

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



22nd November 2020

Christ the King

We regret that in line with government regulations we are currently closed for public worship.

The Parish Office is closed but the telephone messages and post will be checked on Wednesday mornings
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**But we are still here
with you and for you.**

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Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence
with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us
and we are his;
we are his people
and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him
and call upon his name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures
from age to age.**

Online services

Whilst we are in Lockdown you can share in a service of **Spiritual Communion from All Saints Ryde** on their website here:

<https://www.rydeallsaints.org.uk/>

This is a pre-recorded service and is available from 9am on a Sunday.

or join **Portsmouth Cathedral** live on Sunday at 11.00am

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

Ephesians 1.15–23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31–46

Jesus said to his disciples: ³¹ ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered

before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was

a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The other readings for today are
Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24
and **Psalm 100**

I am with you

and will watch over you
wherever you go.

Genesis 28:15

Thought for the Day

By Mike Brooke

To plagiarise Lionel Bart’s song from the 1960’s “Kings ain’t what they used to be!” From ancient times until the 17th century, kings were generally absolutely in charge of everyone’s lives. But the rule of monarchs in today’s world is much less powerful; most are just titular heads of state. And more of the world’s states are now republics, with no monarchy at all.

But we in the Christian Church still have a king. He rules the spiritual realm with true justice and unconditional love and compassion for his “subjects”. This Sunday is the church’s version of New Year’s Eve, when we celebrate the culmination of Jesus Christ’s rise from tiny human baby to his place as our King at God’s side.

It’s also like a coronation, so we celebrate and remember that Christ is our king. He has told us what he expects of us; that we care for our fellow-man as if we were offering that care to Jesus himself. That we love, feed, clothe, welcome – whatever is needed. We should be like him and do our best to help, to love, and to care. There are still orphans who need to be rescued; people who need to part of that great kingdom. We have been rescued and our rescuer is the King. The baby that we welcomed nearly a year ago now reigns over us all.

Prayers of Intercession

By Linda Barnett

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your gifts to us- for daily food, for each breath we take, for freedom to choose and for the gift of your word, your power and your love. Oh God, when we consider all that you are and how you have entrusted so much to us, may we be worthy of that trust, may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live. Help us to be faith filled and with the desire to increase your glory and goodness in this world. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray, O God for our church, that it may encourage all to discover, develop and use all their gifts. We pray for Sue our vicar Dion our curate for our lay readers Mike, Linda and Bevaly, uphold them and strengthen them at this time and fill them with your Holy Spirit. We thank them for their ministry to us, for their help and guidance to meet each one of us just where we are. We thank you for the support given by the church wardens David and Val in their help in keeping things running. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for Oakfield School, for the pupils and staff as they have teach and learn in a different environment. Please strengthen and uphold the staff as they teach and support their

Make Way, Make Way

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78iCdVc5LVM>

Make way, make way
For Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates
and welcome Him
Into your lives

Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in

He comes the broken
hearts to heal
The prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear,
the lame shall dance
The blind shall see

And those who mourn
with heavy hearts
Who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick
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children in their class, give them wisdom as they have to deal with different situations. Watch over everyone at these ever changing times, we know we can do anything through You so we ask for your help and protection. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences. We pray for those who are suffering with illness at this time and all those who are caring for them remembering especially all those working in the NHS. We pray for protection for the elderly and vulnerable. May we approach each day in faith and peace trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us. Lord in your mercy...

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness especially those who have asked for prayer at this time, we ask you would bring them healing, comfort and peace. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Lord in your mercy...

Loving Father, embrace in your loving arms all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Be with them in their sorrow, uphold them with your strength and through the love of others and your presence may they know they are not alone in their struggle. Lord in your mercy...

