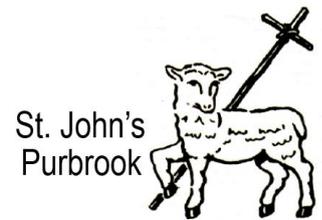




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If you attend any service, please follow Covid guidelines.

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 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

This Week's Meetings & Services

Wednesday 1.00pm Funeral of Sylvia Webster at St John's
7.15pm Christ Church Annual Meetings in Church
Thursday 7.00pm St John's PCC meeting via Zoom

Sunday 18th July 2021 (7th Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Morning Worship online

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

World Day of Prayer will take place on **Friday 23rd July**, 2pm at St George's Waterlooville. The service this year has been written by the people of Vanuatu. Everyone is welcome.

ARCHDEACON'S VISIT

On **Sunday 25th July** The Venerable Jenny Rowley (the Archdeacon of Portsdown) will be preaching at the 9.30 service at St John's and the 11.00 service at Christ Church. This will be a great opportunity to meet our archdeacon.

ANDY & JACQUI are on leave from **Saturday 17th July** for a week.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

At the annual meetings on 4th July, Bill Jeffery was elected as churchwarden. There remains a vacancy for a second warden. Philip Summers was elected to the PCC. There remain a further three vacancies on the PCC.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meetings for Christ Church 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) can be found at

christchurchportsdown.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Christ-Church-Annual-Report-2020.pdf

If you would like a printed copy, please contact Jacqui Wilson.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Save the Date: **Wednesday 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 11 July 2021

6th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

Amos 7:7–15

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' ¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' ¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8–13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. ⁹ Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; ¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. ¹² The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

Ephesians 1:3–14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were

the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 6.14–29

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen