

Christ Church Worthing

DEDICATION FESTIVAL commemorating 175 Years!

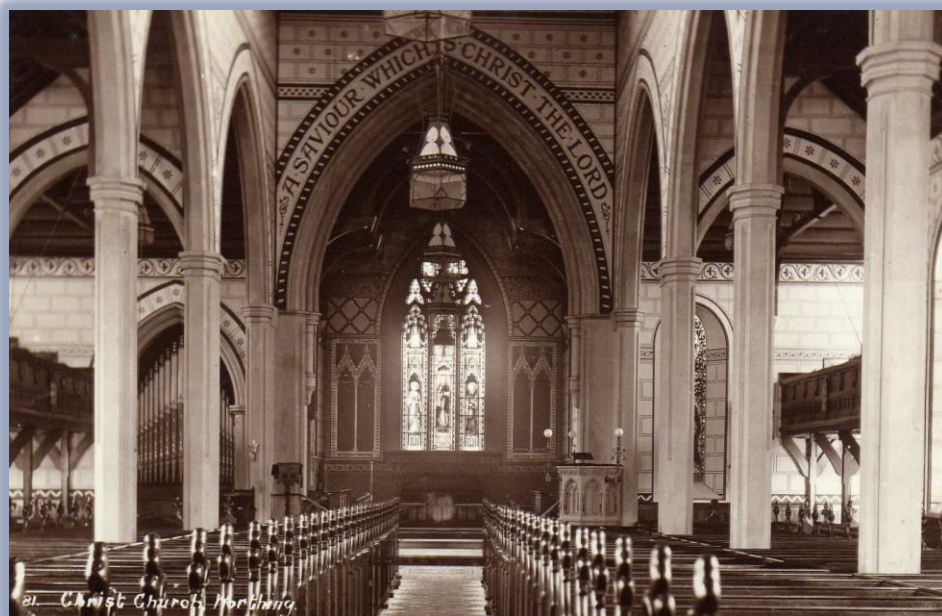


*Built to the Glory of God and a symbol of God's Love
to a broken and divided world.*

ORDER OF SERVICE 23rd September 2018

**10.30am Morning Prayer led by
the Revd David Renshaw and Derek Hansen**

The Voluntary after the Service this morning on the 175th anniversary of the Dedication of Christ Church will be the Coronation Anthem (Zadok the Priest), no. XX of the adaptations for organ by John Marsh of Airs and Chorusses by G.F.Handel. Marsh (1752-1828) was organist at Chichester and played in Worthing; although he would not have known Christ Church, it is possible that his Voluntaries were still in print in 1843.





Greeting

Like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ. *1 Peter 2.5*

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

HYMN 585

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word;
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

ACCLAMATION

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.
You will see heaven wide open,
and God's angels ascending
and descending upon the Son of Man.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

PRAYER of PENITENCE

We are a temple of God's indwelling Holy Spirit,
yet we have grieved him.
The temple of our bodies does not belong to us,
but was bought at the price of Christ's precious blood.
So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence,
to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

Penitential Kyrie

Zeal for your house has eaten me up
and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen upon me.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in from this time forward for evermore.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

SONG

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that Holy Place. *Refrain*

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 8:22-30 (NIV) read by Pat B

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven and said:

“O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it – as it is today.

“Now LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me as you have done.’ And now, O God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, O LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’ so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive.”

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN - 453

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain:*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain:*

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New Testament Reading - John 10:22-29 read by Ann P

The time came for the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered round him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."

SONG

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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REFLECTION – Derek Hansen

HYMN 262

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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Russian hymn

COLLECT

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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.

Prayers of Intercessions – led by Val

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, which 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 them that 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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - 81

Lord, for the years, your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that Word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

LIGHT PRAYER

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Saviour of all.
You give light to those who walk in darkness, and desire that in every place

prayer shall be offered in Jesus' name.

We bless you for grace made known in this house of prayer,
for the gathering of your people,
for sins forgiven, for lives made new,
for light that shines from the Scriptures,
for love made known at your table,
for the foretaste of heaven in all your saints.

Hope of the nations, refuge of the weary,
Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Light of the World.

Amen.

DEDICATION PRAYER

All Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.
Thanks be to God.



Please stay for coffee and a chat after the service!

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

27th September 12.30pm BCP Holy Communion
with Revd David Renshaw

30th September 10.30am Holy Communion
with Canon Muriel Pargeter and Revd David Renshaw

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All those whom we know that are sick, troubled, grieving or lonely, our neighbouring church St Andrew's, in vacancy; and church family members and residents in local nursing & care homes whom Muriel and the pastoral team visit.

Open Church



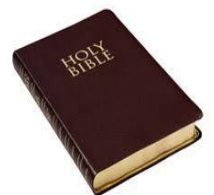
Many thanks to all who come along to support our 'Open Church' days throughout the week, and especially to our fundraising Mission coffee mornings each Wednesday, when we welcome donations for the many missions we support.

PRINT CARTRIDGES AND TONERS The new supplier for the church office stationery etc. also recycles print toners and cartridges. They are supplying us with a box to collect them, so please bring in your old used cartridges and toners and give them to Janine or Ann. Thank you!

If anyone feels that they would like to lead Intercessions occasionally at morning or evening services, please see Janine

Home Group – please note the one off change of date!

The 'Home Group' that meets in the church to which all are welcome to attend will meet at 2.30pm to 3.30pm on **Tuesday 9th October**. After then this group will take a rest for the winter, meeting again in February 2019, on the first Tuesday of the month; then breaking again to make way for a Lent group until after Easter when the group will resume.





Window on the Pier

If you care to take a walk along Worthing's pier, you will see several colourful windows, along the centre dividing panel, each one representing a group, organisation or church etc. from Worthing.

'Windows on the Pier' is a Worthing Journal initiative. Editor Paul Holden's aspiration is to create a cathedral-like gallery of stunning multi-coloured glass on Worthing Pier in Sussex that represents local societies, people and projects. There are literally hundreds of windows so once complete it will be quite a spectacle and something Worthing can be proud of!

The pier is actually in the parish of Christ Church, and the PCC have agreed to pay for a window to be erected for Christ Church. An artist who specialises in stained glass has been commissioned to produce some sample pictures, so you, the congregation, and the PCC can choose what we finally ask to be placed on the pier.

The total cost is £500. If anybody would like to donate anything towards this, please place your donation in a Gift Aid envelope marked 'WINDOW', or speak to the treasurer, Ken Hobbs.

Keeping in touch!

Christ Church operates a taxi service for those who find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday, or through the week. If you would like to use the service, please talk with Joan, Sylvia or Lorraine. They can then give you the phone number and the password to book a cab. **You do not then have to pay the driver. This is not dependent in any way on ability to pay,** this is to help people get to church, without worrying if they have change, or need to call at the last minute etc. If people feel they would like to contribute towards the cost of the fares, they merely place their donation in a Gift Aid envelope, marked '*Taxi*'.

