

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



23rd August 2020

We are worshipping together
at St John's, Ryde
on Sunday 23rd August at 10am for a
Service of Holy Communion.

Based on government guidelines, we have put various measures in place to keep everyone safe. Please help us by following the instructions. You must now wear a face mask in all places of worship.

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**The church is open
for private prayer**

on
Thursday 9-11am
and
Sunday 3-5pm

Come and spend some
'Quality Time'
with God

11th Sunday after Trinity

Says The Sundial

I record the sunny hours
Not the shadows and the showers.
The hours I measure one by one
In the full glow of the sun,
I've no need for bell or chime,
In my reckonings of time.
I am old and quiet and wise.
I ignore the cloudy skies.
Foolish folks who frown and fume
Be like me, ignore the gloom.
Take no account of storm or rain.
The sun will soon be out again

**Your talent is
God's gift to you
What you do
with it
is your gift
back to God**

Romans 12.1–8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13–20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but

others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The other lectionary readings for today are: Isaiah 51.1–6 and Psalm 138

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thought for The Day

by

There is always one. You know, the person who always somehow finds the perfect gift for someone, and who makes the rest of us feel inferior. Well, even that person is actually always out-given, because we have God, the gift-giver who out-gives everyone.

God initially gives us grace sufficient to learn to use the talent chosen just for us; then, as our capacity increases, God gives us more grace. Saint Paul reminds us in his second letter to the Corinthians (9:8) that this is generosity on a grand scale.

But God is determined to get the work done.

And we are the only ones in line to do it. Not one of our gifts is for our personal use: no one can prophesy or minister to themselves - or teach, exhort, or give to themselves; or lead or be compassionate to themselves.

God gives *to us, for others*. Who in turn, will have been given gifts to share with us.

Once we have become so occupied in sharing God's gifts that we do not recognise ourselves, we shall have passed the point of worrying about our earthly image.

Others may recognise us as having God's grace.

We can, then, cheerfully leave the rest up to God!

Amen

Call to Prayer in Ryde:

Christian church leaders in Ryde have joined together to ask us all to pray for the Ryde area for the 2020 hours from 1st July until 23rd Sept.

For more info, the daily theme and a short video go to www.prayforryde.org
If you would like to join the ZOOM prayer meeting for 15 mins each evening at 7pm the link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/96569728174?pwd=eVBXckx5RE1pU0I3Y3FnWXBwZGRidz09>

This week we have prayed for:

- ❖ Utility Workers
- ❖ Those living with dementia
- ❖ Good Neighbours Schemes
- ❖ Rotary and Lions' Clubs
- ❖ WI, Mothers' Union and Friend-to-Friend
- ❖ Banks and Building Societies
- ❖ Postal workers

Online services

If you are unable to join us at St John's there is a Diocesan Eucharistic Service online at **9am** here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsmouth>

Click here to find links to online services broadcast by churches on the island.

<https://collectivespirit.online/whats-on>

Prayers of Intercession

by Margaret Jessop

Love is kind and suffers long.

Therefore, give us love.

O Lord who art love. Holy and perfect. We pray for your church and people in this time of great uncertainty. We pray that your love, truly kind and longsuffering, be with us as we seek to find meaning in all the unsettling events that crowd in upon us. Give us the grace of your compassion, as we seek to give help and succour to those in need. Give us the courage never to doubt our hope and confidence in your fulfilling love. Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Love will ever with us stay.

Therefore give us love.

O Lord who art faithful. We pray for all those who purport to govern our country. Give them wisdom and understanding in all that they do. That when the world turns again towards quietude and calm it will be a better place. We pray especially at this time for all the young people receiving their exam results. Reach out to ensure that they all are awarded an equitable and fair result that reflects their

hard work. Give them hope for their futures.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Hope will be fulfilled in light.

Therefore give us love.

O Lord of hope we pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

All those who are and have been affected by the Corona virus.

We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers...

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Love will ever shine more bright.

Therefore give us love.

We pray for those who have died...

Comfort those who mourn as we remember...

Love itself than death more strong.

Faith and hope and love we see.

But the greatest of the three,

And the best is love.

Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

