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Sunday 24th October 2021 (Bible Sunday)

- 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**
- 6.00pm Refuel at Christ Church**

Meetings and services this week

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| Wed 27 th | 7.30pm | Combined PCC (at Christ Church) |
| Sat 30 th | 3.30pm | Florence and the Mermaid's Tears (at CoGS) |
| | 4.00pm | All Souls Service at St John's |

Sunday 31st October 2021 (All Saints)

- 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**
- 3.00pm 'In Loving Memory' at Christ Church**

The 6.00 SERVICE: REFUEL

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

JEAN MATTHEWS

Jean's funeral will be held at 10.30am on **Tuesday 26th October** at Christ Church. All are welcome. Jean's family request that guests do not wear black.

COMBINED PCC

The PCCs of our two parishes will meet together at Christ Church on **Wednesday 27th October**, starting at 7.30pm.

FLORENCE AND THE MERMAID'S TEARS

A mini-musical around themes of climate concern is touring local churches. Entrance free but booking required. See portsmouth.anglican.org/environment/florence-musical/

CLEANING AT ST JOHN'S

Could you go on the rota to clean St John's Church so that it is ready for our services? Speak to Kim Clayton for more information.

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

NEW WINE CELEBRATION

Sunday 7th November at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Crookhorn.

Speaker: Tom Allsop of Catch the Fire, Three Rivers Church. Drinks served from 6pm with sung worship commencing at 6.30pm. Advance booking is required and this can be done at: <https://bton.uk/nw2111>

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Services for Remembrance Sunday (**14th November**) will start at **10.30am** in both churches.

TEARFUND BIG QUIZ 2021

Saturday 20th November 7.00 pm

Simon and Elizabeth Mitchell will once again be running the Tearfund big quiz night and would love as many of you as possible to join in. This year the intention is to run it in the Christ Church church building. Our aim is to have a fun social evening as well as raising money for Tearfund. If you would like to take part, please get in touch at simon@wardmitchell.co.uk. More details in October's Portsdown & Purbrook Post and on the Christ Church website.

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 and lots to do and make in the Children's Corner. We need contributions please for the Christmas Raffle and a Tombola stall. All items must be new and within date at Christmas. **Also needed: baskets for hampers** (in good condition please). Please bring 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.

MATT GROVE

Revd Matt is on leave from Monday 23rd October, returning to duty on Monday 8th November.

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Sunday 24 October 2021

Bible Sunday

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55.1–11

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19.7–14

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. ¹¹ By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

2 Timothy 3.14–4.5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ⁴¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 5.36b–47

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. ³⁹ 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.