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We are now holding attended services 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). Advance booking is not required. We are also continuing online services.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**9.30am Holy Communion at St John's**

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church**

### **Midweek meetings**

Wednesday 7.30pm Christ Church Standing Committee (zoom meeting)

Thursday 7.00pm St John's PCC (zoom meeting)

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**9.30am Holy Communion at St John's**

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**

### **Other opportunities for worship this week:**

- The Church of England national service on [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://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).

### **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.



## **CHRIST CHURCH HALL – DO NOT ENTER**

The removal of the floor in Christ Church Hall has revealed possible asbestos lagging around old (disused) gas pipes. This was safe all the time that the floor was in place but is now potentially dangerous. Therefore no-one should enter the building under any circumstances.

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The bishop has given permission for annual meetings to be delayed in order to increase the possibility of people being able to attend. They must now be held by 31<sup>st</sup> July. Accordingly **St John's APCM** has been rescheduled to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July and **Christ Church APCM** has been rescheduled to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Times for both meetings will be confirmed in due course.

## **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](http://maf-uk.org/give)

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## **Sunday 11 April 2021**

2nd Sunday of Easter

### **Collect**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

### **Acts 4:32–35**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup> Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, <sup>3</sup> Even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing. <sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion. <sup>5</sup> For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.

### **John 20:19–31**

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his

hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

### **Post Communion**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.