

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



13th September 2020 - 14th Sunday after Trinity- Education Sunday

We are worshipping together
**on Sundays at 10am and Thursdays at
10.30am for Services 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.

The Parish Office is now open on Wednesdays 9-11am.

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O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

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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>

Philippians 4.4–9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 7.24–29

²⁴ Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell –and great was its fall!’ ²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹ for he

taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The other lectionary readings for today are: Genesis 50.15–21, Psalm 10, (1–7), 8–13, Romans 14.1–12 and Matthew 18.21–35

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

He's Got the whole world
in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world
in His hands,
He's got the whole world
in His hands,
He's got the whole world
in His hands.

He's got you and me brother,
in His hands...

He's got you and me sister,
in His hands...

He's got the little tiny baby,
in His hands...

He's got everybody here,
in His hands...

Thought for the Day

By Rev Sue

This Sunday is celebrated as 'Education Sunday' by the Church. We have begun a new school year. One which for all sorts of reasons will look very different to what those of us of riper years experienced, and even to what was happening just one year ago.

But the core purposes of education have not changed. Schools, colleges and universities are the places in which our young people learn the skills and values they will need as they set out on their journey of life in the big wide world.

The Bible readings this week have been chosen because they talk about the things which, as Christians help us to make the most of our lives.

Matthew's gospel speaks of building on the strong foundations of the teachings of Christ and our faith in him. The extract from Paul's letter to the Philippians was the reading I always heard on 'Founder's Day' at the school I attended. It tells of the inner joy and peace which comes from trusting in God, knowing that God loves us for who we are, and looking for all that is good and honourable in ourselves, the world and others.

And so we celebrate the gifts and opportunities given to us all by education and schools. The part they play in nurturing our young people and shaping their lives, their characters, their ability to believe in themselves and to respect and care for others.

For no matter how many qualifications we help our children to achieve, how much we hope they will earn, or how famous we hope they will become, these are the things which really matter when we educate our children.

Harvest Festival Autumn is in the air and we are approaching Harvest time. We shall hold our harvest festival service on Sunday 27th September at 10am. As usual we will be accepting donations of long life foods for the food bank. We will also be decorating the church on Saturday 26th from 10am. This year we are asking flower arrangers to supply their own flowers (please provide a receipt if you would like to be reimbursed) and wear a mask whilst in church. If you would like to help us with this please let Rev Sue know, so that we can plan for providing vases/oasis etc.

Rev Dion - Ordination to the Priesthood We are delighted to announce that Rev Dion's ordination to the priesthood will take place at St John's on Sunday 4th October at 3.15pm. Rather than hold a diocesan ordination service in the cathedral, Bishop Christopher will come to each training church over the course of that weekend. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions mean that only 30 people can attend the service. We have some spaces available for the congregation and have decided that the fairest way to allocate them is by ballot. If you would like to take part in the ballot please contact Rev Sue or Rev Dion by Sunday 20th September.

Thursday Communion We shall be resuming our 10.30am Holy Communion service on a Thursday morning from 17th September. Everyone is welcome.

Call to Prayer in Ryde: Christian church leaders in Ryde are continuing 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: 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 are praying for:

- ❖ Independent Shops
- ❖ Charity Shops
- ❖ Communications Engineers
- ❖ Vets and Rescue Centres
- ❖ Landlords and Estate Agents
- ❖ Holiday Makers
- ❖ Respect Ryde

The QR code for the government Test & Trace app is displayed by the door for those who are able to scan. We are also taking details as a single list (rather than individual forms) which will be kept securely for 3 weeks as part of the Test & Trace strategy.

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Ride and Stride happened Yesterday. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to those who acted as stewards at St John's. There is a pot for donations (rather than sponsoring) by

the door (half of which we get back and half of which is given to the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust)

Prayers of Intercession

by Jenny Georgiou

Heavenly Father

Thank you for your word reminding us to love one another, thank you that you first loved us and help us with wisdom to channel your love to all we meet. Lord in your mercy.....

Loving God,

Thank you for those who lead us in our worship. We lift them to you now, Sue, Dion, Mike, Linda, Bevaly and Fran playing beautiful music.

We thank you for our church wardens Val and David keeping things going through this difficult and different period of our Church life.

We ask your guidance, and your blessing on all, as new challenges arise for the future.

Lord in your mercy...

Father God,

We pray for our world.

Listening to the news it's hard to know where to begin. Mankind is failing to take care and we feel so sad.

Give wisdom and guidance, patience and humility, and above all your love and kindness to our world leaders, politicians, and all in positions of power, that they will care for all people in the way they would care for themselves. Lord in your mercy.....

Lord Jesus, we pray for children and young people as they've started the new year in schools and universities and colleges. Be with them adjusting to the limitations and restrictions. Give the teachers and staff patience and wisdom. We ask your protection and freedom from fear for all. Lord in your mercy.....

Dear Father,
Thank you for the assurance that where two or three are gathered in your name you are there. It is good to know you are with us - thank you. You hear our prayers, you grieve with us for the sad and difficult things happening to our brothers and sisters. So we hold before you all who are fearful, who've lost their livelihoods, lost relationships, lost homes, those who are lonely, those who are sick in mind or body. We name before you...

And in our hearts any others known to us. Comfort and heal them we pray. Lord in your mercy.....

Loving God,
We remember before you those who have died..... And those whose anniversary of death is this week: Robert Young (Wed), and Evelyn Spragg (Fri). May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Comfort all who mourn with the knowledge of your presence. Lord in your mercy.....

Father God, help us to walk with you in the week ahead with love and integrity

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

Lord God we thank you for the education we have been privileged to receive. We give you thanks and praise for the people in our lives who have taught us and supported us and helped us to take steps forward in our journey with you.

Help us to encourage and support all those who work in education and to appreciate the important work they do; the part they play in nurturing our young people and shaping their lives, their characters, their ability to believe in themselves and to respect and care for others.

Empower them by your Holy Spirit, as they seek to live out their calling and serve you in this way. In Jesus name. Amen.

If you know of someone who would like us to pray for them by name during our Sunday service, email 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.

Weekly News Sheet: Please send any items for the news sheet to Bevaly Rackett by **Wed 2pm**.
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