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Sunday 20th September 2020 (15th Sunday after Trinity)

SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Communion at St John's

Please note that all seats have 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 broadcast live on the Christ Church Facebook page, ([facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown)) and the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel .

12.00noon Baptism at Christ Church (invited guests only)

3.00pm Communion at Christ Church

It is not necessary to make a booking for this service. If you come, we expect to be able to find a seat for you, but there remains the possibility that we will be full.

THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 10.00am: Communion at Christ Church

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (27th September)

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 Refuel at Christ Church

A quiet, reflective service with music, prayers and silence.

We are severely restricted in what we can do in public worship. There can be no singing (or even loud speaking). Everybody must wear face coverings and we must 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.

NEW WINE

Bookings are open for next year's New Wine summer event. The best prices can be obtained by booking before the end of September. Details can be found at new-wine.org or by speaking to Jacqui Wilson.

HARVEST

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at all 3 services on Sunday 27th September. In previous years Christ Church has collected goods for The Roberts Centre and All Saints Hostel. Both organisations have requested donations again. If you are able to, please bring food items in **tins or packets** (NO FRESH PRODUCE) or toiletries (new items only) to:

- The Communion Service at Christ Church on Thursday 24th at 10.00am
- Christ Church on Friday 25th between 2.00 and 5.00pm
- Christ Church on Saturday 26th between 10.00am and 12.00.
- Purbrook Vicarage on any day before 27th September (you may like to ring to check that someone will be in)

THE **ORDINATION OF MATT GROVE** as Deacon will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 10th October at 11.30am. Attendance will be by invitation only, but we plan to stream the service online.

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Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 16:2–15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.'⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt,⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?'⁸ And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.'¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said,¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.'¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.'¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

Psalms 145:1–8

¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.² Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.³ Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts.⁵ They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.⁶ They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness.⁷ They shall pour forth the story of your

abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

Philippians 1:21–30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer.²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1–16

²⁰ 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place;⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'