

Sunday 31st May 2020
(Pentecost)

Morning Worship: 10.30am on Facebook

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

You may also like to watch:

- The Church of England national service at [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland) and <https://www.youtube.com/thechurchofengland> (Sunday 9.00am).
- A celebration for Pentecost – a live service led by members of King's Church Manchester at Gorton Monastery on BBC1 (Sunday 10.00am)
- Sunday Worship led by the Bishop of Hereford on BBC1 (Sunday 11.00am).
- Songs of Praise for Pentecost on BBC1 (Sunday 1.15pm)
- A special service from the Diocese to mark the close of Thy Kingdom Come at [youtube.com/portsmouthdiocese](https://www.youtube.com/portsmouthdiocese) (Sunday 7.00pm)
- 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://www.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

Please pass this number on to others who may find it useful.

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** 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 . 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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Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament: Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' ²⁹ But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 104:26-36, 37

²⁶ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁷ There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. ²⁸ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. ²⁹ All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. ³⁰ When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good. ³¹ When you hide your face, they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust. ³² When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. ³³ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works; ³⁴ He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. ³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. ³⁶ So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord. ³⁷ Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

New Testament: Acts 2:1–21

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19–23

¹⁹ 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'