

Christ Church, Worthing



Friday 5th October 2018
3.00pm

Service for Her Majesty's Judges, Magistrates
and representatives of the voluntary and
statutory organisations working for the
community in West Sussex



The High Sheriff of West Sussex
Mrs Caroline Nicholls DL

WELCOME

I am delighted that today's service is being held in my home town of Worthing and at Christ Church, which sits appropriately at the heart of the town, close to the Law Courts and the Civic Centre.

The Office of High Sheriff is over a thousand years old. The original "Shire Reeves" were Royal officials appointed to enforce the monarch's interests in a County, to collect revenues and enforce law and order. High Sheriffs are still appointed by the Queen through Warrant of the Privy Council. They have certain independence, under the Crown, and are non-political.

Some of the original duties - collecting taxes, issuing the Queen's Writs, and enforcing civic order - have now been assigned or delegated to other agencies. However from those ancient times High Sheriffs retain responsibilities for the maintenance of the loyalty of the subjects of the Crown and, as the last part of their Declaration Oath on appointment says, in all things to behave themselves in their office, 'for the honour of the Queen and the good of all her subjects'.

They still have responsibility for the well-being and protection of her Majesty's Judges in the County and attending on them in Court - indeed, today's Judges' Service has its origins in the Assize Service which always preceded a Judge's visit to preside at the Assizes in the County. Their more formal duties can include the Proclamation of the Accession of a new Sovereign, acting as Returning Officer for Parliamentary elections in the County and attending on Royal Visitors who come to the County.

Today's High Sheriffs give active support and encouragement to the police and to the emergency services, to the courts, including magistrates, probation and prison services and other agencies involved with crime prevention - particularly among young people. They also promote the wide range of voluntary work within their communities. All of these are represented here today - and today's service is an opportunity for all of us to stand back and reflect on our role in the West Sussex community, revisit our values and renew our hope.

HER MAJESTY’S JUDGES

The Honourable Mr Justice Edis

Her Honour Judge Laing QC

His Honour Judge Kemp

His Honour Judge Niblett

Her Honour Judge Waddicor

Her Honour Judge Jakens

His Honour Judge Bedford

His Honour Judge Thorp

Her Honour Judge Henson QC

HM Coroner for West Sussex

Ms Penelope Schofield

District Judge Collins

HER MAJESTY’S HIGH SHERIFFS

High Sheriff of Hampshire

Mr Mark Thistlethwayte

High Sheriff of East Sussex

Major-General John Moore-Bick CBE DL

High Sheriff of West Sussex

Mrs Caroline Nicholls DL

CHAPLAIN TO THE HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST SUSSEX

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Baldwin

SWORD BEARER TO THE HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST SUSSEX

Cal Nicholls

UNDER SHERIFF FOR THE BAILIWICK OF SUSSEX

Mr Kevin Smyth

Service Conducted by

The Reverend David Renshaw
Vicar of Christ Church, Worthing

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Baldwin
Chaplain to the High Sheriff of West Sussex

Before the Service, some 16th to early 19th century organ music from across Europe, including pieces by Pachelbel, Frescobaldi, Froberger, Seixas, Goodwin, Gibbons, Bull and Linley, will be played by John Collins, Organist of Christ Church.

At 2.50pm The Reverend David Renshaw receives the Civic Procession led by the Mayor and Mayoress of Worthing, accompanied by the Deputy Youth Mayor bearing the Borough Mace, with the Chairman of West Sussex County Council and Mayors of East Grinstead, Chichester, Arundel, Littlehampton, the Deputy Mayors of Crawley and Bognor Regis, the Youth Mayor of Worthing and the Chairmen of Horsham, Chichester, Adur, Mid-Sussex and Arun District Councils, who process to their seats.

The Reverend David Renshaw receives The Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex Mrs Susan Pyper and her husband Mr Jonathan Pyper and The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex Mrs Sara Stonor and Mr Michael Rudman and escorts them to their seats.

The Reverend David Renshaw receives Her Majesty's Judges and West Sussex Coroner attended by The High Sheriff of East Sussex, The High Sheriff of Hampshire and the High Sheriff of West Sussex, her Chaplain The Reverend Canon Jonathan Baldwin, Chief Constable Giles York QPM and Director of Operations and Chief Fire Officer for West Sussex Gavin Watts.

All stand as Her Majesty's Judges and the High Sheriffs process to their seats.

Voluntaries XIV and XV in G from Twenty Voluntaries for the Organ, Second Sett

John Marsh 1752-1828 Chichester

HYMN

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of Grace.

Henry Francis Lyte 1793 – 1847, Public Domain from Psalm 103

Please sit

WELCOME

The Reverend David Renshaw

BIDDING PRAYER

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Baldwin

We gather in the presence of Almighty God, who is the judge of all and who knows all the secrets of our hearts, to give thanks for his mercy and loving kindness and to renew our commitment to serve him in the cause of justice. We acknowledge our calling to reflect both the justice and mercy of God in human society and seek his strength, guidance and grace to fulfil that calling.

We pray for those who make and maintain our laws that they may order all things in their care so that truth, peace and justice may be established for ourselves and for generations yet to come.

We pray for the Lord Lieutenants and High Sheriffs of our Counties, for the Mayor and Councillors of this Borough of Worthing and for any who hold positions of civic responsibility in the Counties of East and West Sussex and in the city of Brighton and Hove; that all involved in the public life of the nation may be imbued with the wisdom and insight to provide for the well-being of all people.

So we ask our Heavenly Father to sustain us in our work, forgive our errors and inspire us to humble service as we pray together:

All Remember, Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and as you have called us to your service make us worthy of our calling through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ISAIAH 55: 6-13

Read by Her Honour Judge Christine Laing QC

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

To be sung by the Choir

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handwork. One day telleth another: and one night certified another.

There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth: O cleanse thou me from my secret faults. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart: be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord: my strength, and my redeemer.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please sit

MARK 10: 17-27

Read by The Honourable Mr Justice Edis

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth'. Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!' It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God'. They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives, thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

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Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS

*Led by Youth Mayor Katie Waters, Anjelica Nicholls
and The High Sheriff of West Sussex*

Let us pray for our nation, for its unity, peace and concord; for Elizabeth our Queen and all the members of the Royal Family, for the High Court of Parliament and the ministers of the crown and all who bear responsibility for the ordering of our common life; that justice, truth, and integrity may direct our path.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Let us pray for all who administer justice; for judges in Her Majesty's courts and tribunals, for magistrates, for clerks and officials; for barristers, solicitors, and all whose profession is the law that they may be given the spirit of wisdom, discernment and the light of your truth. We pray for the police, the probation and prison services and those responsible for order in our land that they may be given grace to promote peace, equity and justice.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the victims of crime and its perpetrators; for prisoners and for their families. For those who live in anxiety, fear or hopelessness that the loving-kindness of God may transform the lives of those broken by sin or suffering.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those across the world who are imprisoned without trial; for prisoners of conscience and those persecuted for their beliefs; and for those who suffer as a result of miscarriages of justice.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

Let us give thanks for those who give their time and skills in the service of others and all who work for the common good. Especially today we remember those who strive for the well-being and flourishing of individuals and communities through charitable work and we give thanks for the Sussex Community Foundation.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

Lord, you are just and your commandments are a lantern to our feet and light upon our path; open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life and help us to love our neighbour as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father,**

**which 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**

Choir Anthem – *“Thou visitest the earth and blessest it”*.
Psalm 65 vv 9 and 12. Music by Maurice Greene c1696-1755

HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth,
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above
Pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

For thy Church which evermore,
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore,
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

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Please sit

ADDRESS

*The Revd Canon Ann Waizeneker
Vicar of New Shoreham and Shoreham Beach*

HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

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THE BLESSING

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Baldwin

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humanity, peace and concord;
and to us, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The Queen!

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THE SUSSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Retiring Collection

Sussex Community Foundation was founded 12 years ago by the 10th Duke of Richmond - and like many of you here today I have had the privilege to be actively involved since the start of a most valuable charity, which operates at the very heart of the Sussex community.

The Duke was very concerned that, in such an apparently affluent county, there were many people who truly struggled to get by. He said: 'It is in my view a scandal that there are twelve wards in Sussex that are among the most deprived in the country'.

He set up Sussex Community Foundation to build a bridge between local people and local companies who wanted to give to their local community and those small, local charities making a big difference. The aim was also to build an endowment fund that would support the community for generations to come. Since then Sussex Community Foundation has made 4,000 grants totalling £11 million to more than 2,000 charities across Sussex; it has also built an endowment fund of some £16 million, which will benefit Sussex people for years to come.

Please leave any donations in the envelopes provided in the gift baskets as you leave the church – there is an opportunity to add Gift Aid.

THE PARISH OF WORTHING, CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church and its burial ground between Grafton and Portland Roads has the distinction of being the first church in Worthing built in the Gothic revival style. Christ Church was the first parish church in the town centre, and the only one with a surrounding graveyard. Christ Church was built by subscription between 1840 and 1843 and cost £4,500.

The Architect was John Elliott. It was designed to provide seating for 900 of which 500 were to be Free and Unappropriated for the 'poorer classes of Worthing'. Christ Church was consecrated on 21 September 1843 by The Rt Revd Ashurst Turner Gilchrist (Bishop of Chichester). It became the second chapel of ease to Broadwater, the first being St Paul's looking east in Chapel Road.

By c1851, 380 attended the morning and evening services. The church was assigned out of Broadwater and received Parish status on 31 July 1855, and created a 'district chapel'. With help from Queen Anne's bounty, a house for the incumbent was built in Westbrooke (along to the west on Richmond Road) by 1859. The Parish extended from the coast /South Street west to Heene Road from Teville Road south along the line of Chapel Road to South Street. The church is the first example of the Gothic revival in Worthing. It is of flint with brick dressings, and originally consisted of a chancel, aisled nave, transepts, west tower, and vestry.

Currently there are ongoing plans to continue to use the Church to meet the needs of an ever-growing town centre community and the church building is used as a popular venue for outreach secular and non-secular.

Christ Church is open each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:30am until 1:30pm and each Thursday from 2:30pm until 4:30pm and every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10:00am until 12 noon.

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THANK YOU

As High Sheriff I would like to thank all those involved with today's service:

The team at Christ Church - in particular The Reverend David Renshaw, Kenneth and Janine Hobbs and Lorraine - for making us so welcome;

To the flower ladies – for your wonderful harvest displays;

To organist John Collins and the combined choirs of Christ Church, and West Tarring – for the beautiful music;

To the Mayor of Worthing Cllr Paul Baker and the Town Hall team – Liz McCarthy, Pauline Freestone and Jason Passfield – for your welcome to the town and for your vital support in planning today's event;

To St Paul's Community Hub David Freud and Joel Penny – for providing a wonderful venue;

To Adur and Worthing Police and Police Cadets, and Worthing and Adur Neighbourhood Watch and West Downs Task Force;

To my Under Sheriff Kevin Smyth and to Julia Mansergh – for your meticulous planning;

To my husband David, my Chaplain Reverend Canon Jonathan Baldwin and all my family – for your love and support today and through the year; and

To everyone who has attended today's Service – for your work in keeping the communities of West Sussex protected and safe, in enriching our quality of life and in supporting those who need our help.

