

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



20th September 2020

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 and wearing a face mask.

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

15th Sunday after Trinity

For the courage of relief workers
operating in desperate conditions
bring a blessing to their lives.
For the generosity of ordinary people
giving to those who have lost so much
bring a blessing to their lives.
For selfless love
wherever it is shown
which gives without considering cost
bring a blessing to their lives.

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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>

Exodus 16.2–15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.' ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.' ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites;

say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."'" ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

Matthew 20.1–16

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹ 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those

hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?"¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

The other lectionary readings for today are: **Philippians 1.21–30** and **Psalms 105.1–6, 37–45**

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Mike Brooke

Most of us, at one time or another, have arrived at the port in good time to catch one of the car ferries on or off the island. You sit waiting patiently as the rows fill up with cars and vans. Then you see yellow jackets coming out to the front and, as you were amongst the first to arrive, you start your engine in expectation of being called forward.

But the yellow jacket goes to the head of another row of vehicles, ones that arrived long after you and waves them on. "That's not fair", you think, "I was here before them".

The gospel passage for this week has a similar theme. We read it and think, "That's not fair": people getting paid the same amount for different hours of work. But this is a parable from Jesus and, like most of his stories, it turns our human values upside down.

What it does is remind us that we all depend on the grace of God for our lives and what comes into them. It reminds us that it's not what we do that influences God's love for us. It reminds us that God gives us all the same unbounded, undeserved and unconditional love. All we have to do is love him and our "neighbours" on this planet in the same way.

**Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer,
Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream
doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's
destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

William Williams (1717-1791)

Notices:

Thursday Holy Communion at 10.30am has resumed. Everyone is welcome.

Ride and Stride Bevaly, Christine and Phil visited 24 churches in 8 hours. There is a pot for donations by the door if you would like to contribute to the Hampshire and IOW Historic Churches Trust.

Call to Prayer in Ryde: Christian church leaders in Ryde are asking 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: 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:

- ❖ 20th IoW Festival
- ❖ 21st TBA
- ❖ 22nd Our Christian work and witness and encouragement from the Archdeacon for continued ecumenicalism
- ❖ 23rd General Conclusion

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.

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.

St John's Pen Pals

Do you remember the thrill of receiving a letter as a child? Would you like to be a penpal with a child at Oakfield School? Oakfield would like to set up links, via letter, between members of our congregation and children at the school. The letters will all be posted and delivered via the church. It would involve occasionally exchanging news and experiences with a child so that they can see the world through someone else's eyes and get to know more about the people who make up our community. It will of course also be a great way of encouraging them to put pen to paper and improving their writing skills. If you would like to take part in this exciting new project please let Rev Sue know.

Prayers of Intercession

by Jenny Georgiou

Divine Father, we thank you our generous God, picturing your love as a waterfall that drenches us all with its spray, Inexhaustible, free, unconditional. We can never do enough to earn it, and yet you never stop loving us, whether we come to you early or later in our life. Help us too, to be generous and share that love, not hoard. Help us to rejoice at the gifts others have. Save us from jealousy. Lord in your mercy....

Lord God, we thank you for the 'Pray for Ryde' initiative coming to the end on Wednesday. Thank you for the way the Churches have joined together in prayer. Thank you for the fresh ideas to make your name known in the wider community, and for those who work so hard to make worship possible. As more churches reopen their doors we ask that all will be safe in your keeping. Lord in your mercy....

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice. Strengthen us to work in your will in this time of pandemic. Save us from indifference to those who suffer from the effect of the pandemic, the illness, The loss of a loved one, or absence of work and income. Give us courage to side with those who suffer violence, poverty and injustice in our world. Lord in your mercy....

Heavenly Father, we bring before you those we know to be ill or suffering in any way naming....

And any others we know personally... May they know your presence. Give them healing and restore them in body, mind and spirit. Lord in your mercy...

Mighty God, we remember in your presence all those who have died naming...

And those whose anniversary of death is this week... Geoff Smith (Mon), Denis Winkles (Tue), Michael Davis (Sat) Thank you for them, and for your promise of eternal life and peace. Be close to those who mourn. Strengthen them with the knowledge that you are there with them through the difficult times. Lord in your mercy...

Faithful God, be with us as another week begins. Keep us loving and serving and praying in faith.

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

Please also pray for those being ordained as Deacons from October 9-11: Hannah Barraclough (Newport Minster, Isle of Wight), Catherine Edenborough (Portsmouth Cathedral), Matthew Grove (Christ Church, Portsdown, and St John the Baptist, Purbrook) and Jack Williams (All Saints', Denmead)

Also those being ordained Priests from October 2-4: Hugo Deadman (St James' Milton, Ruth Howlett-Shipleigh (St John the Baptist Shedfield and St Nicholas Wickham), Dion Mabey (St John's Oakfield and Holy Trinity, Ryde), Mike Moritz (St John the Baptist Locks Heath) and Bryan Stephenson (St Luke and St Peter, Southsea).

**Grace is the voice
that calls us to
change and then
gives us the power
to pull it off.**

Max Lucado