

Christ Church, Gosport

All-Age Communion

Sunday 21st May 2017

Welcome to Christ Church!



www.christchurchgosport.co.uk

Main Service on Sunday: **9.30am Parish Communion**
.....Except on every third Sunday (LIKE TODAY!):
10.00am All-Age Communion

Quiet Communions: 8.00am on Sundays; and 10.00am on Wednesdays
(Healing prayer is offered at services on 1st Sundays and 1st Wednesdays)

*Information about services and events coming up,
can be found at the back of this booklet!*

Vicar

The Revd Andy Davis, 9 Britannia Way, Gosport, PO12 4FZ.
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Please feel free to contact Andy for any information about this church, or if you would like to talk about anything. He is not around for one day a week – usually Monday.

Deanery Priest (Part-time) The Revd Pete Lambert (Via the Vicar)
Churchwardens Eric Baker: 023 9235 2436 Adrian Groves: 023 92 586168
(Deputy Warden as needed: Bob Harrop)

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We are silent for a while,
remembering that God is with us.....

Welcome in the name of Christ!

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Shaker Song

(Sung three times, getting faster!)

Jubilate, ev'rybody,
serve the Lord in all your ways, and
come before his presence singing;
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

Celebrations and Birthdays

Preparation for the Word:

We worship with Christians near and far,
Living and departed, old and young.

God's word is for all of us.

**May it be a lamp to our feet
And a light to our path.**

*(A bible is placed on the lectern
and candles near it are lit.)*

Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word

Move among us

that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you

Amen

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. *All* **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory be to you, O Lord

(Luke 11:1-4)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,
“Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”
He said to them, “When you pray, say:
“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation. ’ ”

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

Talk

- *Sharing the Light of Christ*

Praying for ourselves

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Praying for others

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Song

(during which the collection is taken
and the Altar prepared)

Father, I place into your hands
the things I cannot do.

Father, I place into your hands
the things that I've been through.

Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.

Father, I place into your hands
the things that trouble me.

Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to see your face,
we love to hear your voice,
Father we love to sing your praise
and in your name rejoice,
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
for I know that I am one with you.

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by
Kath Ford in thanksgiving for **Mike (his birthday);**
Patricia Spragg in loving memory of **Lolita;**
Rosie and Ron in thanksgiving for **their 17th Anniversary.**

The Eucharistic Prayer – The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift
that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts
we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours forever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
the power and the glory, for ever and ever Amen**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

(We share Communion)

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please hold this service booklet in your hands.*

**Lord we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Notices

Song

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit!

O what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessing

God, who by the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead has given us the victory, grant you joy and peace in your resurrection faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All Amen*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.....

The Next All-Age Communion is: **HARVEST! Sunday 16th September** **at 10.00am**

*Do stay on after the main service for **refreshments and chat – at the back of the church every Sunday** and do join in the **CAKE RAFFLE**: We use this to raise money for charitable causes, and for specific church initiatives!*

*If you would like something to go into the notices, please speak to...or email.....or telephone The Vicar, Andy **by 12noon on Thursday**. Contact details are on the front cover!*

TODAY

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

THIS WEEK

(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)

Monday August 20: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday August 21: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesday August 22: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Thursday August 23:

Holy Trinity, 10.00am Wedding Rehearsal (Cowdrey and Miller)

Friday August 24: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday August 25: Christ Church, 1.30pm Baptism (Davies)

NEXT SUNDAY: August 26th [13th Sunday after Trinity]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 4.00pm Wedding (Cowdrey and Miller)

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Christ Church, 6.00pm Celtic Evening Service

Our Weekly Pattern

Please check the weekly Calendar above for any deviations.

Mondays: Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice
(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)

Tuesdays: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesdays: Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Fridays: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning
Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Key Dates in the next Two months

Events for today and through to next Sunday, are above.

There is an online Calendar - which you could save as a *Bookmark or Favourite*. Just go to our church's website.

