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We are now holding attended services in both churches. If you attend any service, 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). Advance booking is not required. We are also continuing online services.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**9.30am Holy Communion at St John's**

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church**

### **Midweek Service & Activities**

Tuesday 6.00pm Joint PCC meeting with Diocesan team (*via Zoom*)  
(*note changed start time*)

Wednesday 7.30pm Christ Church Standing Committee (*via Zoom*)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Sunday after Ascension)**

**9.30am Holy Communion at St John's**

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**

### **BROADWAYS COFFEE SHOP**

Due to a combination of circumstances, Broadways Coffee Shop will not be reopening. We are grateful to all who have volunteered over the 15 years that St John's has run the coffee shop. Special thanks to Christopher Yeo for his faithful service as manager of the shop.

Please could all key holders return their keys to Christopher or Revd Andy.

We hope to begin a Saturday morning Coffee morning in St John's Church Hall in July and will give more details nearer the time.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

**St John's APCM** will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July (*time tbc*). We need to elect 2 churchwardens and 4 PCC members.

**Christ Church APCM** will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July (*time tbc*). We need to elect 2 churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod member and 6 PCC members.

A PCC is responsible for the operation of their church, including the spiritual wellbeing of church members, the practical care of church buildings and the church finances. The coming year will see important decisions made about the future of our parishes. If you are on your church's electoral roll, please consider whether you could be part of your church's PCC.

## CHRIST CHURCH HALL – DO NOT ENTER

The removal of the floor in Christ Church Hall has revealed the presence of asbestos. This was safe all the time that the floor was in place but is now potentially dangerous. Therefore no-one should enter the building under any circumstances. We have arranged for it to be professionally and safely removed. This work will begin this week.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for May is Christian Aid. Christian Aid Week runs from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May. You can support in the following ways:

- Pick up an envelope from the back of Christ Church and place it with your donation in the collection bowl at any service during May
- There will be a cake sale outside Christ Church after The 11.00 Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- Make an online donation at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

## CONTACTS

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## **Sunday 9 May 2021**

6th Sunday of Easter

### **Collect**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. <sup>2</sup> His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. <sup>4</sup> He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. <sup>5</sup> Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. <sup>6</sup> Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King. <sup>8</sup> Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

### **1 John 5:1–6**

<sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 15.9–17**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

***Amen***