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As we seek to care for one another, we continue to request that anyone aged 12 or over attending services consider wearing a face-covering unless there is a reason for exemption, and respects appropriate distancing measures.

Sunday 20th February 2022 (2nd Sunday before Lent)

8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church
9.30am United Holy Communion at St John's

NOTE: NO 11.00 SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Services & Meetings this week

Wed 23 rd	7.30pm	Joint PCC meeting (Christ Church Hall)
Thu 24 th	6.00pm	St John's Vestry Hour (Vicarage)
Sat 26 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning in St John's Church Hall

Sunday 27th February 2022 (Sunday next before Lent)

8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church
9.30am Holy Communion at St John's
11.00am Baptism of Albie White at Christ Church

UNITED SERVICE

This 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.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 26th February** from 10.00 until around 11.30am in St John's church hall. Everybody is welcome to join us for delicious coffee, cake and chat. (Tea is also available!)

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** at St John's at 7.00pm on **2nd March** followed by 5 weekly sessions in Christ Church Hall. These sessions will be on **Tuesdays** at 2.00pm, repeated each week at 7.00pm.

You will get more out of the sessions if you have a copy of the book. Please sign up on the list at the back of either church to give us an idea who may attend, and to order a book (suggested donation £5). However, you may prefer to download the Kindle edition (*search for Lentwise Paula Gooder*).

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.

WEBMASTER

Could you be our next webmaster? Matt Doe has done a wonderful job in this capacity for the last eight years at Christ Church and, more recently, at St John's, but it is now time for someone else to take over. You do not need to be a website designer or programmer but you will need to be competent using a computer and have plenty of initiative. Speak to Matt if you would like to know more.

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Genesis 2.4b–9, 15–25

^{4b} In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

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. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Revelation 4

4 After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'
⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 8.22–25

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**