Wednesday August 29:

Christ Church, 10.30am to 12noon Coffee Morning for Church Funds

Sunday September 2: Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Saturday September 8: "Ride and Stride"

Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

Wednesday September 12:

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

Thursday September 13: Holy Trinity, Heritage Open Days

Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies Group

Friday September 14: Holy Trinity, Heritage Open Days

Saturday September 15: Holy Trinity, Heritage Open Days

Harvest prep

Sunday September 16: Holy Trinity, Heritage Open Days

Christ Church, 10.00am HARVEST All-Age Communion.....followed by Parish Lunch (bring and share)

Holy Trinity, Marking Geoffrey Holroyde's 90th Birthday after Mass

Monday September 17: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Tuesday September 18: 7.00pm Mother's Union

Sunday September 23: Holy Trinity **Dedication Sunday**

Holy Trinity, 2.00pm to 5.30pm Booking for Capper Room

Tuesday September 25:

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

Wednesday September 26:

Christ Church, 1.30pm Newtown School Harvest Service

Friday September 28: Christ Church, 10.00am to 12noon MacMillan Cancer

"Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning"

Sunday September 30: Christ Church, 6.00pm Celtic Evening Service

Saturday October 6: Holy Trinity, (all day) Visit of Historic Churches Trust

Sunday October 7: Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Thursday October 11: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Harvest Supper

Friday October 12: Holy Trinity, All Day Booking for evening Charity Concert

(Ken Taylor) *No cleaning or Mass*

Sunday October 14: Holy Trinity: Harvest/ St Francis

Monday October 15: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Tuesday October 16: 2.00pm Mother's Union

Wednesday October 17:

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Notices

Coffee Morning for Church Funds! Wednesday August 29th, 10.30am to 12noon in church. All welcome! Organised by the Ladies' Group.

Celtic Evening Services: Following the well-received service at Christ Church for "Thy Kingdom Come", there are to be more Celtic Evening Services, 6.00pm at Christ Church on 26th August and 30th September.

Harvest Festival! On Sunday 16th September, to celebrate our Harvest Festival this year, there will be an All-Age Communion Service at 10.00am, followed by "Bring and Share" Harvest Lunch! **There is a list at the back to say that you are coming, and Elizabeth Miles is collecting offers of food.** After Lunch, Rob Clark is going to give a talk on the origins and meanings of Nursery Rhymes. If you would like to help with decorating the church on **Saturday (the day before) from 10am onwards** - all help would be gratefully received. Gifts of flowers, greenery, and

produce would be welcome to help decorate the church (or a donation to flower fund). **Please note: all greenery needs to be at church by 10.00am on the Saturday!** For the service on Sunday, please bring produce (perishable or non-perishable).

Historic Churches Trust: Ride+Stride on Saturday 8th September:

"I am hoping that you will this year again show your superb support by sponsoring or walking / cycling between participating churches to raise money for the upkeep of our historic churches. **Don't forget that 50% of the sponsorship money raised will be returned to CHRIST CHURCH for much needed maintenance work!**

Kind sponsors can see me or complete the sponsorship form on the table at the back of the church to sponsor all Christchurch Riders+Striders as a group; or may choose to sponsor individual participants if they are asked. Many thanks to the wonderful Christ Church Ladies Group for your support in welcoming and providing refreshments on the day for the visiting Rider+Striders from other churches.

Riders+Striders who wish to take part can pick up relevant forms / information leaflets from the back of the church or speak to me – Thank you".

John Jeffs john.jeffs2@btopenworld.com 02392 527091

Used Stamps: The Armed Forces Shop, just down from Christ Church, raises money for their cause by collecting used stamps. So if you want to cut round yours, and bring them to church to put in the box at the back, we will pass them on.....

Please Note! No "Last Tuesday Lunch Club" in August.....

