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Sunday 28th March 2021 (Palm Sunday)

Due to the Government instruction to Stay at Home there will be no attended services this Sunday.

10:30 Morning Worship (online)

Today's service will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: ***facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown*** and on the Christ Church Portsdown YouTube channel. All the readings and the collect for today are at the bottom of this sheet.

PORTSDOWN CLUSTER EASTER SERVICES

Please note that booking is required to physically attend any service

Maundy Thursday (1st April)

7.30pm A simple communion service at CoGS and online

Good Friday (2nd April)

- 10.00am Good Friday service at Christ Church
A simple service in church. There will be no procession of witness.
- 10.00am Good Friday online service (Portsdown & Purbrook)
- 10.00am (*until 3.00pm*) Journey to the Cross. Prayer stations at CoGS.
- 2.00pm The Last Hour. Quiet service of meditation at CoGS.

Easter Day (4th April)

- 6.00am Dawn Eucharist at St John's
- 10.00am Easter Celebration at CoGS
- 10.30am Easter online service (Portsdown & Purbrook)
- 3.00pm Holy Communion at Christ Church

To book your place for services at Christ Church or St John's contact Revd Andy

To book your place for services at CoGS go to cogs.org.uk/Easter

Important note: If you attend any services it is essential to follow Covid guidelines. You must attend alone or as part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group. Face coverings must be worn (unless medically exempt).

Sunday Services from 11th April

On 11th April and following Sundays, attended services will be held at:

9.30am at St John's

11.00am at Christ Church

You will not need to book for these services (although they are subject to a reduced capacity). Anyone is welcome to attend the services at either church. The online service will continue at **10.30am** each Sunday.

Other opportunities for worship this week:

- The Church of England national service on facebook.com/thechurchofengland from 9.00am on Sunday
- Sunday Worship on BBC1 (Sunday 11.00am)
- Songs of Praise on BBC1 (Sunday 1.15pm)
- The Wintershall production of The Passion of Jesus will be shown at facebook.com/Wintershallplay at 12.00 noon and 3.00pm on Friday
- Several other churches are also streaming services, which can be watched online at any time during the week.
- Our services from previous weeks are available to watch on the Christ Church YouTube channel or via achurchnearyou.com.

DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE

The Church of England's free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers is still available 24 hours a day at no charge on 0800 804 8044.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for March is Tearfund. Donations can be made to support the work of Tearfund at tearfund.org/get-involved/donate

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Palm Sunday

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 31:9–16

⁹ Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also. ¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed. ¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me. ¹² I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God. ¹⁵ 'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. ¹⁶ 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 11:1–11

¹¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.