

Christ Church, Gosport Parish Eucharist
9.30am, Sunday 2nd October 2016
(19th Sunday after Trinity)

Welcome to Christ Church!



www.christchurchgosport.co.uk

Main Service on Sunday: 9.30am Parish Communion

.Every third Sunday: 10.00am All-Age Communion

Quiet, said Communions: 8.00am on Sundays; and 10.00am on Wednesdays

Healing prayer is offered at services on 1st Suns and 1st Weds each month

See back pages of this booklet for more information about this church!

Christ Church is united with Holy Trinity, Trinity Green, Haslar Road - a church in the Anglo-Catholic [smells and bells!] tradition, with worship conducted in a circle around a central altar:

www.holytrinitygosport.co.uk

Vicar

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Please feel free to contact Andy for any information about this church, or if you would like to talk about anything. He is not around for one day a week – usually Monday.

Deanery Priest (Part-time) The Revd Pete Lambert 07926 382725

Churchwardens Eric Baker: 023 9235 2436 Thelma O'Toole: 023 9236 7070

(Deputy Wardens as needed: Bob Harrop and Adrian Groves)

Readers (Lay Ministers) Roger Miles: 01329 515500 Sue Lambert: 07761 263651

First Sunday of the Month:
**Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing
is offered today:**

Through the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, all that wounds and spoils, or makes us less than whole, has been gloriously overcome!

*The promise of healing through Christ is not of recovery from **every** illness or injury (although that is often Jesus' gift) but rather the grace of the Risen Jesus to live at peace with ourselves, our neighbours and with God.*

¶ The Gathering

Welcome, followed by silent prayer and:

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord Amen.

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful minds, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love! interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess.
The beauty of thy peace. The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm! O still small voice of calm!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

The Lord be with you **All and also with you.**

Confession: My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

(Silence is kept)

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

Gloria *(Tune: "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven")*

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
As it was from the beginning, evermore shall be, Amen.**

Collect: Let us pray *[all should remain standing]*
A prayerful silence is kept.....

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: *Lamentations 1.1-6*

¹How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. ²She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. ³Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. ⁴The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. ⁵Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. ⁶From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

This is the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;

be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 17.5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"?

⁸Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon is given

Prayers of Intercession: Lord, in your mercy *All hear our prayer.*
Lord, hear us *All Lord, graciously hear us.*

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace: Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn (*money will be collected during this*)

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by
Pat and Norman Collins in thanksgiving for **their 57th Wedding Anniversary.**

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion, thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans, are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore' ?

Alleluia, bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful, flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless, sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of Lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim, in the Eucharistic Feast.

The Lord is here
All His spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for
yourself. In Jesus you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

(We sing)

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; When I call, answer me;
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me**

On the night before he died, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you
thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
do this in remembrance of me.

(We sing)

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; When I call, answer me;
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me.**

We keep silent for a moment

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

If you have ever received Communion in ANY Christian church, you are welcome to do so here. If you have never received Communion before, but have been baptised/ christened, than you can also receive Communion – this includes children, if those responsible for them are happy for them to. (Ask the priest if you have any questions). If you are not receiving Communion, but would like a blessing, please hold this service booklet in your hands.

During Communion:

The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight, from thy pure chalice floweth !

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise, within thy house for ever.

Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing

You will be invited - and only if you would LIKE to - to come forward for anointing and blessing for God's healing love.

Post-Communion Prayer: *All Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrations and Notices

¶ The Dismissal

Blessing: The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All Amen*

Hymn

To God be the glory, great things he has done !
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord ! Praise the Lord ! Let the earth hear his voice !
Praise the Lord ! Praise the Lord ! Let the people rejoice !
O come to the Father through Jesus his Son;
and give him the glory, great things he has done !*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God !
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*If you would like something to go into the notices, please speak to...or email.....or telephone The Vicar, Andy **by 12noon on Thursday**. Contact details are on the front cover!*

TODAY:

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert: Cor Godrer Garth
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Monday October 3: 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday October 4: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday October 5: 10.00am Holy Communion (**with Healing Prayer**)
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Holy Communion

Friday October 7: Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Holy Communion

Saturday October 8: **10.00am Church Cleaning**
3.00pm Wedding (Denley and Evans)
7.00pm “Old Time Music Hall” in Church
(organised by the Choir)

NEXT SUNDAY: October 9th [20th after Trinity]

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass (Harvest Festival)

Holy Trinity 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

Calendar for the next two months:

Thursday October 13: 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Friday October 14: 7.30pm to 11.00pm Barn Dance

Sunday October 16: 10.00am All-Age Communion

Monday October 17: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Thursday October 20: 7.30pm Worship Committee

Tuesday October 25:

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 “Last Tuesday Lunch Club”

Friday October 28: (In church) 10.30am to 1.00pm Coffee Morning for Alzheimer's Charities

Sunday October 30: **CLOCKS BACK!!** **All Saints Sunday**

Wednesday November 2: Healing Prayer offered at 10.00am Service

Sunday November 6: Healing Prayer offered at 8.00am and 9.30am Services

All Souls: 11.00am at HT/ 6.00pm at CC

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Tuesday November 8: 7.30pm P.C.C.

