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### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Sunday next 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](http://achurchnearyou.com).

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

This week we begin the season of Lent with a service for Ash Wednesday. This will be available on the Church Church Portsdown Facebook page from 9am on Wednesday and will include our weekly reflection on the Beatitudes.

#### **BIBLE STUDY for LENT**

The Zoom-based Bible Study, led by Revd Matt, will be meeting weekly from this Tuesday until the Tuesday after Easter, starting each week at 7pm. The study will follow the account in Mark's Gospel of the events leading up to the crucifixion and culminating with the resurrection. If you would like to join the group for Lent do contact Matt (details overleaf). If you would like to join but can't make Tuesday evenings, let us know.

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 (First Sunday of Lent)**

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

**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.

## **MAGAZINE – PORTSDOWN POST**

The Christ Church magazine continues to be available online at [christchurchportsdown.org/more/magazine](http://christchurchportsdown.org/more/magazine) . Thanks to Ruth Fowler, who edits the magazine each month. She would welcome articles for inclusion at [magazine@christchurchportsdown.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchportsdown.org) .

## **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/](http://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/bev-richardson/)

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- for spiritual renewal during Lent
- for those who work in our hospitals and other frontline settings
- for all facing illness, loneliness or mourning during this difficult time

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## **Sunday 14 February 2021**

Sunday next before Lent

### **Collect**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Readings**

#### **2 Kings 2:1–12**

<sup>2</sup> Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' <sup>10</sup> He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **Psalm 50:1–6**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence. <sup>3</sup> Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him. <sup>4</sup> He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup> 'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.' <sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

## **2 Corinthians 4:3–6**

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Mark 9:2–9**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.