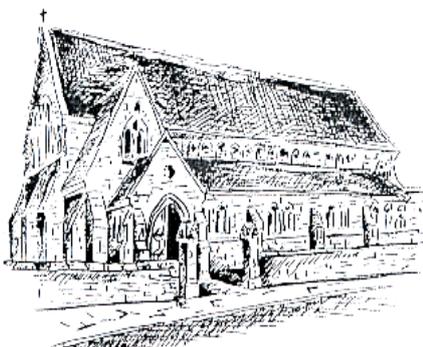


# Christ Church, Gosport

## All-Age Communion for Harvest

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Welcome to Christ Church!



[www.christchurchgosport.co.uk](http://www.christchurchgosport.co.uk)

Main Service on Sunday: **9.30am Parish Communion**

.....Except on every third Sunday (LIKE TODAY!):

**10.00am All-Age Communion**

Quiet Communion: 8.00am on Sundays; and 10.00am on Wednesdays  
(Healing prayer is offered at services on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays and 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays)

***Information about services and events coming up,  
can be found at the back of this booklet!***

## Vicar

The Revd Andy Davis, 9 Britannia Way, Gosport, PO12 4FZ.

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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 [revdpl@btinternet.com](mailto:revdpl@btinternet.com)

**Churchwardens** Eric Baker: 023 9235 2436 Adrian Groves: 023 92 586168

*(Deputy Warden as needed: Bob Harrop)*

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Welcome in the name of Christ!

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **“Shaker Song”**

We eat the plants that grow from the seed,  
but it's God who gives the harvest.  
Cures can be made from herbs and from weeds,  
but it's God who gives the harvest  
Ev 'ry-thing beneath the sun,  
all the things we claim we've done  
All are part of God's creation;  
we can meet people's needs  
with things we grow from seed,  
but it's God who gives the harvest.

We find the iron and turn it into steel,  
but it's God who gives the harvest.  
We pull the levers, we turn the wheels,  
but it's God who gives the harvest.  
Ev'rything we say we've made,  
plastic bags to metal spades,  
all are part of God's creation:  
we can make lots of things  
from microchips to springs,  
but it's God who gives the harvest.

## Celebrations and Birthdays

### **Preparation for the Word:**

We worship with Christians near and far,  
Living and departed, old and young.

God's word is for all of us.

**May it be a lamp to our feet  
And a light to our path.**

*(A bible is placed on the lectern  
and candles near it are lit.)*

Lord, speak to us  
**that we may hear your word.**

Move among us  
**that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers  
**that we may learn to trust you.**  
**Amen.**

### **Collect**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we offer thanksgiving  
for your love in creation. Plant within us  
a reverence for all that you give us  
and the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(Matthew 13: 4-9) **[Read together]***

**Jesus Said: A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the footpath: and the birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on the rocky ground, where it had little soil and it sprouted quickly because it had no depth of earth; but when the sun rose the young corn was scorched and as it had no root it withered away. Some seed fell among thistles and the thistles shot up, and choked the corn. And some of the seed fell into good soil where it bore fruit, yielding a hundredfold or as it might be, sixtyfold or thirtyfold. If you have ears then hear**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Talk**

Hymn

Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green,  
Strawberries sweeter than any I've seen,  
Beetroot purple and onions white:  
All grow steadily day and night.

*The apples are ripe, the plums are red,  
Broad beans are sleeping in a blankety bed.*

Blackberries juicy and rhubarb sour,  
Marrows fattening hour by hour,  
Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat,  
Radishes round and runner beans flat.

*The apples are ripe....*

Orangey carrots and turnips cream,  
Reddening tomatoes that used to be green,  
Brown potatoes in little heaps  
Down in the darkness where the celery sleeps.

*The apples are ripe....*

Thank you for the harvest, both great and small,  
Praise you for your love Lord, surrounding us all,  
Thank you, Lord, for the gift you've given,  
Praise you, Father, for the promise of heaven.

