

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



4th October

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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This week we welcome Revd Steve Sutcliffe to St John's from All Saints Gurnard and Cowes, St Faith's. He will be leading the 10am service, preaching and celebrating communion in Sue's absence.

17th Sunday after Trinity

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews
the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice
in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed
from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes
to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands
to do your will,
that the world may rejoice
and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.
after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

Online services

If you are unable to join us at St John's there is a Diocesan Eucharistic Service online 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 3.4b–14

⁴ If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹ not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards

the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33–46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: ³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ ⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The other readings for today are Isaiah 5.1–7 and Psalm 80.7–14

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

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.

Thought for the Day

By Rev Sue

Our 'Thought for the Day' this week is not connected to Rev Steve's sermon. I thought that instead it would be good to ask ourselves some questions which might arise out of the reading. After all, when we read the scriptures it is always good to think about how they relate to our own lives.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul talks about the difference it has made to his life, knowing and having faith in Jesus. He had the original 'Damascus Road' experience and so there was an identifiable moment in his life when things changed. That may or may not be the case for you; your faith may always have been there in the background, maturing as you matured. Either way, when you look back, what difference has your faith made to your life? What has knowing Jesus meant for you?

Paul left behind the burden of believing that he could only be in a right relationship with God by a combination of his ancestry and obeying the religious laws. Are there any burdens that you have been able to leave behind through your faith, through knowing Jesus?

Paul was 'straining forward to what lies ahead'. What is it that you look forward to which is informed by what you know about God?

Why don't you take a few moments to bring those thoughts to God in thanks and praise?

Notices:

Please be mindful of the latest covid rules as you leave the service. Kindly do not gather in groups of more than six.

Rev Dion's ordination to the priesthood will take place at St John's this afternoon (4th October) at 3.15pm. As numbers are restricted, this service is by invitation only. It will be available online later in the week and we will show it at church after the service next week. If you will not be with us you may like to say this prayer which we will be using at the beginning of the service, for Dion and the ministry of the whole people of God...

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love; and give to your servant now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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.

Following the 2020 hours of **prayer for Ryde** the team have decided to continue to pray together via Zoom on Mondays at 7pm and also the 4th Sunday each month (when the united service would have been previously). The link if you would like to join us occasionally or regularly is:

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

APCM: Please note (and book into your diaries!) that our Annual Meetings will be held after the service on Sunday 25th October to elect Church wardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod reps and to give an account of the finances and work of the PCC for 2019. Nomination forms will be available from Bevaly soon so please consider and pray about whether you would be willing and able to fulfil any of these important roles.

Prayers of Intercession

by Linda Brooke

Let us pray for the church and the world

Lord, you are the landowner who plants the vineyard; we, your church, are your servants who make it grow and flourish. Be with us, your church, bishops and ministers. Especially today we pray for Bishop Christopher making the journey here to ordain Rev. Dion. We give thanks for Dion and all who serve you in roles of leadership, help them to be the cornerstone of the church as we go forward into this difficult and changing time. Lord of the vineyard, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord of the vineyard, you expect nations to produce the wine of justice, Raise up leaders who will promote conditions in which all may flourish. We lift our own government who try to balance the economy, the Brexit negotiations, and the health of the nation. Defend the poor and weak, the vulnerable, and those who are overlooked in society. Lord of the vineyard, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord of the vineyard, you give all people the ability to choose between right and wrong. Guide us in all our moral dilemmas and the new challenges we face. Right now, in our town, there are people facing

unemployment, homelessness, violence, illness, bereavement. If we are feeling secure, give us compassion and mercy; if we are feeling frightened or worried, help us to find safety. Keep us on the paths that are pleasing to you. Keep us from evil intent and sliding into destructive ways. Lord of the vineyard, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord of the vineyard you prepare wholesome fruit to refresh and revive us, quench our thirst for wholeness and healing. We remember those we know who are suffering in body mind or spirit; we are asked to remember in our prayers

Restore us in your mercy and bring us to declare your glory. Lord of the vineyard, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord of the vineyard, you hold before us the cup of salvation, raise up all who have died. We remember with love, those who have died recently... and those whose anniversaries fall this week.... Comfort those who mourn. Bring us to share in the new wine of your kingdom.

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

RIP Anniversaries: Patricia Carr (Sun), Eva Hansen (Mon), Bill Parker, Margaret Hunt (Sat).

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 or 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 Priests this weekend: Hugo Deadman (St James' Milton), Ruth Howlett-Shipley (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).

Also for those being ordained 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)



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I am a New Creation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtOu2iwmuEA>

I am a new creation,
No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you, Lord,
Yes, I will praise you, Lord,
And I will sing
of all that you have done.
A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the Grace of God I stand.

**The Lord is our salvation,
the rock upon which we stand,
the light by which we walk,
the strength by which we overcome.
Therefore we shall live by faith
and fear no one,
for the Lord our God is with us,
walking beside and before us,
sheltering us from harm.
It is the Lord's song that we sing,
his praise within our hearts,
his word upon our lips
and the reason that we live. Amen**

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