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When attending any service or meeting in our church buildings, we request 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 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

**9.30am Holy Communion at St John's**

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church**

Thursday 7.30pm Deanery Synod

Friday 6.00pm Wedding rehearsal at St John's

Saturday 10.30am Good Neighbours AGM at Christ Church

2.00pm Wedding of Michael Willoughby and Rosemarie Willoughby at St John's

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

**9.30am Morning Worship with the baptism of Evie Parker at St John's**

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church**

**3.00pm Christ Church Children's Teddy Bears Picnic**

**ANDY & JACQUI** are on leave until 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### **GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

The Good Neighbours AGM will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am in Christ Church. Everyone is welcome, so we look forward to seeing you.

#### **ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION**

The 2021 visitation of the Archdeacon of Portsdown, will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn at 7pm, during which the churchwardens elected at our recent annual meetings will be sworn into office. All are welcome to attend.

## **RIDE & STRIDE – SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

This annual event raises money for our churches and for Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust. There are various ways you can support:

- Get sponsored to cycle or walk around local churches.
- Sponsor someone else who is taking part
- Both our churches will be open – volunteers are needed (particularly at Christ Church) to welcome visitors

See Linda Banks at Christ Church or Pat Wootten at St John's for details.

### **NANCY PINE STONE**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am at Christ Church, there will be a memorial service for Nancy Pine Stone, a long-standing member of the church who died last year. All who knew Nancy are welcome.

### **DIARY DATES**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Green Fun Day at CoGS

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Tear Fund Big Quiz

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Advent at Christ Church.

### **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.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH – AUGUST**

The Mission of the month for August is Bible Society. You can give online at [biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/](http://biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/)

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## **Sunday 29 August 2021**

13th Sunday after Trinity

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Readings**

#### **Deuteronomy 4.1–2, 6–9**

<sup>1</sup> So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup> You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' <sup>7</sup> For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill? <sup>2</sup> Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right; <sup>3</sup> Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue; <sup>4</sup> Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; <sup>5</sup> In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord. <sup>6</sup> Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word; <sup>7</sup> Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent; <sup>8</sup> Whoever does these things shall never fall.

#### **James 1.17–27**

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be

doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Mark 7.1–8, 14, 15, 21–23**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**