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Sunday 3rd October 2021 (18th 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**

Services and meetings this week

Wednesday 19:00 Deanery Conference at St Alban West Leigh

Sunday 10th October 2021 (19th 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**

HARVEST

Thank you to all who donated goods for our Harvest collection last week. Both the Roberts Centre and All Saints Hostel have expressed their gratitude.

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.

COMBINED PCC

The PCCs of our two parishes will meet together at Christ Church on **Wednesday 20th October**, starting at 7.30pm

The 6.00 SERVICE: REFUEL

The next Refuel will be held on **Sunday 24th October** at 6.00pm. This quiet reflective service (with no singing) provides an alternative to our morning services. All are welcome.

SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

Two services to remember loved ones whom we have lost:

Saturday 30th October 3.00pm: All Souls Service at St John's

Sunday 31st October 3.00pm: 'In Loving Memory' at Christ Church

MISSION OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

The Mission of the month for October is Care for the Family (the parent organisation of Who Let The Dads Out?). To find out more and donate online, go to <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/get-involved/give>

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 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.

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Sunday 3 October 2021

18th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 2.18–24

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' ²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our governor, •
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised •
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, •
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, •
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him; •
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels •
and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands •
and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, •
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea •
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, •
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Hebrews 1.1–4, 2.5–12

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful

word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?' ⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 10.2–16

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³ He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴ They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵ But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' ¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**