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We are now recommencing attended worship in both churches. If you attend any service, it is essential to follow Covid guidelines. You must attend alone or as part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group. Face coverings must be worn (unless medically exempt). We are also continuing online services.

Sunday 4th April 2021 (EASTER DAY)

6.00am Dawn Eucharist at St John's

Please book with Revd Andy if you wish to attend.

10.30am Easter online service

Streamed on [facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown) and on the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel.

3.00pm Easter Communion at Christ Church

Please book with Revd Andy if you wish to attend.

Wednesday 7th April

9.00am Reflection for Easter Week

Streamed on [facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown)

1.00pm Funeral of David Pratt in Christ Church

Sunday 11th April 2021 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

9.30am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church

From 11th April, attended Sunday services will be held at **9.30am** at St John's and **11.00am** at Christ Church. You will not need to book for these services (although they are subject to a reduced capacity). Anyone is welcome to attend the services at either church. The online service will continue at **10.30am** each Sunday.

Other opportunities for worship this week:

- The Church of England national service on facebook.com/thechurchofengland from 9.00am on Sunday
- Sunday Worship with the Archbishop of Canterbury on BBC1 (Sunday 10.00am)
- Songs of Praise for Easter 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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for April is MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). Donations can be made to support the work of MAF at maf-uk.org/give

CHRIST CHURCH HALL

Problems with wet rot and dry rot under the surface of the floor of Christ Church Hall mean that the floor needs to be completely replaced. Work to remove the old floor begins on Tuesday.

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Sunday 4 April 2021

Easter Day

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Acts 10:34–43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14–24

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: ¹⁶ 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹⁵ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the

church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1–18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.