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Sunday 7th February 2021 (The Second Sunday before Lent)

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.

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 14th February 2021 (Sunday next before lent)

10:30 Morning Worship (online)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES

Our sister church at Crookhorn is providing the following online opportunities:

Toddlers – Wednesdays at 10am – contact clare@cogs.org.uk

Tots 'N Tunes – Thursdays at 10am - contact clare@cogs.org.uk

Parentalk: The Primary Years – a course for parents of under 12s.

Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, starting on 10th February. Contact office@cogs.org.uk

Further details of these activities can be found at cogs.org.uk

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for February is CMS. We support Bev Richardson's ministry at Colegio San Andres, a Christian school in Asuncion, founded by missionaries and part of the Anglican Diocese of Paraguay. You can catch up with Bev's work and, if you wish, donate to support her, at churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/bev-richardson/

PLEASE PRAY

- for all facing illness, loneliness or mourning during this difficult time
- for the Diocese and Deanery considering the future parish structure
- for financial challenges faced by our parishes

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Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Proverbs 8:1, 22–31

⁸ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Psalms 104:26–37

²⁶ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁷ There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. ²⁸ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. ²⁹ All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. ³⁰ When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good. ³¹ When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust. ³² When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. ³³ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works; ³⁴ He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. ³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. ³⁶ So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord. ³⁷ Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

Colossians 1:15–20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1:1–14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.