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Sunday 19th July 2020
(6th Sunday after Trinity)

SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Communion at St John's

Please note that all seats have now been reserved for this service. Please do not come if you have not already booked in with Revd Andy. If you would like to reserve a seat for next week, please call him.

10.30am Morning Worship (online only)

This service will be livestreamed on the Christ Church Facebook page:
facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown

3.00pm Afternoon Worship at Christ Church

This will be a repeat of the online service. The doors will be opened at 2.45pm. Due to the need to maintain 2m distancing we are limited to around 12 households.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

On **Sunday 26th July** we expect to repeat this week's pattern, but this is under constant review.

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.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY led by Matt

Our Curate Matt is looking at running an online Bible Study group on Zoom. If you would like to be part of that please email matt.grove@christchurchportsdown.org

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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalms 86:11–17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name. ¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore; ¹³ For great is your steadfast love towards me, for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. ¹⁴ O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; they have not set you before their eyes. ¹⁵ But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid. ¹⁷ Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Romans 8:12–25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing

with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!