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## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Harvest)**

### **SERVICES TODAY**

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

If you wish to come to this service, please contact Revd Andy in advance.

#### **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 .

#### **3.00pm Refuel at Christ Church**

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

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (4<sup>th</sup> October)**

#### **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 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.*

### **HARVEST**

We will mark Harvest Festival at our services today. In previous years Christ Church has collected goods for The Roberts Centre and All Saints Hostel. Both organisations have requested donations again. Thank you to those who have given goods already. If you still wish to, please bring food items in **tins or packets (NO FRESH PRODUCE)** or toiletries (new items only) to our services today.

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

## ST JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Purbrook will take place from **10am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** (venue tbc). There are vacancies for:

- Two churchwardens
- Two members of Deanery Synod
- Six members of the PCC

If you are a member of the St John's Electoral roll, please do consider whether you could serve the church in any of these capacities. Please speak to Andy Wilson if you want to know more. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact Bill Jeffery or Andy. If you would like to attend, please notify Andy by 11<sup>th</sup> October so that we can determine the most appropriate venue.

## CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Portsdown will take place from **7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at Christ Church. There are vacancies for:

- Two churchwardens
- Two members of Deanery Synod
- Four members of the PCC

If you are a member of the Christ Church Electoral roll, please do consider whether you could serve the church in any of these capacities. Please speak to Andy Wilson if you want to know more. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact Graham Olway or Andy.

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**Sunday 27 September 2020**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

*In our services today we will hear the reading from the Gospel of Luke*

### **Collect**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Deuteronomy 8:7–18**

<sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup> You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. <sup>11</sup> Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup> When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup> and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup> Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' <sup>18</sup> But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

### **Psalm 65**

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. <sup>2</sup> To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. <sup>3</sup> Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. <sup>4</sup> With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. <sup>5</sup> In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might. <sup>6</sup> You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples. <sup>7</sup> Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. <sup>8</sup> You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. <sup>9</sup> The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. <sup>10</sup> You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. <sup>12</sup> May the

pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.  
<sup>13</sup> May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

## **2 Corinthians 9:6–15**

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup> for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## **Luke 12:16-30**

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup> Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'<sup>22</sup> He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.