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When attending any service or meeting in our church buildings, we ask that you observe appropriate physical distancing from those with whom you are not in regular contact and that you wear a face covering for the protection of others. Thank you.

Sunday 1st August 2021 (9th Sunday after Trinity)

- 9.30am Morning Worship at St John's**
10.30am Morning Worship online
11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church
1.00pm Baptism: Elsie & Henry Chadwick at St John's

Weekday Meetings & Services

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| Monday | 1.00pm | Wedding of Lucy George & Robert Dorn at St John's |
| | 7.00pm | St Johns PCC Meeting |
| Friday | 2.00pm | Wedding of Scarlett-Mae Powles & Kester Doughty at Christ Church |

Sunday 8th August 2021 (10th Sunday after Trinity)

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

SYLVIA FISHER

We are sad to report that Sylvia Fisher, long-time member and former churchwarden at Christ Church, died last week. Please remember Keith and the family in your prayers.

HOLIDAY AT HOME – 'On Safari'

Wednesday 11th August 10.00am-2.00pm. Enjoy a day on safari (especially for seniors) with African music, fun, games and lunch at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Cost £4. To book your Safari pass, please contact Pauline Metcalfe or Judy Scott at Christ Church or book online at cogs.org.uk

MISSION OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

The Mission of the month for August is Bible Society.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Emma Evans, our parish administrator, is leaving us. We are grateful to Emma for the work she has done on behalf of both parishes and wish her well. We would like to appoint a volunteer administrator (unpaid) to work in the parish office for around 3hrs/week, to cover some core tasks such as producing, distributing and printing this notice sheet and administration relating to weddings and baptisms. Please contact Revd Andy for further information.

RUSTY CUTTERS

Can you wield a strimmer? The volunteer workforce who care for the churchyard at Christ Church are looking for more help. Speak to Peter Clark or Revd Andy for details.

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Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29

²³ So he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven. ²⁴ He rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. ²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in plenty. ²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and led out the south wind by his might. ²⁷ He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust and winged fowl like the sand of the sea. ²⁸ He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their tents. ²⁹ So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they desired.

Ephesians 4:1-16

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹ (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts

of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 6:24–35

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

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen