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Sunday 24th January 2021 (Epiphany 3)

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 **BBC2** (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.

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 31st January 2021 (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

10:30 Morning Worship (online)

CHRIST CHURCH PCC will meet via Zoom on Wednesday 27th 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Christ Church Mission of the Month for January is Portsmouth School Pastors. To find out about their work, or to make an online donation, please go to streetpastors.org/locations/portsmouth .

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Sunday 24 January 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Genesis 14:17–20

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand! 'And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Psalms 128

¹ Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
² You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. ³ Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.
⁴ Thus shall the one be blest who fears the Lord. ⁵ The Lord from out of Zion bless you, that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life. ⁶ May you see your children's children, and may there be peace upon Israel.

Revelation 19:6–10

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2:1-11

² On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.