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Sunday 25th October 2020 (Bible Sunday)

***** Don't forget to put your clocks back *****

SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Communion at St John's

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.

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

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NEXT SUNDAY (1st November)

9.00am Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship (online only)

3.00pm Communion at Christ Church

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We have been advised that Remembrance Services that usually attract large numbers should not go ahead this year. With that in mind, we plan the following (subject to change):

Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Sunday)

0900 Communion (St John's)

1030 Remembrance Service (online)

1045 Simple service of Remembrance in St John's churchyard

1500 Service of Remembrance (Christ Church)

Wednesday 11th November

1045 A short Act of Remembrance (Christ Church Military Cemetery)

We are sad to advise that **DEREK COOPER**, a regular at many Christ Church events, died recently.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

At the meeting last week, the following elections took place:

Churchwardens: There were no nominations. Therefore Bill Jeffery continues in post until 31st January, after which St John's will have no churchwarden.

Deanery Synod: Bill Jeffery and Val Jeffery were elected to serve for a period of three years.

PCC members: Bill Jeffery, Kate Mew and Peter Moth were elected for a period of three years.

ANDY & JACQUI are taking some time off this week, returning to duty on Saturday.

THE BIG QUIZ – SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 7.00pm

Simon & Elizabeth Mitchell, members of Christ Church, will be running the Tearfund big quiz night, using Zoom, and would love as many of you as possible to join in.

They will be using Zoom breakout rooms which means that quiz teams can be made up from a number of different households, and we can make teams of those who are not already linked up with others.

The aim is to have a fun social evening and raise some money for Tearfund.

So please get in touch **simon@wardmitchell.co.uk** to book your place.

If you are part of a team, we will need the name of the team leader and all the email details of the team members. Donations to Tearfund can be made through a "JustGiving" page. Details nearer the time.



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Sunday 25 October 2020

Bible Sunday

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

⁸ All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴ The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' ¹¹ So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalm 119:9-16

⁹ How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word? ¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought you; O let me not go astray from your commandments. ¹¹ Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you. ¹² Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes. ¹³ With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth. ¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways. ¹⁶ My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word.

Colossians 3:12–17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24:30–35

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.