



Christ Church Worthing

HYMN, SONG AND PEW SHEET

The Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017



**10.30am Holy Communion
Led by Canon Muriel Pargeter and
Revd Alex Grubb**

There is prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at 10 am for 15 minutes before the service and you are welcome to join at any time.

TODAY:

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24 read by Helene Vine

Gospel: John 1: 6 – 8, 19 - 28 read by Val Grubb

and

Intercessions led by Steve Langdell

The organ Voluntary following our Service today will be:

Ricercare Secondo dell Secondo Tuono con 2 fughe e suoi riversi by

Giovanni Salvatore ca 1620-88

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

24th December 10.30am Morning Prayer
with Revd David Renshaw and Canon Muriel Pargeter

24th December 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
with Revd David Renshaw

25th December 10.30am Holy Communion
with Revd David Renshaw

28th December 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion
with Revd George Butterworth

31st December 10.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Alex Grubb and Canon Muriel Pargeter

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Opening Hymn [34]

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward.
without thy grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

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Worship Songs

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love springs from eternity;
such love, streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

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Song 2

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

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Solutions Daybreak*

Offertory Hymn [26]

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;
"cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven.
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiven.

That, when next he comes with glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run!

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Final Hymn [27]

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
and every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

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Please stay for coffee and a chat after the service!



Al those who are lonely, sick, grieving or troubled and our neighbouring churches also in vacancy: St Andrew's, St Botolph's and St Matthews.

We were very sad to hear that Brian Pack passed away on Monday, 11th December, soon after moving with Marjorie to a care home in Rustington. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marjorie, their son and daughters. The funeral service will take place at Christ Church on Thursday, 4th January 2018 at 10.45am.



to all who come along to support the Wednesday coffee mornings.

Many thanks to all who supported both the Christmas Coffee Morning and Flower Demonstration last Saturday. The total raised for the Organ Restoration Fund was £652.30.

THE CHRISTMAS POST BOX is at the back of the Church for you to post your cards **to church members** [no external mail]. Please ensure your cards are correctly addressed with Christian and surnames so the post 'sorters' can put them on the right piles. Last posting on 24th December but please post **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**.



Dates for your diary !

6th December to 4th January 2018 *Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival returns!*



Come along and see the trees donated and decorated by the many groups within our church fellowship, the Missions we support and the many friends and groups from the community who use our Church regularly.

Note to those donating trees:

Trees will be taken down on Wednesday, 3rd January between 10.30am and 12 noon and Thursday, 4th January between 2.30 and 4.30pm

TODAY !

17th December – 4pm



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Join us once again for our Annual Service of Nine Carols and Readings and start Christmas off in the true spirit !



On Wednesday, 20th December, we will have an informal programme of Christmas Carols round the piano during the Coffee Morning from 11 – 11.30. Please come along and choose your favourite carol and enjoy coffee, mince pies and a jolly good sing !



Hope Now is a mission that supports many, including orphaned children in the Ukraine. As one of the missions that Christ Church supports, we are this year collecting Christmas gifts to be brought in to place beneath the tree between 6th December, when the trees will be on display, until the Christmas Carol service on 17th December.

After the Carol service, the gifts will be transported to Southampton, to their distribution depot after the service, to reach the children for their Christmas as the Ukraine celebrates Christmas in January.

Gifts should be for a child, unwrapped, and placed in a Christmas bag. This is to ensure they get through the border checks, and that the people distributing them can give them to the most appropriate age group and gender etc.

Foundation Governors for C of E Primary Schools needed!

The Governors of several local CE Primary schools are currently looking to recruit new Foundation governors who will be appointed by the Diocese of Chichester. Foundation governors must be active members of their local Anglican Church or another parish church, or of another Christian church in fellowship with the Church of England.

Governors set the vision and strategic direction for the school. They meet regularly to make corporate decisions and work within clearly defined statutory roles and responsibilities; these include reviewing school policies, safeguarding, setting the budget and monitoring the children's progress. We are looking particularly for people who could offer data analysis or finance skills alongside a genuine commitment to governance. Training and support is available for this interesting and worthwhile voluntary role.

Becoming a governor could be considered to be a Christian calling: a situation in which you are being asked to commit your time and energy for a fixed term, working 'in the world', for a better world. To have a Christian vocation is to be a person who seeks to develop and to nurture the gifts that God provides and to utilise them in the service of God and other people.

If you are interested in finding out more about governance or becoming a foundation governor, please contact Revd Helena Buque (Rural Dean) findon.rectory@btinternet.com or speak to Janine Hobbs or John Bull who can pass your details to Revd Helena Buque, if you are not online.