



CHRIST CHURCH, WORTHING
HARVEST FESTIVAL
HOLY COMMUNION

1st October 2017



Service led by the Rev David Renshaw and
Canon Muriel Pargeter

*The Voluntary after the service will be:
Gavotte in Bb (Book 2 no. 10) by Caleb Simper 1856-1942*

*“Before the service, talk to God; during the service, let God talk
to you, after the service, talk to each other!”*

Welcome & Notices *[Sit]*

Poem "Diary of a Church Mouse" by Sir John Betjeman
Read by Jenny Chandler

Processional Hymn from the back of the church. *[Stand]*

Anyone with Harvest Gifts is invited to follow the choir and the clergy to the Chancel step to present their gifts during the singing of this hymn.

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.

Refrain:

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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The Greeting

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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.

Prayers of Penitence *[Sit or kneel]*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of
the world.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All: forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All: forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All: forgive us and help us.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *[Stand]*

All sing

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

All **Amen.**

Worship Song *[Stand or remain seated as you prefer]*

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

Refrain: Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free. *Refrain*

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord. *Refrain*

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DRAMATISED BIBLE READING *[Sit] Luke 12:13-21*

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Worship Song *[Stand or remain seated as you prefer]*

Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a world without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.

We thank You, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
we thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank You, Lord, for all Your living creatures,
we thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
think of a street with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.
We thank You, Lord, for families and friendships,
we thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.

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Sermon *[Sit]* *The Rev Canon Muriel Pargeter*

after which, a short period of silence is kept

Metrical Version of the Creed *[Stand]*

I believe in God the Father
Who has made both heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ our Saviour
Mary's child of wondrous birth.
 Gabriel's word
 She believed
 And the Son of God conceived.
Suffering under Pontius Pilate
To the cross our Lord was led:
In a garden tomb was buried
And descended to the dead.
 But the stone
 Rolled away,
 Jesus rose on Easter Day.

Risen, ascended to the heavens,
At the Father's side to reign,
As the Judge of dead and living
Christ our Lord will come again.

Voices raise
In his praise:
King he is to endless days.

I believe one Holy Spirit,
In one Church of God believe:
Catholic and Apostolic,
All baptised one faith receive:
Here on earth
And above
One in fellowship of love.

In the joy of free forgiveness
And the end of sin and strife,
In the resurrection body
I believe in endless life:
In God's love
Father, Son
Holy Spirit: Three in One.

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Prayers of Intercession *[Sit or kneel]*

At the end.... All: **AMEN**

The Peace *[Stand]*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. *[cf Galatians 5.22,23]*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn *[Stand]*

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
in hymns of adoration,
to thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
the valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
the first fruits of thy blessing.
By thee the hungry soul is fed
with gifts of grace supernal;
thou, who dost give us earthly bread,
give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,
and often toil seems dreary;
but labour ends with sunset ray,
and rest comes for the weary.
May we, the angel reaping over,
stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves, for evermore
to garner bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God
where saints abide forever,
where golden fields spread fair and broad,
where flows the crystal river;
the strains of all its holy throng
with ours today are blending;
thrice blessèd is that harvest song
which never hath an ending.

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Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**



All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
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.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All sing Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer - As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the
world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.

*All are welcome to come to the table, please carry your
service sheet if you wish to receive only a blessing'.*

Prayer after Communion [*Remain sitting or kneeling*]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Together we pray:

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal [*Stand*]

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All be 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!

All the world is 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.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

Blessing

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: in the name of Christ. Amen.



Please join us for coffee or tea
and a chance to chat after the service followed by a
buffet lunch, to which everyone is welcome!

*There is prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at
10am for 15 minutes before the service,
you are welcome to join at anytime.*

Forthcoming Services in October

- 1st October 6pm BCP Evensong**
with Revd Roger Walker
- 8th October 10.30am Morning Prayer**
with Revd David Renshaw
- 12th October 12.30 pm BCP Holy Communion**
with Revd George Butterworth
- 15th October 10.30am Holy Communion**
with Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 15th October 6pm BCP Evensong**
with Revd George Butterworth
- 22nd October 10.30am Morning Prayer**
with Derek Hansen
- 26th October 12.30am BCP Holy Communion**
with Revd Alex Grubb
- 29th October 10.30am Holy Communion**
with Revd Alex Grubb and Canon Muriel Pargeter

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Wednesday Coffee mornings

Many thanks to all come along to support the Wednesday coffee mornings.

On the 27th September £71.10 was raised for the Christ Church Churchwardens' discretionary fund



All those who are lonely, sick, grieving or troubled.

We also hold in prayer all our neighbouring parishes in the centre of Worthing who are also without a priest at the moment: St Matthew's, St Andrew's and St Botolphs

Dates for your diary !

Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Lunchtime entertainment - 'Lunchtime with John Collins and friends' – a mixture of Organ music, songs and readings
Entry is free, bring your packed lunch; coffee and tea will be available. Donations welcomed on exit towards the Organ Repair Fund.

Tuesday, 31st October 2017

We welcome back **Michael Donin (ex-Mayor)** and his partner, **Linda Williams**, who will relate more of their experiences during their working lives and during their time in Office.

Monday 6th November at 7pm

“The Last Fisherman Standing” will be screening the Cornish "Last Fisherman" feature film, created by “We Are Ronin”, a group of award winning documentary makers.

This poetic film, recently featured on Countryfile, shares insights into a livelihood that is all but clinging on to today's world, in Worthing and elsewhere along the British coast.

The screening will take place in Worthing's fishermen's church, Christ Church, in Grafton Road. The South Gallery of the church was traditionally known as the ‘Fishermen’s gallery’.

The film will be followed with a Q&A session with the producer and director of the film.”



The Last Fisherman Standing is run by a team at “We Are FoodPioneers CIC”, a local social enterprise based in Worthing. They managed to secure Heritage Lottery funding for this project in the summer of 2016 and are now pushing forward to explore the local fishing heritage along the South Coast, with a particular focus on Worthing. The last full-time fishermen stopped working on Worthing’s beach in 2015, and their heritage along with their small-scale fishing techniques and their traditions are disappearing fast. There has never been more urgency to

preserve the fishing heritage in Worthing, and to record and share the memories and experiences of the town's long-time fishing families. ***Visit their website and come along and watch their film on 6th November in Christ Church.***
www.lastfishermanstanding.org.uk

Sunday, 26th November at 10.30 am

Service of Morning Prayer with **Kristin Stevenson** from the **Bible Society** who will tell us of their work.

6 pm 1662 BCP Evensong – Service order

Conducted by Revd. Roger Walker

Hymn 421 *Father of heaven, whose love profound*

Confession etc. *(see booklet)*

Responses

Psalm 124 *(see pointed sheet)*

1st Reading, Ezekiel 37: 15 – end

Reader: Joan Pemble

Canticle – Magnificat *(see pointed sheet)*

2nd Reading, 1 John 2: 22 - end

Reader: Sue Caple

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis *(see pointed sheet)*

Creed, Responses, Collects *(see booklet)*

Hymn 170 *Jesus in Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it*

Prayers *led by Dorothy Foan*

Hymn 430 *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 311 *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Our thanks to Revd Roger Walker for leading our service tonight - please stay for coffee or tea and a chat afterwards