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Sunday 14th March 2021 (Mothering Sunday)

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
- Sunday Worship for Mothering Sunday on BBC1 (Sunday 11.15am)
- 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.

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.



Thursday 18th March

19:00 St John's PCC (zoom)

Sunday 21st March 2021 (5th 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.

BERYL SIPPITTS

We are sorry to report that Beryl Sippitts, a former member of St John's, died recently. Revd Andy will be conducting her funeral on Monday 22nd March.

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:

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| <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 14 March 2021

Mothing Sunday

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 2:1–10

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 127:1–4

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

² Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. ³ It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep. ⁴ Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

Colossians 3:12–17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all

wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19:25b–27

^{25b}Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.