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Sunday 22nd November 2020 (Christ the King)

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

Do join us **online** from 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.

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. A prayer for each day can be found at churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation. We are also encouraged to pray this prayer each day from 23rd to 29th November:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.
Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,
have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.
Amen.*

NEXT SUNDAY (29th November): 10.30am Morning Service (online only)

Tearfund Big Quiz:

Thank you to all who took part in the Tearfund Big Quiz last Saturday evening. And a big thank you for £276 which was then donated to Tearfund. Simon Mitchell.

Christ Church PCC meet via Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th November. PCC members should have received details of this meeting.

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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Christ the King

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalms 95:1–7

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms. ³ For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. ⁷ For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his

glorious inheritance among the saints,¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31–46

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'