



## **Christ Church Worthing**

**HYMN, SONG AND SERVICE SHEET**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**16th December 2018**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**led by Derek Hansen and The Reverend David Renshaw**

**4pm today! Carols by Candlelight**

*Please note that some may prefer to have a quiet time of prayer during the peace and sit rather than shaking hands*

*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: Philippians 4: 4 - 7 read by Val G**

**Gospel: Luke 3: 7 - 18 read by Barbara H**

**Intercessions led by Tony S**

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

*Tento de 2 Tom (Ms 1607 no. 47, Porto)*

*by Pedro de Araújo ca.1640-1704 Braga*

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**The Parish of Worthing, Christ Church**

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## *Services in December*

**16<sup>th</sup> December 4pm CAROL SERVICE**

with The Revd David Renshaw and Chris Emson,  
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 [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.

*tr. Edward Caswall: Public Domain (Latin)*

## **Worship Songs**

*(Chorus)*

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
Gentle as is the dove:  
Teach us the truth and help us believe,  
Show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us – long, long ago  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard. *Chorus*

Without your help, we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live His way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day. *Chorus*

## Song 2

Lord, I come to you,  
let my heart be changed, renewed,  
flowing from the grace  
that I found in you.  
And, Lord, I've come to know  
the weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away  
by the pow'r of your love.

*Hold me close,  
let your love surround me,  
bring me near,  
draw me to your side;  
and as I wait,  
I'll rise up like an eagle,  
and I will soar with you;  
your Spirit leads me on  
in the pow'r of your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,  
let me see you face to face,  
the knowledge of your love  
as you live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind  
as your will unfolds in my life,  
in living every day  
in the pow'r of your love. *Refrain*

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## Offertory Hymn [40]

Ye servants of the Lord,  
each in his office wait,  
observant of his heavenly word,  
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame:  
gird up your loins, as in his sight,  
for awful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand,  
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he,  
in such a posture found!  
he shall his Lord with rapture see,  
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own royal hand,  
and raise that faithful servant's head  
amid the angelic band.

*Philip Doddridge: Public Domain  
(Luke 12. 35-38)*

## **Final Hymn [521]**

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do or say.

May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour;  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea,  
him exalting, self-abasing  
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

*Kate Barclay Wilkinson: Public Domain*

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



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

**Carols! Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**



This Wednesday, during the coffee morning from 10.30am, there will be informal Carol singing, when John Collins has kindly offered to play on the piano, and you choose your favourite Carols to sing. Do come along and enjoy some festive community singing!

# 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. If you wish to give presents, please place them, unwrapped, in a Christmas bag under the main tree at the front of the church, by the lectern. 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.*



## 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. **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 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'.

## 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.

Please note the **Rainbow Poetry group** will not be meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 but will meet again in January 2019





**Muriel and Miles** will both be celebrating significant birthday's on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. They would like to extend a warm and open invitation to all the church family to join them for a joint 'celebration' **following the morning service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

All they require is your 'presence' as caterers will be providing food and drink – They hope you can make it!



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!!**

### **Parish Magazine**

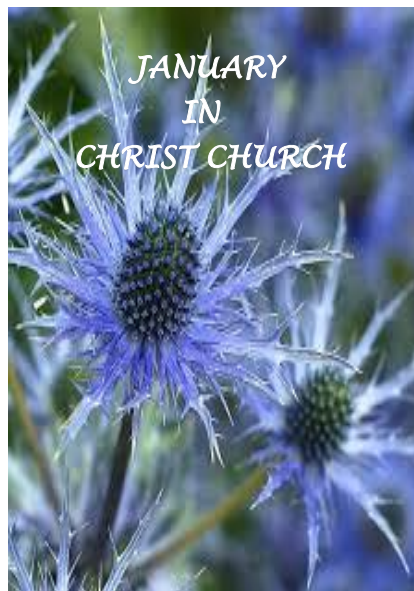
Sadly, the company who have printed and supplied our Parish Magazine for the last two years have ceased business. December's edition was the last they were able to produce for us. This they did, every month over 2 years completely free of charge, with advertisements paying for them. Please remember all the staff who worked so hard, who have now, we assume, no job at a very difficult



time of the year. We pray that they all quickly find alternative jobs that suit them and their skills.

In the meantime, Ann P and I will continue to produce the magazine in house, so please bear with us, and continue to send us items to include. These can be recipes [family recipes, not those taken directly from any published book], clean, funny jokes, items of interest about people or places and poetry, or indeed, anything you think people will enjoy reading. January's edition has already been printed and will be available next week.

