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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 16th 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

11.40am (approx.) Christian Aid Cake Sale outside Christ Church

Midweek Service & Activities

Wednesday 7.30pm Christ Church Standing Committee (via Zoom)

Thursday 7.00pm St John's PCC (via Zoom)

Saturday 12.30pm Baptism of Orabella Cathy O'Malley (St John's)

Sunday 23rd May 2021 (Pentecost)

9.30am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church

6.00pm Refuel 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.

REFUEL

Refuel is back. After a break of almost a year, Christ Church hosts *Refuel* - a quiet service of reflection with recorded music and space for personal prayer.

Sunday 23rd May 6.00pm. All are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

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

Christ Church APCM will be held on Wednesday 14th 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

Christ Church Hall remains closed to all access as work continues to safely remove asbestos.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for May is Christian Aid. 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 Christ Church service during May
- There will be a cake sale outside Christ Church after The 11.00 Service on Sunday 16th May.
- Make an online donation at caweek.org

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Sunday 16 May 2021

Sunday after Ascension Day

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. ³ Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. ⁴ As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 John 5:9–13

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 17:6–19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶ I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen