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Now that we have returned to 'Plan A' Covid measures, most previously enforced restrictions are no longer legally required. However, as we seek to care for one another, we continue to request that anyone aged 12 or over attending services wears a face-covering unless there is a reason for exemption, and respects appropriate distancing measures.

Sunday 6th February 2022 (4th Sunday before lent)

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

Meetings this week

- Wednesday 9th 2.15pm Christ Church Wives at 98 Corbett Road
Thursday 10th 6.00pm St John's Vestry Hour at the Vicarage
Saturday 12th 10.00am Coffee morning in St John's Church Hall

Sunday 13th February 2022 (3rd Sunday before lent)

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

UNITED SERVICE

On **Sunday 20th February** we will join together for a United Service of Holy Communion at St John's at 9.30am. There will still be an 8.00 service at Christ Church for those who prefer something quieter, but there will be no 11.00 service.

CHILDREN AT CHRIST CHURCH

This Sunday we relaunch the Children's Sunday group at Christ Church. During the first hymn, children will be invited to make their way (accompanied by an adult) to the church hall for their own activities. Parents/carers are welcome to stay with them or return to the church service.

This will happen on the first Sunday of each month. On the second Sunday of each month, The 11.00 Service will be targeted at all ages, including our children.

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

Coffee and tea is served each Sunday at St John's (in the hall) after The 9.30 Service and at Christ Church (in the church) before The 11.00 Service (from 10.30 onwards).

COFFEE MORNING

The next St John's coffee morning will be on **Saturday 12th February** from 10.00 until around 11.30am. Everybody is welcome to join us for delicious coffee, cake and chat. (Tea is also available!)

PAM TUNALEY

Pam's funeral will be held at Havant Cemetery, New Lane, Havant (entrance on Eastern Road) on **Thursday 17th February** at 10.00am. This will be a short graveside service led by Revd Andy. There will also be a Memorial Service at St John's on **Saturday 19th February** at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the church hall.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to be part of a group preparing for Confirmation, please speak to Revd Andy. This is open to young people of secondary school age and adults of any age.

LENT COURSE: LENTWISE – Spiritual essentials for real life

This year we will be running a shared Lent Course open to all members of both of our churches (and others). We start with an Ash Wednesday service on 2nd March (time and venue tbc) followed by 5 weekly sessions in Christ Church Hall. These sessions will be on **Tuesdays** at 2.00pm, repeated at 7.00pm. (*Please note change of day*).

You will get more out of the sessions if you have a copy of the book, and Revd Andy has several on order. However, you may prefer to download the Kindle edition (*search for Lentwise Paula Gooder*).

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We are considering organising a celebration event on **Friday 3rd June** in Christ Church Hall. If you would like to be part of a planning group, please speak to Revd Andy.

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Sunday 6 February 2022

4th Sunday before Lent

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms *or* hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 6.1–8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

1 Corinthians 15.1–11

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Luke 5.1–11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.