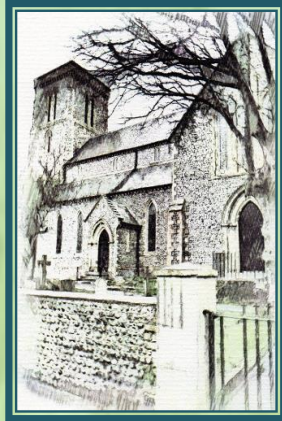


# Christ Church Worthing



*There is prayer in the organ vestry  
every Sunday at  
10 am for 15 minutes before the service,  
you are welcome to join at anytime.*

## **Palm Sunday Morning Prayer**

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**10.30am**

*Led by The Revd David Renshaw  
Commemoration of the Lord's Entry  
into Jerusalem*

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**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Gathering**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

***All* And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*cf 1 Timothy 1.2*

***Please raise your palm crosses while the prayer is said by the priest***

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Please remain standing***

## **The Palm Gospel**

*When the Gospel is announced, this response is used*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 19:28-40*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no-one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Procession**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

## Hymn [129]

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain.  
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

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This is the day that the Lord has made

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Please sit*

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

**All Amen**

We have come to the city of the living God,  
To the heavenly Jerusalem  
With thousands of angels in joyful assembly.

**All: Alleluia!**

We have come to God the judge of all,  
To Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

**All: Alleluia!**

God shows his love for us in this:  
while we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
Sure of the reconciliation through the death of his Son,  
we confess our sins to God.

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love  
bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song will we praise our God**

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Canticle – The Song of Christ’s Glory** *Please stand*

*(Tune Cross of Jesus – Stainer)*

Image of the eternal Father,  
Ruling all created things,  
Holding distant worlds together,  
Lord of glory, King of Kings:

Stepping down from heavenly splendour,  
Taking here the lowest seat;  
By your humble birth among us  
Washing your creation's feet:

By the towel, the bowl, the water,  
By the thorns, the nails, the spear,  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy:  
Love unknown enfold us here.

*Philippians 2.6-11*

*Please sit*

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a read by John Nobbs

*At the end of which the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Songs

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn.

'Yet not my will but yours,' he said. *Refrain*

Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving. *Refrain*

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## Song 2

Come and see, come and see,  
come and see the King of love;  
see the purple robe  
and crown of thorns he wears.  
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer  
as he lifts the cruel cross;  
lone and friendless now,  
he climbs towards the hill.

*Refrain:*

*We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet,  
and a guilty world is washed by love's pure stream.  
For us he was made sin – oh, help me take it in.  
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive.'  
I worship, I worship the Lamb who was slain.*

Come and weep, come and mourn  
for your sin that pierced him there;  
so much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail.  
All our pride, all our greed, all our fallenness and shame;  
and the Lord has laid the punishment on him. *Refrain*

Man of heaven, born to earth  
to restore us to your heaven.  
Here we bow in awe beneath your searching eyes.  
From your tears comes our joy,  
from your death our life shall spring;  
by your resurrection power we shall rise. *Refrain*

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## THE PASSION NARRATIVE

***Please sit*** for a dramatised reading of the passion.

*At the end of which the reader says*

This is the passion of the Lord.

*There is no response.*

### Hymn [612]

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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## **Reflection for Palm Sunday**

*A short period of silence is kept following the reflection.*

## **A Metrical Version of the Creed – *Please stand***

*(Tune Abbot's Leigh – Taylor)*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heavens king to rule and reign,  
to the Fathers side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

## **Acclamation**

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**All: but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**All: that we might live through him.**

If God loves us so much  
**All: we ought to love one another.**

If we love one another  
**All: God lives in us.**

## **The Collect of Palm Sunday**

### **Prayers of Intercession – *Please sit***

*at the end, a short period of silence is kept, and then:*

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: Our Father, who 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.**

*At the end of our prayers we pause for a moment and reflect for whom we have prayed and offer each other to God's care in the words of the Grace*

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

## Offertory Hymn [112]

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love for me;  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be:  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King:  
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
what makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight:  
Sweet injuries! yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay!  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes, from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave  
What may I say? Heaven was his home  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

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## Conclusion

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:

**All: O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation:

**All: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.

**All: O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**All: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust.**

## BLESSING

You believe that by his dying  
Christ destroyed death for ever.

