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Sunday 21st March 2021 (5th Sunday of Lent)

Due to the Government instruction to Stay at Home, all attended church services and meetings are currently suspended. Some opportunities for worship are listed below.

10:30 Morning Worship (online)

Today's service will be streamed live on the Christ Church Facebook page: **[facebook.com/ChristChurchPortsdown](https://www.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.

You may also like to watch:

- The Church of England national service on [facebook.com/thechurchofengland](https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland) from 9.00am on Sunday
- Sunday Worship on BBC1 (Sunday 11.30am)
- Songs of Praise on BBC2 (Sunday 1.15pm)
- 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.



Sunday 28th March 2021 (Palm Sunday)

10:30 Morning Worship (online)

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Tuesday (23rd March) will be the first anniversary of the start of the first UK lockdown. The Church of England is supporting a National Day of Reflection (organised by Marie Curie) to commemorate those who have died and to stand with those who grieve. You may wish to use this prayer:

*God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home. Amen*

MIDWEEK REFLECTION

A short reflection - Approaching Palm Sunday - will be on the Christ Church Facebook page from Wednesday 24th March, 9.00am

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 (Portsmouth & 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 (Portsmouth & 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

BERYL SIPPITTS

We are sorry to report that Beryl Sippitts, a former member of St John's, died recently. Revd Andy will be conducting her funeral on Monday 22nd March.

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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Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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.

Hebrews 5:5–10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; ⁶ as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12:20–33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.