*Many thanks! Janine and Ann P*



*This poem appeared in our December magazine, and I have been asked by several people to repeat it in the lead up to Christmas.....*

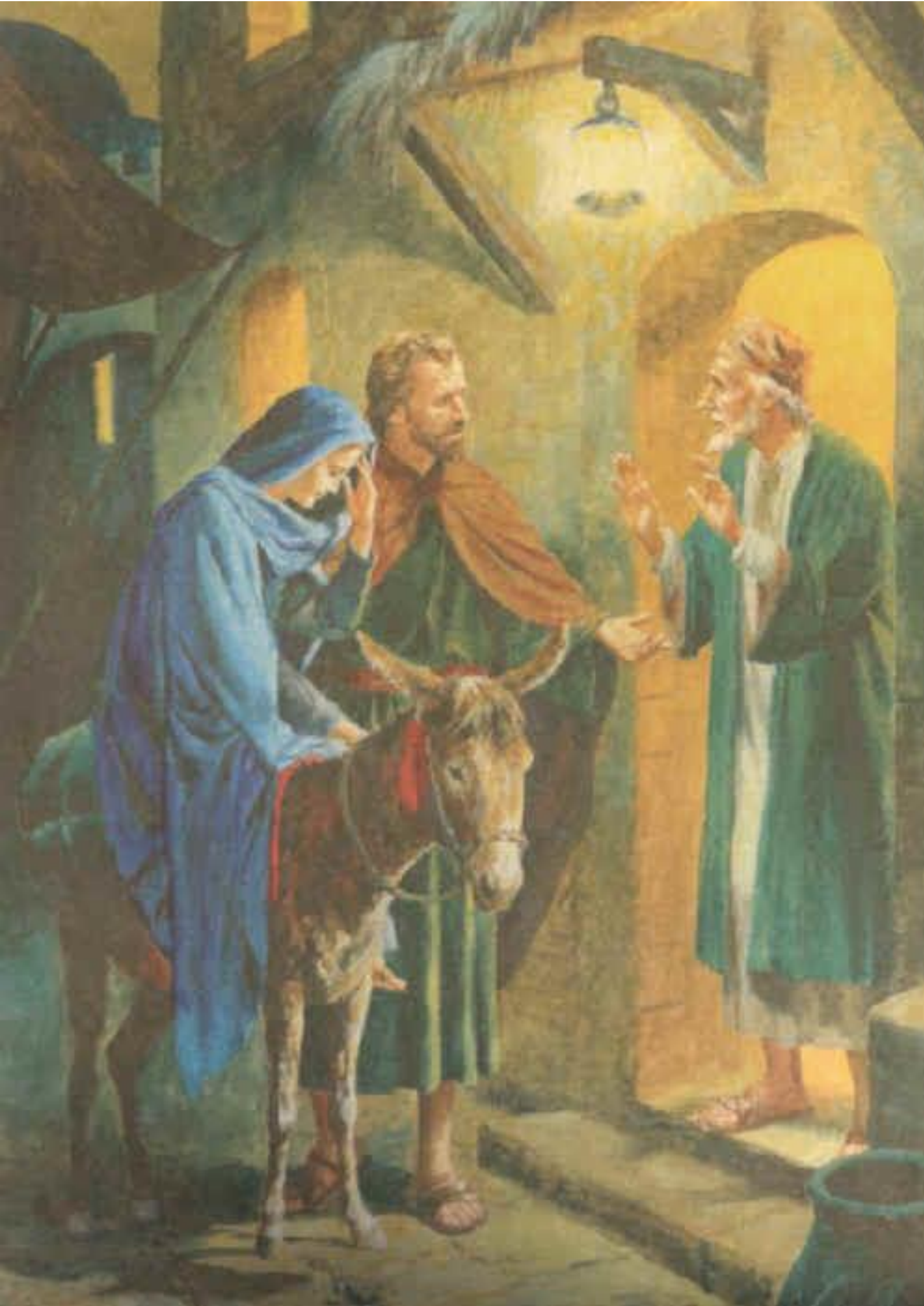
## **Out of the Cold!**

As daylight faded o'er the Little Town,  
Two weary travellers trudged the streets unknown,  
An old man, feet on track,  
A maid on donkey's back,  
Their search somewhere to lodge  
met with a frown!

An Inkeeper took pity on the maid,  
Something in her eyes his spirit swayed,  
'Room in the Cattle Shed,'  
'That's all I have,' he said,  
Fair Gratitude Divine her smile displayed.

The cattle lowed, then quietly withdrew,  
As though the pending advent they foreknew,  
The maid sat down, to rest,  
Her spouse did what was best,  
Awaiting Time was all they then could do.

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## Christ Church Prayer Card

Dear Church Family,

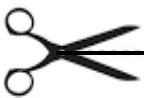
We have, in the past, had a Prayer card with the names of everyone in our family, and their families, if you so wish, that would like to be prayed for regularly. This takes the form of a card, laid out in days, 1 – 31, when we can pray for a few people each day of the month, so everyone is prayed for once a month.

Now that we are required to comply with GDPR, we are required to not only ask you [which we have always done] if you would like to be included on the list, but also to have you record that agreement, for our records. If at any time, you wish to be taken off the card, we can only do so when a new one is produced, and it is updated, so you need to be aware of this.

Some people ask for just their first names to be included, others have their first and surname, the choice is entirely yours.

Please complete the form below, and hand to Ann P, Joan P or Janine Hobbs, before the second week in January, and then a new one will be produced and will be available.

*Thank you!*



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### **CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER CARD**

I would like to be included on the prayer card.

Please include my name [and family if you wish], recorded as

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**I understand that I can ask for my name to be removed at any time, but that this will only be possible when a new, updated card is produced. This will be done as soon as practicable.**

Please indicate your agreement by signing below

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*Please complete, detach and hand to Ann P, Joan P or Janine Hobbs*

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