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### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

#### **FACE COVERINGS – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

On Thursday of this week we received “strong advice” from the Church of England that, in line with government guidance, face masks should be worn in our church buildings when there are people from more than one household present. Therefore, if you are attending any service, please wear a face covering, unless there is a reason for you not to. This does NOT apply to children under the age of 11. Both of our churches have surgical face masks for sale at the door at £5 for a packet of 10, should you not have your own face mask/covering.

#### **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***

##### **12.00pm Baptism of Antonia Do'urden at Christ Church**

Due to Covid restrictions, this service is for invited guests only.

##### **3.00pm REFUEL at Christ Church**

A quiet service of reflection with recorded music and space for personal prayer. All are welcome. There is no need to book.

#### **SERVICES NEXT WEEK (2<sup>nd</sup> August)**

##### **9.00am Communion at St John's**

If you would like to reserve a seat, please call Revd Andy.

##### **10.30am Morning Worship (online only)**

##### **3.00pm Communion at Christ Church**

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 will be running an online Bible Study group on Zoom. If you would like to be part of that please email [matt.grove@christchurchportsdown.org](mailto:matt.grove@christchurchportsdown.org)

## **NEW WINE**

There is no New Wine summer conference this year, but instead we can join in with United Breaks Out – New Wine online. It runs from this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. There are sessions for all ages and the YouTube sessions will remain online to be watched at any time. More details at [new-wine.org/breaksout](http://new-wine.org/breaksout)

## **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](http://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.

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## **Sunday 26 July 2020**

### **7th Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Collect**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **1 Kings 3:5–12**

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

#### **Psalm 119:129–136**

<sup>129</sup> Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.  
<sup>130</sup> The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. <sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments. <sup>132</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. <sup>133</sup> Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me. <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments. <sup>135</sup> Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes. <sup>136</sup> My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law.

#### **Romans 8:26–39**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep

for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' <sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'