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Sunday 12th July 2020
(5th Sunday after Trinity)

Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook and YouTube

Today's service will be streamed on the Christ Church Facebook page:

facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown and 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.

ANDY & JACQUI WILSON are taking a few days leave, returning to parish duties on Thursday.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

On **Sunday 19th 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 hosts a 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:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalms 65:8-13

⁸ You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. ⁹ The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. ¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. ¹² May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. ¹³ May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

Romans 8:1–11

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it

cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.
² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower.¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'