*The summer sun, the wind and the rain;  
Thank you, Lord for the harvest again.*

## **Prayers**

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

Hymn *(during which the collection is taken  
and the Altar prepared)*

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by  
**Joyce and Rob Bissell** just to say **Thank you, Lord.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer – The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift  
that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts  
we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food

offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours forever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in 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.  
Lead us not into temptation and 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  
**Though we are many we are one body  
because we all share in one bread.**

*(We share Communion)*

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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.*

**Lord we have broken your bread  
and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in you love  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Notices

Hymn **(During which harvest gifts  
may be brought forward)**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

We ourselves are God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,

free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

### **Blessing**

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator through all eternity; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

**All Amen**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

## **The Next All-Age Communion is:**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00am**

*Do stay on after the main service for **refreshments and chat – at the back of the church every Sunday** and do join in the **CAKE RAFFLE**: We use this to raise money for charitable causes, and for specific church initiatives!*

*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 – Heritage Open Days**

*[Christ Church: HARVEST FESTIVAL*

*Holy Trinity: 16th Sunday after Trinity]*

**Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion**

**Christ Church, 10.00am HARVEST All-Age Communion**

**.....followed by Parish Lunch (bring and share) with guest speaker:**

**Rob Clark on Nursery Rhymes**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

*Holy Trinity, Marking Geoffrey Holroyde's 90th Birthday after Mass*

**Holy Trinity, 2.00pm Pam Rhodes**

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

**Holy Trinity, 7.00pm Concert by "The Catgut Hooligans"**

*(Holy Trinity, 8.00pm Meeting of small group)*

# **THIS WEEK**

**Monday September 17:**

**Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm**

**Organ Recital: Jeffrey Williams**

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday September 18:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

7.00pm Mother's Union

**Wednesday September 19:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Friday September 14:** Christ Church, 12noon Funeral of Kenneth McDonald

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

## **NEXT SUNDAY: September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**[Christ Church: 17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity; Holy Trinity: Dedication Sunday]**

**Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion**

**Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 2.00pm to 5.30pm Booking for Capper Room

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

# Our Weekly Pattern

**Please check the weekly Calendar above for any deviations.**

**Mondays:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice  
(*The Vicar takes Monday as a day off*)

**Tuesdays:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Wednesdays:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion  
Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning  
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Fridays:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning  
Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

## Key Dates in the next Two months

**Events for today and through to next Sunday, are above.**

**There is an online Calendar - which you could save as a *Bookmark or Favourite*. Just go to our church's website.**

**Tuesday September 25:**

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

**Wednesday September 26:**

Christ Church, 1.30pm Newtown School Harvest Service

**Friday September 28:** Carol Brownlow's (24 Mayfield Road)

10.00am to 12noon MacMillan Cancer "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning"

**Saturday September 29:** Christ Church Centre, 7.00pm Beetle Drive

**Sunday September 30:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Celtic Evening Service

**Saturday October 6:** Holy Trinity, (all day) Visit of Historic Churches Trust

**Sunday October 7:** Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

**Thursday October 11:** Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Friday October 12:** Holy Trinity, All Day Booking for evening Charity Concert  
(Ken Taylor) *No cleaning or Mass*

**Sunday October 14:** Holy Trinity: Harvest/ St Francis

Holy Trinity, 1.00pm Baptism (Thorpe)

**Monday October 15:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

**Tuesday October 16:** 2.00pm Mother's Union

**Wednesday October 17:**

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

**Thursday October 18:**

Holy Trinity, 6.45pm to 9.30pm Meeting of "Churches Together in Gosport"

**Friday October 19:** Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Harvest Supper

**Saturday October 20:** Holy Trinity, 12noon Baptism (Connor)

**Wednesday October 24:** Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

**Sunday October 28:** All Saints Sunday [CLOCKS BACK!!]

**Tuesday October 30:**

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

**Saturday November 3:** Holy Trinity, 2.00pm Wedding (Rose and Gee)

**Sunday November 4:** All Souls

(Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 8.00am and 9.30am Services)

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Christ Church, 6.00pm All Souls Service

**Tuesday November 6:** Christ Church, 7.30pm P.C.C.

**Wednesday November 7:** (Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 10.00am Service)

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

**Thursday November 8:** Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Friday November 9:**

Christ Church, 1.30pm Newtown School Remembrance Service

**Saturday November 10:** Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

**Sunday November 11:** Remembrance Sunday

Christ Church, 11.00am Act of Remembrance

Holy Trinity, 10.50am (N.B.) Parish Mass

**Monday November 12:** Holy Trinity, 8.00am to 10.00pm Bay House

Commemoration of WW1

**Wednesday November 14:**

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm P.C.C.

