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## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (10<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.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.

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (23<sup>rd</sup> August)**

#### **9.00am Communion at St John's**

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

#### **10.30am Morning Worship (online only)**

### **Please note there will be NO 3pm service at Christ Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

*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.*

If you would like a copy of UCB Word for Today Bible notes, then please contact the Vicar.

We are sorry to report that **ANGELA COPE**, a member of Christ Church, died recently. The funeral will be at Christ Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE ORDINATION OF MATT GROVE** as Deacon will take place at Christ Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://christchurchportsdown.org/more/giving) . For details of giving to St John's please contact the Vicar or Warden.

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**Collect**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Isaiah 56:1, 6–8**

<sup>56</sup> Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**Psalm 67**

<sup>1</sup> God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, <sup>2</sup> That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup> O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth. <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup> Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. <sup>7</sup> God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32**

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

## **Matthew 15:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup> He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."