



## **Christ Church Worthing**

**HYMN, SONG AND SERVICE SHEET**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**9th December 2018**

**10.30am Morning Prayer  
led by The Revd David Renshaw**

*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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3: 1 - 4 read by Tony S**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 3: 1 - 6 read by Janine H**

**Intercessions led by John N**

**The Organ Voluntary following our Service today will be:**

**Ricercar a quattro no. 4 by Francesco Stivori ca.1550-1606  
Venice, Padova & Graz**

## *Services in December*

- 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**  
with The Revd David Renshaw
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with Derek Hansen and The Revd David Renshaw
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 4pm CAROL SERVICE**  
with The Revd David Renshaw and a representative from  
from the Mother's Union
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.30am Morning Prayer**  
with Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion**  
with The Revd David Renshaw
- 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Christmas Holy Communion**  
with The Revd David Renshaw
- 30<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Revd David Renshaw

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## Opening Hymn [516]

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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## **HYMN [538]**

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

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## **Worship Songs**

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin, deep within. *Refrain*

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## **Song 2**

Restore, O Lord,  
the honour of your name,  
in works of sovereign power  
come shake the earth again,  
that all may see,  
and come with reverent fear  
to the living God,  
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,  
in all the earth your fame,  
and in our time revive  
the church that bears your name.  
And in your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,  
where we are hard and cold,  
in your refiner's fire:  
come purify the gold.  
Though suffering comes  
and evil crouches near,  
still our living God  
is reigning, he is reigning here.

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## **Offertory Hymn [31]**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign and thou alone.

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***Please stay for coffee and a chat  
after the service!***

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



All those whom we know that are lonely, sick, troubled or grieving, as well as church family members and residents in local nursing & care homes whom Muriel and the pastoral team visit.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**



This year's Christmas offering and tree presents at the Carol Service will be for Mother's Union, working in Worthing Hospital.

This year, they have requested any of the following: WASABLE felt pens [not crayons], craft packs of paper and card for painting, colouring books of individual, detachable sheets, Pritt sticks [glue sticks], paint brushes, and children's story audio CDs.

There are large Christmas Bags under the main tree, so if you wish to just place more items [unwrapped] in one of these, or bring your own bags with items in, all donations will be gratefully received.

## ***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.



**Bible Society** [*Thanks to everyone who came to listen to the children from Heene School last wednesday, when over £100 was raised for the work of the Bible Society*]

Peter and Mary Stewart have asked for our prayers this month for **Malawi**. Please pray for the Bible Society of Malawi helping to provide bibles for the people and especially the children. Also for the adult literacy classes taking place there. May we also remember those suffering from AIDS/HIV and its consequences. Please pray for those helping them by bringing hope and the message of God's love for them.



**The post box for internal Christmas mail only is at the West end of the church, by the coffee and tea station. Please ensure your cards are clearly marked (with surnames if possible, as we have quite a number with the same Christian name in our church family!)**

**These are then sorted regularly and placed alphabetically along the cross- aisle benches, so please look out for cards addressed to you, and take them home!!**

## **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'.

## The New Doors!

As you may have noticed, the doors at the West end of the church have been refurbished, with clear glass in the top and bottom panels, so everyone coming into the church can see inside, giving a much more welcoming feel. The remaining porch doors should have been replaced also this Thursday, all being well. The draught proofing and French Polishing of all the wood in the entrance and Tower Base room will be completed in January. This week, the PCC have agreed that this room will be redecorated. All this work has been possible thanks to a generous gift from a church member, and also the VAT that we have been able to claim back this year from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

## NOTICE BOARD AT THE WEST DOOR

You may have noticed that we had not managed to put our Vicar's name and contact details on our noticeboard. This has not been for the lack of trying! After arranging for a local sign writer to do this in August, they had still failed to deliver on the order as of this week; so, I cancelled them and instructed a new company to carry out the work. Due to this company's very good service, I was told the notice board amendments would be in place as of Friday, so an updated notice Board should have greeted you this morning! *Janine*