

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



11th 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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Please be mindful of the latest covid rules as you leave the service. Kindly do not gather in groups of more than six.

18th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green
pastures and leads me
beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul and guides me
along right pathways
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me; you
have anointed my head with oil, and
my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord for ever.

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 4.1–9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 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 22.1–14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but

they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called but few are chosen.'

The other readings for today are
Isaiah 25.1–9 and **Psalms 23**

Thought for the Day

By Rev Dion

On the 29th June 2019 at Portsmouth Cathedral I was Ordained a Deacon into the Church of England. On Sunday 4th October 2020 I was Ordained Priest by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. I serve St. Johns church, Portsmouth Diocese, the established Church of England and Gods Church on earth.

The Ordination service took the form of many oaths and promises by myself and others. 1 Timothy 3 sets out some of the attributes that are required to be a Deacon and a Priest, the good bit is I am allowed to drink a little wine and have only one wife. But the rest of the list is a bit more daunting. One major change is I can now preside at the Eucharist or Holy Communion. This is rooted in scripture and links Old and new Testaments as well as Jewish and Christian tradition. Our Communion service is not that dissimilar to the weekly Jewish meal or the yearly Passover meal. Jesus changed the emphasis of the Jewish Passover at his last supper; Jesus now represents the slain Passover Lamb who is to be sacrificed as he says to his disciples in Matthew 26: v26-28 "Take and eat, this is my body." "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Although I can now preside, Communion is about the whole family and body of the church. 1 Corinthians 12 says we all have appropriate roles within the church. During Communion the congregation read scripture and intercessions, you respond with spoken words during the service; together we serve God and his church.

TFTD continued...

I want to honour and ask you to consider the silent invisible people behind the scene who help the church to function in all its forms. Paying bills, looking to maintenance, cleaning the toilets, flower displays, office administrator, PCC member.

A few years ago now I was attending a Lent bible study and we were all asked to think about how we fitted into 1 Corinthians 12. This ultimately led to my Priesting. As we approach our APCM, Annual Parochial Church Meeting please consider how you are the body, what part do you, or could you provide. This might be as a PCC member, or it could be in any of the other invisible but crucial roles required. And it might even be a call to ministry.

God bless you all in Jesus' name.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Notices:

The QR code for the government test & trace app is displayed by the door. We are also taking details of each visitor which will be kept securely for 3 weeks as part of the Test & Trace strategy.

Ride and Stride: thank you to everyone who donated, we sent £102 to the Hampshire and IOW Historic Churches Trust.

Rev Dion's ordination to the priesthood If you would like to see an edited version of the service please stay in your seats after the service and we will show it on the screen. It is also available on our and the Diocesan Facebook pages.

St John's Pen Pals: Oakfield school 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 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 are available from Bevaly so please consider and pray about whether you would be willing and able to fulfil any of these important roles.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

by Bevaly Rackett

Everlasting God, by prayer and supplication we make our requests known to you with thanksgiving.

Loving God we pray for your church throughout the world. We give thanks that although we have our restrictions, we are free to worship you openly. We give thanks for Bishop Christopher, for Archdeacon Peter, for Revd. Sue, for Revd. Dion as he begins the next phase of his ministry and for all the team here at St John's. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, open our hearts, that we may see the harm we are doing to your creation and make the necessary changes in our lives. We ask for justice and peace for all peoples of the world: for governments and sovereigns who lead fairly and responsibly, and for those who bring terror and hurt to be filled with love, leaving no room for hate. Lord in your mercy:

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them so easily and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We ask that we recognise the needs of our community, our local schools, businesses, and people and help where we can. Lord in your mercy:

Healing Lord, we ask that you comfort all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Calm anxious fears, lessen physical pain and reassure the lost or bewildered. We name before you... May they and those who care for them find strength in your arms. Lord in your mercy:

Merciful God, look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and the gift of faith. We remember with love Maureen Peters (Sun), and Peter Denness (Fri), whose anniversaries of death fall this coming week. Lord in your mercy:

Faithful God, as we prepare for the coming week help us to recognise whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, everything excellent and worthy of praise, and know that these things come from you.

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

Please also pray for those being ordained Deacons this weekend: 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)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p087w8q8>

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms
He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886)

Almighty God,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intellect to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you
and life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Benedict, 489-543