Thursday November 10: 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Saturday November 12: 10.00am Church Cleaning

12noon to 2.00pm, Soup and Dessert in the Parish Centre (Kathy Smith)

£6 a ticket. Proceeds to Christ Church Floor Fund and a Cancer Fund

Sunday November 13:

Remembrance Sunday Act of Remembrance after coffee, around 11am
Saturday November 19: 10.00am to 1.00pm Holy Trinity Christmas Fair
Sunday November 20: 10.00am All-Age GIVING Communion Service
Monday November 21: Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital
Sunday November 27: Alverstoke - 6.00pm Deanery Advent Carols Service
Tuesday November 29:
Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

A fuller calendar can be found online at
<http://www.christchurchgosport.co.uk/calendar/>

Old Time Music Hall: The Choir will present an evening of fun and Old Time Music **THIS SATURDAY** October 8th at 7.00pm in the Church. You will be able to sing along at times with some traditional old time songs you will remember. If you would like to wear an appropriate old time hat there will be a prize for the best one. The cost (to support the floor fund) will be £5.00 (to include light refreshments). There will also be a raffle.

TODAY, 2pm - 4pm: book launch for 'Going Over the Water - Memories of the Gosport Ferry', in the hall at Christ Church. Everyone is welcome!

Christ Church's Famous Barn Dance! Friday 14th October, 7.30pm -11.00pm in the church (pews pushed to the sides!) £10.00 for plenty of dancing and a Ploughman's Supper! Bring your own tipple..... **Tickets available in church, or phone 023 92 352530**

Proposed "Walking Group" for Christ Church: to start next year. This would be a social thing: some laughs and company for anyone who would like to do a walk of not more than five miles. To begin with, it would probably every two months. You could bring a packed lunch, or a dog to walk! Anyone interested, please contact Carol Brownlow on 02392504741.

The Revd Derek James, R.I.P. As many of you will know, Derek served as Priest-in-Charge and then Vicar of our church for nineteen years, from 1977 to 1996. We are delighted and honoured that recently, Fr Andy met with his daughters to inter half of his ashes in our churchyard. The other half was interred the same day at Anns Hill Cemetery: with his beloved wife, Mary.

2017 Church Diaries are now available: at the back of church. They are provided free, but if you want to put an extra 50p in the collection if you take one, then feel free!

Gosport Deanery: Our Vicar had to resign as Area Dean in June 2015, and for him the issues (including some very concerning behaviour) that lead to his resignation

have not been resolved. He has therefore withdrawn completely from deanery life, and has discussed this decision with the Archdeacon. Nonetheless, all church members are encouraged to attend deanery services and events and to pray for the life of the deanery. The Deanery of Gosport is one of eight deaneries in our Diocese of Portsmouth. It is made up of the parishes of St Mary's Rowner; St Faith's Lee-on-the-Solent; Christ Church with Holy Trinity; St John's Forton; St Thomas's Elson with St Matthew's Bridgemary; and St Mary's with St Faith's and St Francis's, Alverstoke. A deanery enables local churches to work together more closely. The deanery clergy meet together monthly for a "Chapter" meeting. The "Deanery Synod" meets three times a year (Your PCC will have Deanery Synod Representatives who should report back). During the year there are "Deanery Services".

The next Deanery Service is Sunday November 27:

Alverstoke - 6.00pm Advent Carols Service

Sue Lambert: Andy (Vicar) writes: *"Sue is taking a temporary break from her ordination training, whilst the diocesan and training authorities sort out some issues that need addressing from their side. Please keep Sue in your prayers, as she and I ensure that her return and subsequent training is handled in an appropriate and positive manner."*

Church Up-Keep and Cleaning: If you are willing to do gardening, tidying, cleaning, minor odd jobs, repairs etc, Adrian Groves (Deputy Churchwarden) would be pleased to hear from you: **akgroves@btinternet.com or 023 92 586168. In particular, please** help keep our church looking clean on the **second** Saturday of the month. We start at 10am. **Even if you can only spare half an hour, every little helps.**

Donations to Food Banks: Thanks to Adrian Groves there is a large plastic box at the back of church for donations of non-perishable foods, also toiletries and cosmetics for local food banks, which are overwhelmed by demand at present.

Used Ink Cartridges: Do put your used printer ink cartridges in the box at the back of church.....they do raise some money for our church!

Support for Sea-farers: Would you be willing to knit some balaclavas, gloves, mitts for sea-farers? See Kath Ford (our organist) for details, and for a pattern.

Our Memorial Book: There is a fee of £10.00 per name, to add a departed loved one to the book....to cover the inscribing and a donation to church funds. **Forms are available in church.**

Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday: If a particular Sunday in the year falls on or near a significant date (perhaps the anniversary of a loved one's death; a birthday, an anniversary, etc) you can fill in the details on the list in church, and please put £5.00 into the collection. Your name(s), and the dedication (s) will appear in the service booklet for that week. **SEE LIST....**