

Sunday 10th May
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)



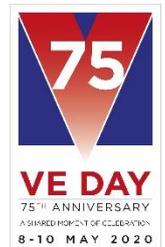
This week (10th to 16th May) is **Christian Aid Week**. We are unable to hold any door to door collection or fundraising events, so please consider making your usual donation online at christianaid.org.uk

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 1 Peter chapter 2 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 for **VE Day** from Hereford Cathedral led by the Bishop of Dover on BBC1 (Sunday 10.45am).
- Portsmouth Cathedral are leading a service of commemoration and remembrance for **VE Day** on the Portsmouth Cathedral YouTube channel (Sunday 11.00am).
- Songs of Praise will also mark the 75th anniversary of **VE Day** 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.

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.

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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Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 8:1–19

⁸ But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ² the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³ and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; ⁴ and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared. ⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷ and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹² Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore. ¹³ In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴ In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' ¹⁸ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹ And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ² Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. ³ Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me and lead me for your name's sake. ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength. ⁵ Into your

hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
¹⁵ 'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.'¹⁶ 'Make your face to shine upon your servant and save me for your mercy's sake.'

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 2:2–10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1–14

¹⁴ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.'⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'