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### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Baptism of Christ)**

Due to the high levels of Coronavirus (Covid-19) infection in our area, all attended church services and meetings are currently suspended. Some opportunities for worship are listed below.

#### **10:30 Morning Worship (online)**

Today's service will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: **[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown)** and on the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel. All the readings and the collect for today are at the bottom of this sheet.

#### **You may also like to watch:**

- The Church of England national service on [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland) from 9.00am on Sunday
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 (Sunday 12.25pm).
- Several other churches are also streaming services, which can be watched online at any time during the week.
- Our services from previous weeks are available to watch on the Christ Church YouTube channel or via [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com).

We will also be producing **midweek reflections** which will be released on the Christ Church facebook page each Wednesday morning through this time of lockdown. We will be looking at The Beatitudes, which can be found in Matthew 5:3-10.

**Taking part:** If you would like to contribute a reading or prayers to one of our online services (and are able to record your contribution) then please get in touch with Andy.

#### **DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE**

The Church of England's free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers is still available 24 hours a day at no charge on 0800 804 8044.



### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Epiphany 2)**

#### **10:30 Morning Worship (online)**

## GIVING

Both of our churches have experienced 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.

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## **Sunday 10 January 2021**

### **Baptism of Christ**

#### **Collect**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

#### **Genesis 1:1–5**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

#### **Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' <sup>9</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. <sup>10</sup> The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **Acts 19:1–7**

<sup>19</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' <sup>3</sup> Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' <sup>4</sup> Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

## **Mark 1: 4–11**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'