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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### **Midweek Service & Activities**

Wednesday 7.30pm Christ Church PCC (*via Zoom*)

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Trinity Sunday)**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's**
- 10.30am Morning Worship online**
- 11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church**

### **REFUEL - TODAY**

This evening Christ Church hosts *Refuel* - a quiet service of reflection with recorded music and space for personal prayer. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 6.00pm. All are welcome.

**ANDY & JACQUI** are having a holiday at home from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (inclusive) and will be unavailable for parish duties during that time. Other contact numbers are given on page 2 of these notices.

### **CHRIST CHURCH HALL**

The asbestos removal at Christ Church Hall should be completed on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Further tests can then commence on suspected dry rot. The main hall will be out of action for some time, but it may be possible to reopen the small hall sooner.

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christ Church's Mission of the Month for May is Christian Aid. Thank you to all who supported the cake sale last week and to Jackie Quinn for organising it. £160 was collected in cake sales and loose donations (i.e. cash not in envelopes). You can still 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.
- Make an online donation at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

## CONTACTS

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## Sunday 23 May 2021

Pentecost

### Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Acts 2:1–21

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 104:26–36, 37b

<sup>26</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>27</sup> There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. <sup>28</sup> There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. <sup>29</sup> All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. <sup>30</sup> When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good. <sup>31</sup> When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust. <sup>32</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the

earth. <sup>33</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
<sup>34</sup> He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>35</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have  
my being. <sup>36</sup> So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord. <sup>37b</sup> Bless the  
Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

### **Romans 8:22–27**

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;  
<sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in  
hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is  
seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.  
<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we  
ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who  
searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit  
intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **John 15:26–27; 16:4–15**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of  
truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to  
testify because you have been with me from the beginning.  
<sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may  
remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the  
beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet  
none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things  
to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your  
advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you;  
but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world  
wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not  
believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will  
see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been  
condemned. <sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.  
<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not  
speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the  
things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and  
declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will  
take what is mine and declare it to you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your  
Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**