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Sunday 11th October 2020 (18th 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](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.

7.00pm Martin Luther Church (German speaking) at St John's

WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER, 7.30pm: CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

See overleaf

NEXT SUNDAY (18th October)

9.00am Communion at St John's

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

10.00am St John's Annual Meetings (see overleaf)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REVD MATT on his ordination yesterday. Matt will confirm his Declaration of Assent in all three services today.

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

Please advise the Vicar if you would like to attend.

If you are a member of the Christ Church Electoral roll, you should have received a letter and reports (digital or physical). If you have not, please contact Andy.

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** (in church unless advised otherwise). There are vacancies for:

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

Please advise the Vicar if you would like to attend.

If you are a member of the St John's Electoral roll, you should have received a letter and reports (digital or physical). If you have not, please contact Andy.

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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Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 32:1–14

³² When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.'³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.'⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"'⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.'¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalms 106:1–6, 19–23

¹ Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his faithfulness endures for ever.² Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise?³ Blessed are those who observe what is right and always do what is just.⁴ Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people; visit me in the day of your salvation;⁵ That I may see the prosperity of

your chosen and rejoice in the gladness of your people, and exult with your inheritance. ⁶ We have sinned like our forebears; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly. ¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped the molten image; ²⁰ Thus they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that feeds on hay. ²¹ They forgot God their saviour, who had done such great things in Egypt, ²² Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham and fearful things at the Red Sea. ²³ So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Philippians 4:1–9

⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1–14

²² Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'