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### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Second Sunday of 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 **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](http://achurchnearyou.com).

#### **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.



**Wednesday 10.30:** Funeral of Patricia Shotter at St John's

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Third 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.

#### **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/)

## LIVE|PRAY|SERVE

The diocese is currently working through a restructuring process. During the last week, Bishop Christopher has chaired a series of meetings at which each deanery has presented their ideas as to what mission and ministry could look like locally, seeking to discern how our churches can grow despite decreased income and a likely decrease in the number of stipendiary clergy.

The bishop has recorded a video outlining the vision, which can be seen at <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/our-strategy/>. You will also be able to watch the video if you continue watching after the online service this Sunday. The video lasts about 15 minutes.

## GIVING

Both of our churches are experiencing 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 **[parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk)** or by following the QR codes below.

Alternatively you can call **0333 002 1271**, in which case you will need the following details:

<p><u>For Christ Church:</u> Parish: Portsdown Christ Church Diocese: Portsmouth PGS Parish Code: 290629068</p> 	<p><u>For St John's:</u> Parish: Purbrook St John the Baptist Diocese: Portsmouth PGS Parish Code: 290629070</p> 
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## **Sunday 28 February 2021**

2nd Sunday of Lent

### **Collect**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>17</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **Psalms 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them. <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. <sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him? <sup>30</sup> He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come. <sup>31</sup> They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

## **Romans 4:13–25**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **Mark 8:31–38**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'