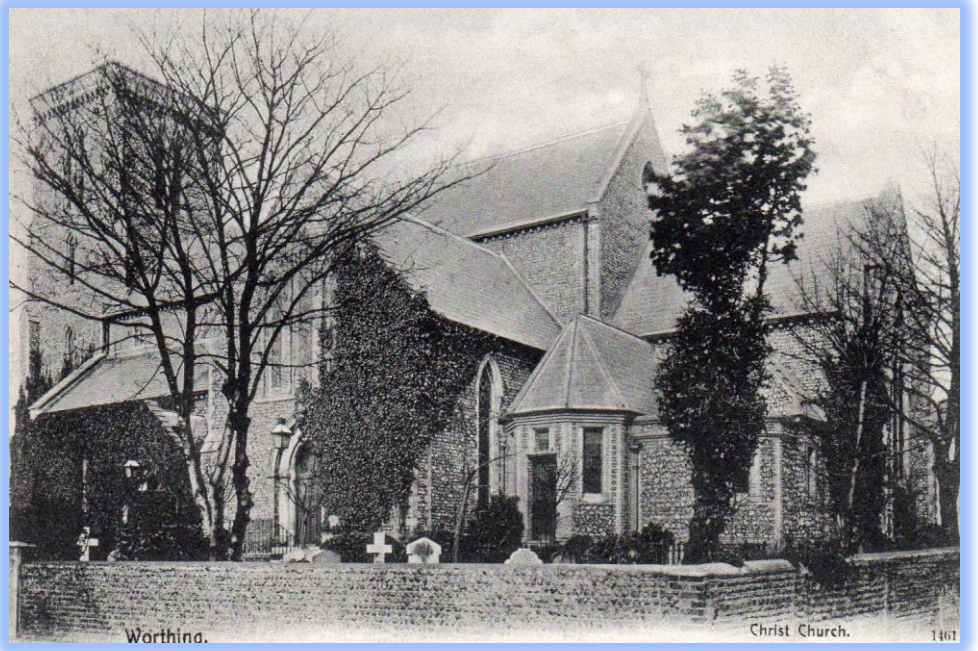


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to a broken and divided world.***

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
22nd September 2019**

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

*The Voluntary after the Service this morning will be:  
Voluntary XXXII in G Largo – Fuga from A Fourth Set of  
Voluntaries ca 1800-10 by John Marsh 1752-1828.  
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## 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.

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## **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*

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## Old Testament Reading

1 Chronicles 29: 6 - 19 (NIV) read by Pat B

Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. They gave towards the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

David's prayer

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

'Praise be to you, LORD,  
God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honour come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

‘But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people for ever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.

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 2: 13 - 22 read by Ann P

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!' His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'



Then the Jews demanded of him, 'What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **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.

## **REFLECTION – The Revd David Renshaw**

*Choir, Churchwardens, & Clergy will process to the back of the church for the Rededication of the Tower Area.*

*Members of the congregation who so wish are invited to gather at the back of the Church during the end of the hymn or remain in their pews but turn to face the back of church if possible.*

## **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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Thankyou Music Russian hymn*

In this the 176<sup>th</sup> year since the Consecration of this Church, we gather to rededicate this refurbished and restored Tower Area and West Entrance funded by the generous gift of the Akerman family.

To the Glory of God the Father that as people enter through the West Doors of this Church and catch a glimpse of the church beyond, they may be encouraged to want to be part of our worship and as members of God's family in this place.

We therefore rededicate the refurbished and restored Tower Area and West Entrance in thanksgiving and service of Almighty God, for the past generations who have borne witness to Christ, that it may continue to offer hope and be a symbol of God's Love to this community. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

## 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.

*All:* **Amen**

## Prayers of Intercessions – led by Dorothy F

*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

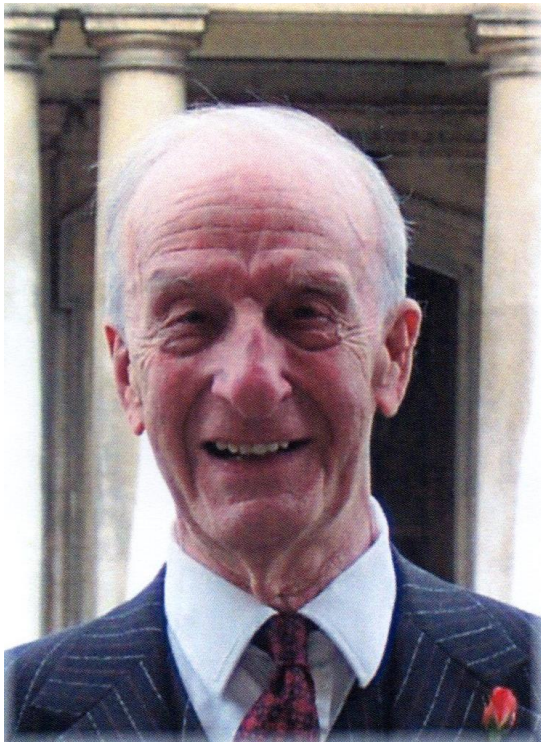
Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

## 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!***



We are thrilled to be joined by a member of the Akerman family whose kind donation paid for the refurbishment of the Tower entrance, which we have dedicated today.

John Akerman was churchwarden for 20 years at Christ Church.

Please do stay to enjoy our buffet lunch to mark this celebration.

## *SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER*

**26<sup>th</sup> September      10.30am BCP Holy Communion**  
**with The Revd Alex Grubb**

**29<sup>th</sup> September      10.30am Holy Communion**  
**St. Michael and All Angels**  
**with The Revd David Renshaw**

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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

We welcome 'Four in a Bar', a barber shop quartet.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Richard Bowen - classical guitar recital

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

"A Little Light Music" – Janine and Miles;

Dorothy and Morag

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Gerry Hawkes- Lunchtime talk "Global Warming"

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5pm to 7.30pm**

A concert in aid of St Barnabas, given by Invicta Voices, a choir from London

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

John Wickens' Musical concert

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - 10.30am to 12 noon**

Christmas Mini market

**5<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December** Annual Christmas Tree Festival

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Paul Gregory [Cello], Marielle Way [Flute]

and Yoko Ono [Piano]

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

A talk from a Police Community Support Officer

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Martin Smith [Euphonium] and Chris Coote [piano]

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Yoko Ono Piano

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020-** Jon Rattenbury & friend

– guitar & cello

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

John Collins Organ

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Richard Bowen guitar

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Rob Campkin [Violin] and James Buckham [Piano]

### ***Trip to Wisley Gardens***

Robin has kindly organised a trip to these beautiful gardens on Wednesday 16th October 2019, to include entry, afternoon tea and cake; and return coach to and from the Charmandean Centre at 10.00 am returning at 17.00 hrs, cost £29.50. Anybody who is interested, please speak to Robin.

## ***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



### ***Message from Dorothy!***

A gentle reminder to those who volunteered to steward at St. Andrew's Church Flower Festival from Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please check your date/time slots on the notice at the back of the church and confirm with a tick.

If anyone is able to help on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 12 noon, I would be most grateful. Please let me know asap if you can help. Many thanks.