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Sunday 4th October 2020 (17th Sunday after Trinity)

SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Communion at St John's

If you wish to come to this service, please contact Revd Andy in advance.

10.30am Morning Worship (online only)

This service will be broadcast live on the Christ Church Facebook page, (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.

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 11.30am: ORDINATION of MATT GROVE

Attendance at this service, which will be held at Christ Church, is by invitation. However, please do support Matt by watching online on the Diocesan facebook page (facebook.com/CofEPortssmouth) and by remembering him in your prayers.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (11th October)

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 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.

HARVEST

Huge thanks to all who donated goods for last week's Harvest services. They have been delivered to All Saints Hostel and The Roberts Centre. Both organisations are extremely grateful for your generosity.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Purbrook will take place from **10am on Sunday 18th October** (venue tbc). There are vacancies for:

- Two churchwardens
- Two members of Deanery Synod
- Six members of the PCC

If you are a member of the St John's Electoral roll, please do consider whether you could serve the church in any of these capacities. Please speak to Andy Wilson if you want to know more. If you would like to attend, please notify Andy by 11th October so that we can determine the most appropriate venue.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Portsdown will take place from **7.30pm on Wednesday 14th October** at Christ Church. There are vacancies for:

- Two churchwardens
- Two members of Deanery Synod
- Four members of the PCC

If you are a member of the Christ Church Electoral roll, please do consider whether you could serve the church in any of these capacities. Please speak to Andy Wilson if you want to know more.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We will be marking Remembrance Sunday in our churches on 8th November. Exactly how we will do that, taking into account the restrictions in place at that time, is yet to be decided.

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The reading from the Gospel of Matthew will be read at today's services

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

²⁰ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Psalm 19:7–14

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. ¹¹ By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal,

a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33–46

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.