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Sunday 26th September 2021 (Harvest)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
- 9.30am Holy Communion for Harvest at St John's**
- 10.30am Morning Worship online**
- 11.00am Harvest Service / baptism of Jamie George at Christ Church**

Services and meetings this week

Wednesday 7.30pm Christ Church Standing Committee meet online

Sunday 3rd October 2021 (14th after Trinity)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
- 9.30am Morning Worship at St John's**
- 10.30am Morning Worship online**
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**

HARVEST

Our Harvest services (in both churches) will take place on **Sunday 26th 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 goods to either church on 26th September. Please note that these will be delivered immediately, so please do not bring goods at a later date.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

As we continue to remove some of the restrictions introduced last year, the children/families areas have been reinstated in both churches. We want everybody to feel welcomed in our churches.

DEANERY CONFERENCE (including budget consultation)

An opportunity for PCC members and congregation members to ask questions about what transformation looks like in our Deanery and consider how we best allocate resources. **Wednesday 6th October**, 7pm to 9pm, St Alban's, West Leigh.

UNITED SERVICE

On **Sunday 17th October**, our two churches will come together for the morning service at 11am at Christ Church. There will be no service at St John's on that day.

ADVENT @CHRIST CHURCH

Saturday 4th December 1 till 3pm. Please bring your family, friends and neighbours for a relaxed social afternoon. Entertainment including the Pompey Pluckers and Gospel Road Community Choir; Refreshments of course and lots to do and make in the Children's Corner. We do need contributions please for the Christmas Raffle and a Tombola stall. All items must be new and within date at Christmas. You can bring them to any service at Christ Church from the beginning of October and give to Karina Golledge or Sheila Gill. Please do not leave anything at the back of the church. We look forward to seeing you.

READING AND LEADING PRAYERS

We would like to involve more people in reading the Bible and leading prayers in our Sunday services in both churches. If this is something you feel that you can offer to the life of our churches, please speak to Revd Andy.

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/

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Sunday 26 September 2021

Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Joel 2.21–27

²¹ Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put
to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, •
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter •
and our tongue with songs of joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, •
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, •
and therefore we rejoiced.

5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, •
as the river beds of the desert.

6 Those who sow in tears •
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, •
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

1 Timothy 6.6–10

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6.25–33

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.