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

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 1.15pm).
- 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 are also producing **midweek reflections** through this time of lockdown. They are being released on the Christ Church facebook page each Wednesday morning (and can then be viewed at any time). We are considering 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Epiphany 3)**

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

**ST JOHN'S PCC** will meet via Zoom this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm. Members should have received an invitation. If you have not please contact Revd Andy.

**CHRIST CHURCH PCC** will meet via Zoom on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

## 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 17 January 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

**Collect**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 Samuel 3:1–10**

<sup>3</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

**Psalm 139:1–5, 12–18**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>2</sup> You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>3</sup> For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. <sup>4</sup> You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. <sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>12</sup> For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>13</sup> I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well. <sup>14</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>15</sup> Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in your book were all my members written, <sup>16</sup> as day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was none of them. <sup>17</sup> How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, and at the end, I am still in your presence.

## **Revelation 5:1–10**

<sup>5</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' <sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God, saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

## **John 1:43–51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'