

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



30th August 2020

We are worshipping together
at **St John's, Ryde**
on **Sunday 30th 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

12th Sunday after Trinity

Barnabas in schools prayer

Jesus, you chose a child as a model for adult maturity and of God's presence among us. Thank you for our schools with their teachers and children.

Together may they create:
Safe places for lives to flourish;
Happy places for wonder and discovery;
Hopeful places of peace and healing;
Stimulating places of learning and laughter;
Places where everyone
feels valued and respected;
Places that offer security and stability to all;
Places where both old and young can
Find purpose and direction in life.
Amen

Brf.org.uk

Online services

If you are unable to join us at St John's there is a Diocesan Eucharistic Service online at **9.30am** 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>

Romans 12.9–21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21–28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

The other lectionary readings for today are: **Jeremiah 15.15–21** and **Psalms 26.1–8**

Thought for The Day

by Mike Brooke

If being a Christian was illegal would the courts have enough evidence to convict you? I know it's an old chestnut – but that doesn't reduce its impact if you think about it deeply. It's that sort of serious challenge that Jesus issues to his disciples in today's reading from Matthew's gospel. He urges them, and us, to follow him all the way to the cross. Not to die physically, but to die to the usual human way of living: self-centred and always seeking for the next better thing.

Jesus asks us to regard those who search for more and more power, status and wealth, and asks what they could possibly give to save themselves from death. That's what he means by taking up our crosses; following Jesus in every aspect of our lives.

The verses from Paul's Letter to the Christians in Rome give us guidance on how we can do that. Read it through again and think about all the things he is urging us to do; all things that Jesus taught repeatedly. They are behaviours that turn normal human social conduct upside down and they are summed up in Paul's words at the end of the passage. "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." That's another challenge that we can only meet with the grace of God and the power of his Holy Spirit.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

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:

- ❖ Children in Care
- ❖ YFC Youth Project
- ❖ Primary Schools
- ❖ Pre-Schools and Nurseries
- ❖ Secondary Schools
- ❖ College students and staff
- ❖ School Governors

Prayers of Intercession

by Linda Brooke

Lord of Faith and trust

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you shocked your disciples by making them face up to your cross and their own. Give to your church courage to emulate your sacrificial love. Bless our Bishops, Archdeacons and ministers as they show by example how to live sacrificial lives. Help us identify the cross we need to bear, and to take it up to follow Jesus.

Lord of Faith and trust

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you spoke of suffering at the hands of elders and community leaders. Give all who lead due awareness of the awesome responsibility they hold. Our politicians lead us into an ever changing world, with children going back to school, young people going on to further education with confused exam grades; as pubs and clubs seem to flout guidelines and holiday makers face more weeks of quarantine. It seems that we are lost and powerless. May we never confuse the kingdoms and power struggles of this world with your eternal kingdom.

Lord of Faith and trust

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, Peter struggled to accept the danger and purpose of your actions. Be with all who are anxious.

We pray for those we know and those who are known to you who have faced danger and still face it; be it dangerous jobs or dangerous home situations. Grant us grace to overcome evil with good.

Lord of Faith and trust

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you are with us as we stand staring into the darkness. Preserve us in all our sufferings. For many it is the danger of illness that we face, and we are asked to remember today and in our private prayers...

Grant us compassion to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

Lord of faith and trust

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you hold open the door to eternity. Strengthen all who stand on its threshold in faith and fear. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall this week...

We are asked especially to remember Fran and Richard as they remember baby Grace.

Comfort us when we mourn. Remind us always to trust in you.

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

RIP: Jamie Parkin, Pam Dickinson,
Susan Hickley.

RIP Anniversaries: Derek Young
(Sun), Teresa Sands, baby Grace
McLinden (Mon), Roger Dilley
(Wed), Mary Leonard (Thu),
Maurice Palethorpe (Sat)

If you know of someone who
would like us to pray for them by
name during our Sunday services,
please send an email to

rev.sue.stjohnsryde@gmail.com.

You can also speak to Alex Bruce
on a Sunday morning and she will
add names to the list in church.

By putting a name on the list you
are confirming that you have
their explicit permission to do so.

Ride and Stride is scheduled to
go ahead on Saturday 12th
September this year. If you are
able to volunteer to 'man' the
church for a while please let
Bevaly know. Bevaly, Phil and
Christine are hoping to visit IOW
churches and there will be a pot
for donations (rather than
sponsoring) in church from next
week. See Bevaly for more info if
you would like to take part

Hymn

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow till
we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b.1953)

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