**Amen.**

You have been crucified with Christ  
and live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved you and gave himself for you.

**Amen.**

May he send you out to glory in his cross,  
and live no longer for yourselves but for him,  
who died and was raised to life for us.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

*cf Galatians 2.20; 2 Corinthians 5.15*

Go in the peace to keep a blessed Holy Week.

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Please join us for coffee and a chat after the service!***



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

*The voluntary following today's service will be:*

*Chorale Prelude on Valet will ich dir geben BWV736  
by J.S. Bach 1685-1750.*

*The melody, heard in long notes in the pedals, is the tune sung to  
"All glory, laud and honour".*

**April 23rd is St. George's Day**, and to mark this occasion during the coffee morning from 10.30 to 12, John our organist will be playing an informal selection of English, Portuguese and Catalan organ music, all being countries of whom St. George is, or was, the patron saint.

### Parish Magazine



Please 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.

*Many thanks! Janine and Ann P*

### **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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm.** A Christian Aid Service to mark the start of Christian Aid week led by the Revd Nancy Ford.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30pm to 1.30pm.** A local Ukelele Band will perform for us.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm to 1.30pm** Miles Young, our resident pianist will give a concert of light classics and contemporary music on the new piano!

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30pm to 1.30pm**  
Our own organist, John Collins will give an Organ recital

**Tuesday 18th June, 12.30pm to 1.30 pm** We welcome a speaker from 'Cocaine Anonymous' who will speak about their work and the support they give as a group

**Tuesday 17th September, 12.30pm to 1.30pm**  
We welcome back Caroline Nicholls – High Sheriff of West Sussex who will talk about her year in office

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 12.30pm to 1.30pm.** We welcome  
'Four in a Bar', a barber shop quartet.



### LENT LUNCH

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 12 noon to 1.30pm,** serving homemade soup, filled roll and butter, fruit, followed by tea or coffee

Suggested donation of £5 for Christian Aid  
We look forward to your support!





## **Update on the West Porch refurbishment**

The decoration of the walls in the West Porch Tower Base room [as you enter the main entrance from Grafton Road] is almost finished at the time of this sheet going to print, by today, it may well be finished. It is possible, it may still be 'sheeted' off to avoid any spread of dust etc. It may still not possible to enter via this door so currently we may still be entering via the North [disabled] door for this short time. This first stage will be completed for Easter. Then, all the wood panelling in the Tower Base room and porch will be from **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** when the area will again be cordoned off.

### **APCM & ELECTORAL ROLL – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

This year, before the **Annual Parochial Church meeting**, to be held on **28<sup>th</sup> April 2019** following the morning service, we needed to renew the Electoral Roll for the parish. The applications to be included on the new roll **closed on 13<sup>th</sup> April**.

We now should display the list for all to see, from today, 14<sup>th</sup> April to the date of the APCM, however, in line with GDPR, we would like to protect your personal details and so please be assured we will not be displaying the list. If you are unsure if you are included on the list, please see Ken Hobbs.

**The relevant forms for nominations to PCC and Churchwarden roles are available on the table by the kitchen servery hatch and must be completed by the APCM.**

### ***From your Parish Treasurer:***

*You will have been issued with the Parish Annual Report and Accounts along with the 2018 Minutes of the Annual Parish Church Meeting [APCM]. Could I ask if you have any queries relating to the Financial Report, please seek me out during this time before our APCM and I will endeavour to answer your query. Thank you.*

***Ken***



For many years, David Virgo was the Christ Church rep for the Bible Society. The Bible Society is one of the missions supported regularly by the parish.

Peter and Mary Stewart from the Bible Society have asked Christ Church if anyone would be willing to take on the role of rep. The role is not an onerous one, it would simply be to receive communications from the Society to publicise in the church, and to liaise between us and the Bible society.

If anyone is interested, please let Janine or Ann P know, and we will put you in touch with Mary and Peter.

*Flower Artistry Demonstration at  
St Andrew the Apostle*

by 5 times gold winner at the Chelsea Flower show  
Stephen McDonnell

To be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm**  
Tickets £10 each, to include tea and cake and a raffle,  
available from St Andrew's



## 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'*.

