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### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

**8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**

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

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Morning Worship at Christ Church**

### **Service and meetings this week**

Monday 7.00pm Archdeacon's Visitation at CoGS

Thursday 7.00pm St John's PCC in the Church Hall Upper Room

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

**8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**

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

**10.30am Morning Worship online**

**11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**

**12.30pm Baptism of Jesse Scott at St John's**

### **JOAN ROBERTSON**

We are sad to report that Joan Robertson, a long-standing member of St John's and also known to many at Christ Church, died this week.

### **RIDE & STRIDE**

Thank you to those who took part in Ride & Stride yesterday. It is not too late to sponsor them. Thank you also to those who stayed in our churches to welcome visitors from elsewhere.

### **THE 8.00 SERVICE**

Today we recommence the 8.00 Service at Christ Church. This simple, quiet Communion service (with no singing), provides an alternative to our other services, especially as we gradually relax restrictions at the 9.30 and 11.00 services.

### **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.

## JOHN HADLEY

John Hadley's funeral will be at The Oaks, Havant Crematorium at 2.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We pray for Brenda and the family.

## BIG GREEN FUN DAY

A day for all ages at the Church of the Good Shepherd Crookhorn. Stalls, activities, games, café, bike maintenance, face painting etc. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

## HARVEST

Our Harvest services (in both churches) will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We will be collecting **dried/tinned food and toiletries** for the Roberts Centre (working with children and families across Portsmouth, Havant & Gosport) and All Saints Hostel (providing accommodation and support to young people aged 16 to 25). Please bring your good to either on or before 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## DIARY DATES

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

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Advent @ 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 – SEPTEMBER

The Mission of the month for September is Church Army. We support Tim Hyde at the Southampton Centre of Mission. To find out more and donate online, go to [churcharmy.org/mission/southampton/](http://churcharmy.org/mission/southampton/)

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## **Sunday 12 September 2021**

15th Sunday after Trinity

### **Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

### **Isaiah 50:4–9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 116:1–8**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. <sup>2</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held. <sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.' <sup>4</sup> Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. <sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me. <sup>6</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you. <sup>7</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling. <sup>8</sup> I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

### **James 3:1–12**

<sup>3</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How

great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Mark 8:27–38**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup> He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**