



www.christchurchportsdown.org

www.stjohnspurbrook.org.uk

Sunday 3rd May
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

As restrictions due to the 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.

Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook

Today's service will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: **facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown**. The service will not be live on YouTube but will be posted later on the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel. It will also be shared on the St John's Facebook page. All the readings and the collect for today are at the bottom of this sheet. The reading from John chapter 10 will be included in the service.

You may also like to watch:

- The Bishop of Portsmouth leading Sunday Worship for the Diocese at facebook.com/CofEPortsdown (Sunday 9.00am).
- Sunday Worship from Bangor Cathedral on BBC1 (Sunday 10.45am).
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 (Sunday 1.15pm).
- Several other churches are also streaming services every day, which can be watched online at any time during the week.

Services from the Vicarage from previous weeks are 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 more meaningful!

Taking part: If you would like to contribute to one of our online services (and are able to record your contribution) then please get in touch with Andy.

NEW: DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE

The Church of England has launched a new free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. This is especially for those unable to watch services online and includes the option to listen to the most recent national CofE service. This is all available 24 hours a day at no charge on:



0800 804 8044

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 at **register.parishgiving.org.uk**

NEW: You can register by calling **0333 002 1271**

To register you will need the following details:

For Christ Church:

Parish: Portsdown Christ Church
Diocese: Portsmouth
PGS Parish Code: 290629068

For St John's:

Parish: St John the Baptist
Village: Purbrook
Diocese: Portsmouth
PGS Parish Code: 290629070

You will also need your own bank details.

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.

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.

CONTACTS

Vicar	Revd Andy Wilson (day off Monday) vicar@christchurchportsdown.org purbrookvicar@gmail.com
Associate Minister	Revd Laura Cameron revdlauracameron@gmail.com
Reader CCP (Lay Minister)	Sandra Morgan sandramorgan02@gmail.com
Churchwarden SJP	Bill Jeffery purbrookchurch@gmail.com
Churchwarden CCP	Stephen Anderson stephen.anderson@christchurchportsdown.org
Administrator	Emma Evans parish.office@christchurchportsdown.org
Hall Manager CCP	Jacqui Wilson hall.manager@christchurchportsdown.org
Website	Matt Doe webmaster@christchurchportsdown.org

Sunday 3 May 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 7:1-24

⁷ Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ² Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³ and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴ For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' ⁵ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. ⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. ⁷ And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸ Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹ two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth. ¹¹ In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹² The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. ¹³ On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, ¹⁴ they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. ¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. ¹⁷ The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹ The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; ²⁰ the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; ²² everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴ And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. ³ He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. ⁶ Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1–10

¹⁰ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.