Almighty and eternal God from whose love in Christ we can never be parted either by death or life, hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all those we remember today, and bring us with them to your eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

RIP: Matthew Fox and Graham Dyer

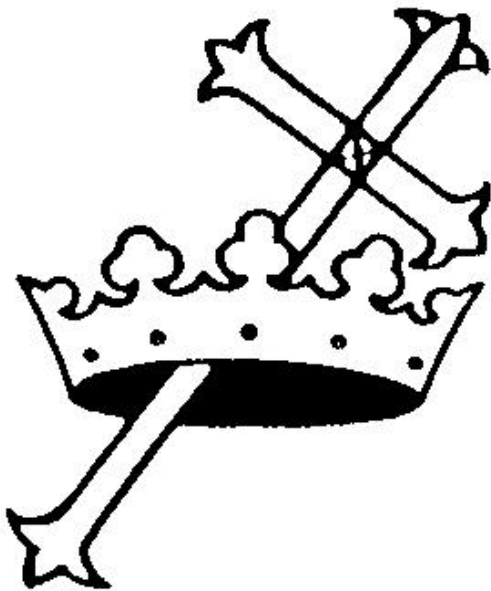
RIP Anniversaries: Kathleen Forecast (Wed), Sophie Rolf (Thu), Dorothy Bruce (Fri),

Opportunities to pray together this coming week.

In a letter to the nation the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London have urged us all to be calm, courageous and compassionate as we go through this second period of lockdown. They have also called the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November. You can find prayers here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

They have suggested that we all stop to pray together at **6pm** each day.



Midday Prayers

Whilst we cannot pray together in church this month, we would like to invite you to join us on zoom each Monday to Friday for 15 minutes of Midday Prayers, The NEW ZOOM LINK for this week is:

<https://zoom.us/j/98707065312?pwd=TkQxOE44bFA2ODQ5cmw4M1Z4NTV5Zz09>

The meeting will be open from 11.45am each day for 15 mins of fellowship before we pray.

Following the 2020 hours of **Pray for Ryde** the team have decided to continue to pray together via Zoom for 15 minutes every day at 7pm during the coming lockdown. We are also meeting on Sunday 29th at 7pm and this time will include a short service. The link if you would like to join us occasionally or regularly is:

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

Notices and information

We were saddened to hear that our friend Matthew Fox died suddenly but peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday 10th November. We will miss him and his cheerful enthusiasm for life. Please pray for his family at this difficult time.

Every Little Helps Would you like to help us raise funds when you shop online with no cost to yourself? Register with **easyfundraising.org.uk** or download the app to your phone, choose St John's with Holy Trinity Ryde as your charity and each time you shop through a registered outlet they will make a donation to us. Lots of places are included - from supermarkets to Amazon. And every penny is a help right now.

Our **Churchwardens** were sworn into office and received their charge from Bishop Christopher at a zoom service on 17th November. Please pray for Val and David in their roles



Songs of Advent



From Luke's Gospel

St John's Advent Bible Study Groups

Songs are very much at the centre of our celebrations of Advent and Christmas. Luke's Gospel has a series of songs which form part of his introduction to the story of Jesus.

We will be looking more deeply at these songs on

Thursdays at 11.30am

(first session via zoom, then hopefully in the church hall)

26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec, 17th Dec

Mondays from 7.20pm (via Zoom)

30th Nov, 7th Dec, 14th Dec, 21st

All resources provided. This is a 4 session course. Each Monday and Thursday session will cover the same content and you can swap between the two. Everyone is welcome.

Contact us via stjohnschurchryde@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Isle of Wight Council Helpline

The council's helpline remains open for anyone that needs additional support and will revert back to a seven day service.

Call (01983) 823600 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday, and between 10am and 3pm at weekends for support.

You can also

email contactcentre@iow.gov.uk

How the helpline can help

This helpline is for anyone who needs help because of self-isolation, who is alone with no local network of friends, family or neighbours and needs support, or who feels vulnerable and may need assistance with:

- help to access pharmacy medication delivery services and healthcare needs;
- access to online shopping delivery services or small essential shopping requests;
- signposting to partner agencies for support with issues arising from isolation including welfare, finance, mental health, childcare issues, crisis advice and support or other caring responsibilities.

If you or anyone you know is struggling with their mental health these numbers may be helpful. These are difficult times - **you do not have to be at breaking point to ask for help.**

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text: 85258

Samaritans - Provides confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide. You can phone, email, write a letter or in most cases talk to someone face to face. Telephone: 116 123 (24 hours a day, free to call.)

Don't forget that just picking up the 'phone and calling a friend can be the thing which helps to get you and them through the day 😊

If you know someone who would appreciate a call and have obtained their permission to give us their name and number, please let Rev Sue know.

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

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