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Sunday 31st October 2021 (All Saints)

REMINDER: The clocks go back one hour this weekend

- 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**

Meetings and services this week

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| Tue 2 nd | 2.15pm | Mothers' Union meeting in Christ Church Hall (small hall) |
| Wed 3 rd | 7.30pm | Christ Church Standing Committee (via Zoom) |
| Thu 4 th | 12.15pm | Organ tuning in Christ Church |

Sunday 7th November 2021 (3 before Advent)

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
- 9.30am Morning Worship and baptism of Ralphy Skyrme at St John's**
- 10.30am Morning Worship online**
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church**
- 6.00pm New Wine Celebration at CoGS (booking required – see below)**

REFRESHMENTS

St John's: Coffee and tea are served **after the 9.30 service** in the church hall.
Christ Church: Next week (Sunday 7th November) coffee and tea will be served **before the 11.00 service** (from 10.30am) in Christ Church. If you are able to, please bring your own travel mug. Cups will be available if you don't have your own. There will be no refreshments at Christ Church on Remembrance Sunday, but we hope to resume on Sunday 21st November.

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.

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.

MATT GROVE

Revd Matt is on leave, returning to duty on Monday 8th November.

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Sunday 31 October 2021

All Saints' Day

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 25.6–9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24.1–6

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Revelation 21.1–6a

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'⁶
Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 11.32-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'³⁵ Jesus began to weep.

³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the

sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you

believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I

knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'⁴³ When he had said

this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.