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If you attend any service, please follow Covid guidelines.

As we remain in 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 4th July 2021 (5th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Morning Worship and Annual Meetings at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Sunday 11th July 2021 (6th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church

12.30pm Baptism of Leo Kocher at Christ Church

Safeguarding at St John's

We need to appoint a Safeguarding Officer at St John's. The Safeguarding Officer will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy. Training is provided. If you would like to know more, please speak to Kim Clayton or Revd Andy.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

St John's APCM will be held on Sunday 4th July. **This will now be included in the 9.30 service.** We need to elect 2 churchwardens and 4 PCC members. If you would like a nomination form for any of these vacancies, please speak to the Vicar. Copies of the accounts for 2020 will be available next week.

Christ Church APCM will be held on Wednesday 14th July at 7.15pm in the church and via zoom. Please email the Vicar for details of the Zoom meeting. We need to elect 2 churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod member and 6 PCC members. If you would like a nomination form for any of these vacancies, please speak to the Vicar. The annual report (which includes the accounts for 2020) will be on the website. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Jacqui Wilson.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Save the Date: 11th August 10.00am-2.30pm. We hope to be able to hold "Holiday at Home - On safari" in partnership with the Church of the Good Shepherd.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

July's Mission of the Month at Christ Church is The Mission to Seafarers, which seeks to promote the spiritual, moral and physical wellbeing of seafarers and their families worldwide.

Donations can be made online at missiontoseafarers.org/donate

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Sunday 4 July 2021

5th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

2 Samuel 5.1–5, 9–10

¹ Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. ⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, to you that are enthroned in the heavens. ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, ³ So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us. ⁴ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. ⁵ Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, and of the contempt of the proud.

2 Corinthians 12.2–10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be

a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,⁹ but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.1–13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.