<sup>th</sup> 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) and 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.

**MATTHEW GROVE**

Yesterday Matt was licensed as Curate to our parishes – he will be taking part in today's online service. As the Curate's house in Purbrook is not yet available, Matt will move temporarily into a Vicarage in Portsmouth this week. He will commence his ministry in our parishes in mid-July and move to Purbrook in due course. Please do pray for him.

**CHURCH BUILDINGS OPEN FOR PRAYER**

This afternoon (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July), our churches will be open for private prayer.

**St John's** will be open from 2pm to 5pm.

**Christ Church** will be open from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

All are welcome to attend, but please follow social distancing guidelines and other instructions given in the buildings. Please note that this is not an opportunity to meet others.

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

Next week (**12<sup>th</sup> July**) there will be a pre-recorded service streamed on Facebook and YouTube from 10.30am.

On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, we hope to hold the following services:

0900 Simple Communion Service in St John's (max attendance 20)

1030 Morning Service (online only)

1500 Service in Christ Church (max attendance 25)

We are severely restricted in what we can do in public worship. There will be no singing (or even loud speaking) and we have to maintain 2m social distancing. There can be no refreshments afterwards. We have to record the names and contact details of everyone who attends in case we need to Track & Trace (if you are on our electoral roll, it will be sufficient to give your name). When we have Communion it will be received in one kind (bread only).

We recognise that not everyone will be able, or wish, to attend. Therefore the online services will continue.

## 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](http://christchurchportsdown.org/more/giving) . For details of giving to St John's please contact the Vicar or Warden.

## CONTACTS

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**Collect**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**Zechariah 9.9–12**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Psalms 145.8–15**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness.  
<sup>9</sup> The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.  
<sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
<sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your mighty power,  
<sup>12</sup> To make known to all peoples your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord is sure in all his words

and faithful in all his deeds.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

### **Romans 7.15–25a**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end**

<sup>16</sup> 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'