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Sunday 9th August 2020 (9th Sunday after Trinity)

SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Communion at St John's

Please note that all seats have now been reserved for this service. Please do not come if you have not already booked in with Revd Andy. If you would like to reserve a seat for next week, please call him.

10.30am Morning Worship (online only)

This service will be livestreamed on the Christ Church Facebook page:

facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown

3.00pm Communion at Christ Church

It is not necessary to make a booking for this service. If you come we expect to be able to find a seat for you, but there remains the possibility that we will be full.

THURSDAY 13th AUGUST

10am Communion at St John's

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (16th August)

9.00am Communion at St John's

If you would like to reserve a seat, please call Revd Andy.

10.30am Morning Worship (online only)

3.00pm Communion at Christ Church

We are severely restricted in what we can do in public worship. There can be no singing (or even loud speaking). Everybody must wear face coverings and we have to maintain 2m social distancing. There can be no refreshments afterwards. We have to record the names and contact details of everyone who attends in case we need to Track & Trace (if you are on our electoral roll, it will be sufficient to give your name). When we have Communion it will be received in one kind (bread only). We recognise that not everyone will be able, or wish, to attend. Therefore the online services will continue.

We are sorry to report that **ANGELA COPE**, a member of Christ Church, died recently. The funeral will be at Christ Church on Tuesday 25th August at 10.30am. There will be very few family members able to attend, so if any church members who knew Angela would like to attend, please contact Andy Wilson.

Prayers have been requested for **PETER HANCOCK**, Bishop of Bath & Wells and former Curate at Christ Church, who this week began treatment for acute myeloid leukaemia, and for **JOAN DAY**, a member of St John's, admitted to hospital this week.

THE ORDINATION OF MATT GROVE as Deacon will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 10th October at 11.30am. Attendance will be limited, but we hope to stream the service online.

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.

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Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Kings 19:9–18

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'
¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;
¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'
¹⁴ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.
¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.
¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.
¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Psalms 85:8–13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
⁹ Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.
¹² The Lord will indeed give all

that is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

Romans 10:5–15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14.22–33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'