Newtown School Bibles: Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we have now purchased a beautiful, high quality bible for each classroom at our church school. The younger children have copies of "The Brick Bible" (which includes many stories illustrated by Lego figures!) and the older children, the "Bible for Minecrafters". Both were chosen in a vote by the children and the bibles encourage them to read and reflect on the great passages in both the Old and New Testaments. Each bible has "with love from the people of Christ Church" on the inside page. Some of the surplus money was used for our recent (and highly successful) "Prayer Spaces in Church" (when all the children came to the church to do interactive activities about faith and prayer) and there is still £80.00 left to put towards the next "Prayer Spaces" we are planning for November (with an Advent theme). Thank you for all your support!

Milk Bottle tops for Alicia Pannell: Please continue to bring your plastic milk bottle tops and put them in the yellow box. We are collecting for Alicia Pannell, a local girl, who has cerebral palsy and hydrocephalus. Alicia needs 24 hour care, which her parents Lee and Sharon undertake. Alicia also has epilepsy and global development delay. Despite her disabilities, Alicia is "a very happy princess". Due to her physical disability, Alicia suffers daily pain and discomfort in all her limbs and muscles. She has various medications to help but intense therapies would help ease these discomforts that disturb her sleep on a daily basis. The family's fundraising is a continuous battle to purchase vital equipment and therapies to help Alicia live as normal a life as they can help her to.

Prayer List: Praying for people by name during our services is important and special. But to save the list getting longer and longer, please let us know if a name can be removed.....

Our Memorial Book: There is now a reduced fee of just £5.00 per name, to add a departed loved one to the book.... **Forms are available in church.**

Donations to Food Banks: Thanks to Adrian Groves there is a large plastic box at the back of church for donations of non-perishable foods, also toiletries and cosmetics for local food banks, which are overwhelmed by demand at present.

"Heart for the Homeless": WE NEED: Socks, men's jeans/track trousers - waists 32" 34" 36" (there are no overweight homeless) T-shirts, light rain-proof jackets. Small tubes of sun cream, small packets of wet wipes, hand gels, razors, small tubes of sudocream, lip salve, vaseline, rucksacks, sleeping bags, trainers all sizes. We at Heart for the Homeless really appreciate your kind and generous donation **"Heart for the Homeless"** is a "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG) project, which is actively supported by members of Christ Church and Holy Trinity. There is a free lunch in Christ Church Centre: 1.00pm to 3.00pm every 4th Sunday. Please spread the word about the lunch....

CDs of Jerusalem Joy: Thank you to all who supported the presentation of Roger Jones's *Jerusalem Joy* on Saturday 24 March. Over £260.00 was raised for the Floor Appeal Fund. A recording of the performance is now available on CD at £5.00 a copy. Again, proceeds will go to the Floor Fund. If you wish to order a copy please contact Ruth Warren.

Collections at 10.00am Communion on Wednesdays: There will now be a collection plate put out at this service each week, so people have the opportunity to give if they wish (including for visitors, or those who don't go on Sundays).

Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday: If a particular Sunday in the year falls on or near a significant date (perhaps the anniversary of a loved one's death; a birthday, an anniversary, etc) you can fill in the details on the list in church, and please put £5.00 into the collection. Your name(s), and the dedication (s) will appear in the service booklet for that week. **SEE LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH....**

Church Up-Keep and Cleaning: If you are willing to do gardening, tidying, cleaning, minor odd jobs, repairs etc, Adrian Groves would be pleased to hear from you: **akgroves@btinternet.com** or **023 92 586168**. In particular, please help keep our church looking clean on the **second** Saturday of the month. We start at 10am. **Even if you can only spare half an hour, every little helps.**

Used Ink Cartridges: Do put your used printer ink cartridges in the box at the back of church.....they do raise some money for our church!

Support for Sea-farers: Would you be willing to knit some balaclavas, gloves, mitts for sea-farers? See Kath Ford (our organist) for details, and for a pattern.