

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**(Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Sunday after Ascension Day)**

**Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook**

Today's service will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: **[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://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 the Book of Acts will be included in the service.

**THY KINGDOM COME** is the annual call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. There will be short 'Pause & Pray' video reflections available from 10am each day on the Facebook pages of the two churches from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May (every day except Sunday).

**You may also like to watch:**

- The Bishop of Portsmouth leading Sunday Worship for the Diocese at [facebook.com/CofEPortsdown](https://facebook.com/CofEPortsdown) (Sunday 9.00am).
- The Church of England national service at [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://facebook.com/thechurchofengland) (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](https://youtube.com) and search for Christ Church Portsdown. Alternatively you can go direct to: [tinyurl.com/qmnlz2e](https://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](http://register.parishgiving.org.uk)** or 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.

If you prefer to give direct to Christ Church (either by Standing Order as a one-off payment) then see details at [christchurchportsdown.org/more/giving](http://christchurchportsdown.org/more/giving) . For details of giving to St John's please contact the Vicar or Warden.

## 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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**Sunday 24 May 2020**  
**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension Day**

**Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Ezekiel 36:24–28**

<sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Acts 1:6–14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35**

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him. <sup>2</sup> As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them make merry with gladness. <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. <sup>5</sup> Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! <sup>6</sup> God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, <sup>8</sup> The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. <sup>9</sup> You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary. <sup>10</sup> Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; make music in praise of the Lord; <sup>33</sup> He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. <sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, whose power is above the clouds. <sup>35</sup> How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people! Blessed be God.

### **GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11**

<sup>17</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.