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Sunday 8th November 2020 (Remembrance Sunday)

In line with the latest Government regulations there will be no attended services today at either of our churches (inside or outside).

Do join us **online** for a special **Service of Remembrance** at 10.30am on the Christ Church Facebook page, (facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown) and the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel.

Our church buildings must remain closed other than for the purposes of

- independent prayer
- service broadcasting
- funerals

St John's will be open for independent, private prayer from 9am to 4pm on Sundays and Thursdays during November.

St John's and Christ Church will be open from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday 11th November. Please note that there will be no corporate Act of Remembrance.

As another lockdown began this week, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London called the Church of England to **prayer for the nation** throughout the month of November. We are asked to pause to pray at 6pm each day, and to consider fasting in a way that is appropriate for us each Thursday. More information can be found on the Church of England website. We are encouraged to pray this prayer each day from 9th to 15th November:

*Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

NEXT SUNDAY (15th November): 10.30am Morning Service (online only)

THE BIG QUIZ – SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 7.00pm

FINAL REMINDER

This Saturday we will be running the Tearfund Big Quiz night, using Zoom, and would love as many of you as possible to join in. We 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 for those who are not already linked up with others. Our aim is to have a fun social evening as well as raising money for Tearfund.



So please get in touch with me at simon@wardmitchell.co.uk. 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. And we will make teams from those not linked with others.

Donations to Tearfund can be made through a "JustGiving" page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Simon-Mitchell24

Christ Church Visiting Team:

Our team are still available for phone calls or a socially distanced visit, if needed. If you, or someone you know from our church congregation would benefit from our services, please contact Karina Golledge or any member of our clergy team. Please keep us in mind for the winter months ahead.

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The reading from 1 Thessalonians will be read in today's service

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

¹ O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

² Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil. ³ Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame. ⁴ But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'

⁵ As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. ⁶ You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by

the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord

himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1–13

²⁵ Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.