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Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th April
(Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday)

As restrictions due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic remain in place, all church services and meetings are currently cancelled. This notice sheet is being issued by email to church members.

Last Sunday's service from the Vicarage is now available to watch on the Christ Church YouTube channel page. The simplest way to see this is to go to youtube.com and search for Christ Church Portsdown. Alternatively you can go direct to:

tinyurl.com/qmnlz2e

Please do subscribe to the channel. If we get enough subscribers, we can change the URL to something simpler!

Services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Services will be streamed at the following times:

Thursday 9th April, 7.00pm

Friday 10th April, 10.00am

Sunday 12th April, 10.30am

These services will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page:

[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown) . The services will not be live on YouTube but will be posted later. Thank you to Lorna, who has been posting links on the St John's facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Church-Purbrook-413928331994434/>). The readings for these services are at the bottom of this sheet.

You may also like to watch:

- the Bishop of Portsmouth leading an Easter Eve meditation (Saturday 8.00pm) and an Easter Day Eucharist (Sunday 9.00am) at [facebook.com/CofEPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsdown)
- the national Church of England Easter Day service led by the Archbishop Canterbury (Sunday 9.00am) at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online> or [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland) .
- Easter from King's College Cambridge on BBC2 (Saturday 7.00pm)
- Sunday Worship from Bangor Cathedral on BBC1 (Sunday 11.25am)
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 (Sunday 1.15pm).
- Heavenly Gardens on BBC1 (Friday 1.45pm and Sunday 1.50pm) features sacred gardens, including (on Sunday) the garden at the Bishop's Palace in Wells, home to former Christ Church Curate, Peter Hancock.
- Several other churches are also streaming services every day, which can be watched online at any time during the week.

COMMUNITY FIRST HELPLINE

Havant Borough Council, working with Community First has set up a helpline that residents in Havant Borough who are isolating at home can ring, should they require assistance; shopping, prescription collections, dog-walking, a friendly voice to speak to etc. Requests for assistance are passed to voluntary groups around the borough, some specifically set up for this purpose.

If you, or someone you know, are self-isolating, live in Havant Borough and need help, then call Community First on 0300 500 8085.

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, please do consider switching to Direct Debit or online payment. Do get in touch if you need more details.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is closed. Emma is working from home, so please note her number below if you wish to speak to her.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY: John 13.1-17, 31b-35

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table,* took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet,* but is entirely clean. And you* are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?' ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants* are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

GOOD FRIDAY: John 19:16b-30

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew* is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth,* the King of the Jews.' ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew,* in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews." ' ²²Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' ²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says,
'They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.'

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

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

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

EASTER DAY: John 20:1-18

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.