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If you attend any service, please follow Covid guidelines.

Now that we have moved to Step 3, groups of six, or larger groups where everyone present is from the same two households (or linked support bubble), can sit together. Everyone else should observe appropriate physical distancing at all times. Face coverings must be worn (unless medically exempt).

Advance booking is not required. We are also continuing online services.

Sunday 13th June 2021 (2nd Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church

Midweek Meetings and Services

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

Thursday 7.00pm St John's PCC (*via zoom*)

Sunday 20th June 2021 (3rd Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

ANNUAL MEETINGS

St John's APCM will be held on Sunday 4th July at 10.30am. We need to elect 2 churchwardens and 4 PCC members.

Christ Church APCM will be held on Wednesday 14th July at 7.15pm. 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.

Revd Matt Grove

Matt will be ordained priest at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 26th June at 4pm. Admission is by ticket only. Please remember Matt in your prayers.

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Sunday 13 June 2021

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²² Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 92

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ² To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time, ³ Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the lyre. ⁴ For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts, and I sing aloud at the works of your hands. ⁵ O Lord, how glorious are your works! Your thoughts are very deep. ⁶ The senseless do not know, nor do fools understand, ⁷ That though the wicked sprout like grass and all the workers of iniquity flourish, ⁸ It is only to be destroyed for ever; but you, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.

2 Corinthians 5:6–17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear

before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 4:26–34

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**