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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**

Sunday 17th October 2021 (20th after Trinity)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
 - 10.30am Morning Worship online**
 - 11.00am United Holy Communion at Christ Church**
- NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**

BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH

It was announced on Friday that the next Bishop of Portsmouth will be The Right Reverend Dr Jonathan Frost, currently Dean of York, before which he was Bishop of Southampton.

JEAN MATTHEWS

We are sad to report that Jean Matthews, a long-standing member of Christ Church died last weekend. Her funeral is likely to be in the week commencing October 25th at Christ Church.

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.

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.

COMBINED PCC

The PCCs of our two parishes will meet together at Christ Church on **Wednesday 27th October**, starting at 7.30pm. Please note the date – not as reported in last week's notice sheet.

SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

Two services to remember loved ones whom we have lost:

Saturday 30th October 4.00pm: 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.

ANDY & JACQUI

Andy & Jacqui are on leave this week, returning to duty on Saturday 16th.

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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Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amos 5.6–7, 10–15

⁶ Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90.12–17

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ¹³ Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? Have compassion on your servants. ¹⁴ Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, and for the years in which we have seen adversity. ¹⁶ Show your servants your works, and let your glory be over their children. ¹⁷ May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

Hebrews 4.12–16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Mark 10.17–31

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

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰ He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.