

CHRIST CHURCH PORTSDOWN ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PURBROOK

Parish Profile 2019

INTRODUCTION

Christ Church Portsdown (CCP) and St John the Baptist Purbrook (SJP) have been part of an informal cluster with Church of the Good Shepherd Crookhorn (CoGS) since 2013. There are plans to merge CCP and SJP into a single parish during 2019. The three parishes are part of the Deanery of Havant, within the Archdeaconry of Portsdown in the Diocese of Portsmouth and offer a variety of styles of worship. There are no other expressions of mainstream denominations in the parishes.

We are seeking a Title Curate to serve from Petertide 2019 primarily at CCP and SJP, with occasional experience at CoGS.

The training incumbent will be **Revd Andy Wilson**. Andy has been Vicar of CCP since October 2007, during which time he has been responsible for the training of four title curates and CCP has produced three ordinands. Andy has been an Area Dean of Havant and Portsmouth New Wine Network leader and is Chaplain to Havant & Waterlooville Football Club. In January 2019, Andy was additionally licensed as Priest-in-Charge of SJP.

CHRIST CHURCH PORTSDOWN



Christ Church is an evangelical parish church which seeks to

- become more like Christ Jesus
- share his love with the community around us, and
- help all discover Jesus for themselves.

The church building is situated near the top of Portsdown Hill (PO6 3NB), to the north of Portsmouth. The southern part of the parish lies within the City of Portsmouth and the northern part is mostly in the Borough of Havant. There is also an area of farmland which is in the District of Winchester.

Data from the 2011 census places the population of the parish at 6,290, 20% of whom are aged 65 and over. 94% are white British. Property types range from large detached houses on big plots to more closely packed semi-detached and terraced housing.

CCP has a long evangelical history and is probably now best described as Open Evangelical. The patrons are Simeon's Trustees.

Worship at CCP

The current pattern of services is as follows:

The 8.00 Service: Holy Communion (alternating CW 1 & 2) with a sermon. Average attendance: 11

The 10.30 Service: Holy Communion (CW1) twice/month, otherwise Morning Worship.

Average attendance: 65 adults, 9 children

The 6.00 Service: Once a month, an informal service of contemporary worship, and every two months, Refuel, a quiet contemplative service. Average attendance: 14

On the first Sunday evening of each month we join with other local churches for a New Wine Celebration held at CoGS.

Musical worship at CCP is usually led by a music group. Once each month at The 10.30 Service and at special services such as D-Day Memorial, Remembrance and Christmas Carols, hymns are accompanied by the organ.

Midweek Communion Thursday 10.00, twice/month. Average attendance: 7

Children, Young People and Families

Lighthouse (for young children) meets during The 10.30 Service. This is a small group and we continue to review our provision for this age group.

A **Toddlers Group**, affiliated to the church, meets weekly in the Church Hall. A team of church members help serve refreshments.

Who Let The Dads Out? meets monthly on a Saturday morning in the Church Hall for Dads (or male carers) and their pre-school children.

Scouts (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts) and **Guides** (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section) meet in their own hall in the grounds of the church hall. The links with the church are strong and Parade Services are held 4 times/year.

Occasional Offices

In 2018 there were 4 baptisms and 7 weddings. There were 15 funerals, 8 of which were in church.

Ministry Team

Revd Andy Wilson, Vicar.

Sandra Morgan, Reader since 1997, licensed to Christ Church in 2015.

Two clergy with PTO are active in the parish.

Local Mission and Community Activities

The monthly **Neighbourhood Lunch** provides a two course meal at a very reasonable price with good company. About half of those attending are not church members.

Christ Church Portsdown Good Neighbours provides a range of services, 7 days a week, to those living in the parish, including transport, minor DIY jobs and befriending.

Mission Support

Mission Support at Christ Church is centred on supporting specific local, national and overseas agencies which have a Biblical Christian basis. The missions currently supported in this way are Bible Society, Tearfund, Portsmouth School Pastors, Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Mission to Seafarers, The Barnabas Fund, Church Mission Society, Simeon's Trustees, Bible Reading Fellowship, Children's Society and Church Army. The target is that total donations to mission given from and through the PCC should be 10% of our income.



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PURBOOK

Saint John's is a traditional, middle-of-the-road, parish church, under the patronage of the Bishop. The church building is in Purbrook village (PO7 5RS), now part of Waterlooville, one mile to the north of CCP. The parish lies within the Borough of Havant.

Data from the 2011 census places the population of the parish at 8,426, 15% of whom are aged 65 and over. 84% are white British. There is a range of property, including 11% social housing. The West of Waterlooville Major Development Area (Berewood) is bringing 3,000 new houses to the area, some of which are already built and are in the parish. Potential changes to parish boundaries could bring more of the new development into the parish. There are plans to appoint a 0.5 Stipend Pioneer Associate to Portsdown Cluster, reporting to Andy Wilson and based on the new development.

Worship at SJP

Sunday 10am: Holy Communion (CWI). Average attendance: 45 adults, 5 children

Sunday 6pm: Compline (lay led), Average attendance: 5

Children, Young People and Families

There is an activity for young children during the 10.00 service and a small group of teenagers (Emmaus) meets at the same time.

Guides (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides) meet in the church hall and have good links with the church.

The church is immediately neighboured by two **pre-schools**, one of which meets in the church hall.

Occasional Offices

In 2018 there were 15 baptisms and 5 weddings. There were 12 funerals, 6 of which were in church.

Ministry Team

Revd Andy Wilson, Priest-in-Charge.

Local Mission and Community Activities

Broadways Coffee Shop on the main road near to the church and run by church members, opens six mornings/week.

Open the Book Team visits Purbrook Infant School monthly.

Extended Communion is taken by lay ministers into two care homes in the parish.

The Rowans Hospice, sited just within the neighbouring parish of Southwick, but close to St John's attracts much support from church members at SJP and CCP.

PORTSDOWN CLUSTER

In 2013, the Portsdown Cluster was created. The three parishes of Portsdown, Crookhorn and Purbrook have committed to working together whenever appropriate. As a mark of this, the incumbents of each parish were co-licensed as Curates in the other two parishes. The three parishes provide a wide range of worship from Charismatic Evangelical to Central Anglican. The cluster will provide good opportunities for anyone joining the ministry team.

HOUSING

There is a three-bedroom semi-detached curate's house, owned by the Diocese, situated in the parish of Purbrook, and previously occupied by Curates at Waterlooville, Portsdown and Crookhorn.

SCHOOLS

Within the cluster are 6 Primary Schools, 3 Secondary Schools, a large 6th form college and a special school. Many of these are ranked good or outstanding by OFSTED. The churches have good relationships with several of them, including two Catholic schools.

CONCLUSION

This is an exciting time in the development of the Portsdown Cluster as the churches seek to work closer together to further the Kingdom of God in the area. The mix of worship styles, coupled with the opportunity to be part of further expressions of church will provide an excellent training opportunity, supported by an experienced training minister.

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