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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

**SERVICES TODAY**

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

Please note that all seats have 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 broadcast live on the Christ Church Facebook page, ([facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown)) and the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel .

**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.

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 11.45am:** Funeral of Sidney Isaac Newnham at St John's

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (20<sup>th</sup> September)**

**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)**

**12.00noon Baptism at Christ Church (invited guests 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 must 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.*

**NEW WINE**

Bookings are open for next year's New Wine summer event. The best prices can be obtained by booking before the end of September. Details can be found at [new-wine.org](http://new-wine.org) or by speaking to Jacqui Wilson.

## HARVEST

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at all 3 services on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. In previous years Christ Church has collected goods for The Roberts Centre and All Saints Hostel. Both organisations have requested donations again. If you are able to, please bring food items in **tins or packets** (NO FRESH PRODUCE) or toiletries (new items only) to:

- The Communion Service at Christ Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am
- Christ Church on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> between 2.00 and 5.00pm
- Christ Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> between 10.00am and 12.00.
- Purbrook Vicarage on any day before 27<sup>th</sup> September (you may like to ring to check that someone will be in)

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 severely limited, but we hope to stream the service online.

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**COLLECT**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Exodus 14:19–31**

<sup>19</sup> The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup> It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup> At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup> He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' <sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

**Psalms 114**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue, <sup>2</sup> Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. <sup>3</sup> The sea saw that, and fled; Jordan was driven back. <sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like young sheep. <sup>5</sup> What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you were driven back? <sup>6</sup> You mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep? <sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, <sup>8</sup> Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water, the flint-stone into a spring well.

## **Romans 14:1–12**

<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **Matthew 18:21–35**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'