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Sunday 7th March 2021 (Third 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 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.

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 March 2021 (Mothering Sunday)

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.

REVD JOHN GRAY

We recently mistakenly reported that Revd John Gray had died. We are pleased to report that John is alive and still attending St Jude's church. We apologise for any distress caused by this unfortunate mistake.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

Our friends at CoGS host a number of online prayer times to which members of Christ Church and St John's are invited. There is informal prayer each weekday at 9am, Noon & 9pm, as well as each Sunday at 7pm and prayer for our nation each Monday at 2pm. Please see cogs.org.uk/prayer or contact the CoGS church office or Revd Andy for more details.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for March is Tearfund. Donations can be made to support the work of Tearfund at tearfund.org/get-involved/donate

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 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 7 March 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Exodus 20:1–17

²⁰ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Psalm 19

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. ¹¹ By them also

is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13–22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.