## Notices

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Evening of Variety Entertainment by Christ Church Choir & Friends has been postponed until the New Year.....

**"World's Biggest Coffee Morning" (Macmillan)** Friday September 28, 10.00am to 12noon at **Carol Brownlow's House (24 Mayfield Road).**

**Beetle Drive!** Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>, Christ Church Centre, 7.00pm.

Tickets £5.00 (which includes tea/coffee and cake. If you want wine, bring your own!) Organised by the Ladies' Group.

**"Prayer Spaces" in Church:** Children from Newtown School will once again be coming to Christ Church, one year group at a time from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, to experience four "Prayer Spaces". These are interactive and sensory ways of praying. We are looking for people to help prepare materials, and to be present when they come, to welcome and help them. **You would need to be available on weekdays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. If you are willing to be involved – either in preparations, or when they come – please speak to the Vicar!**

**Wool Wanted!** If anyone has any oddments of wool (however small) that they can no longer have a use for, June Chase would be pleased to use them to make items for sale at the Christmas Fair.

**Celtic Evening Services:** Following the well-received service at Christ Church for "Thy Kingdom Come", there is a Celtic Evening Service, 6.00pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Milk Bottle tops for Alicia Pannell:** Please continue to bring your plastic milk bottle tops and put them in the yellow box. We are collecting for Alicia Pannell, a local girl, who has cerebral palsy and hydrocephalus. Alicia needs 24 hour care, which her parents Lee and Sharon undertake. Alicia also has epilepsy and global development delay. Despite her disabilities, Alicia is "a very happy princess". Due to her physical disability, Alicia suffers daily pain and discomfort in all her limbs and muscles. She has various medications to help but intense therapies would help ease these discomforts that disturb her sleep on a daily basis. The family's fundraising is a continuous battle to purchase vital equipment and therapies to help Alicia live as normal a life as they can help her to.

**Prayer List:** Praying for people by name during our services is important and special. But to save the list getting longer and longer, please let us know if a name can be removed.....

**Our Memorial Book:** There is now a reduced fee of just £5.00 per name, to add a departed loved one to the book.... **Forms are available in church.**

**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.

**"Heart for the Homeless": WE NEED:** Socks, men's jeans/track trousers - waists 32" 34" 36" (there are no overweight homeless) T-shirts, light rain-proof jackets. Small tubes of sun cream, small packets of wet wipes, hand gels, razors, small tubes of sudocream, lip salve, vaseline, rucksacks, sleeping bags, trainers all sizes. We at Heart for the Homeless really appreciate your kind and generous donation "Heart for the Homeless" is a "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG) project, which is actively supported by members of Christ Church and Holy Trinity. There is a free lunch in Christ Church Centre: 1.00pm to 3.00pm every 4th Sunday. Please spread the word about the lunch....

**CDs of Jerusalem Joy:** Thank you to all who supported the presentation of Roger Jones's *Jerusalem Joy* on Saturday 24 March. Over £260.00 was raised for the Floor Appeal Fund. A recording of the performance is now available on CD at £5.00 a copy. Again, proceeds will go to the Floor Fund. If you wish to order a copy please contact Ruth Warren.

**Collections at 10.00am Communion on Wednesdays:** There will now be a collection plate put out at this service each week, so people have the opportunity to give if they wish (including for visitors, or those who don't go on Sundays).

**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 AT THE BACK OF CHURCH....**

**Church Up-Keep and Cleaning:** If you are willing to do gardening, tidying, cleaning, minor odd jobs, repairs etc, Adrian Groves 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.**

**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.