



CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

Grafton Road BN11 1QY

HYMN, SONG AND SERVICE SHEET

**The Feast of the Epiphany
5th January 2020**



**10.30am Holy Communion
led by The Revd David Renshaw**

**6pm BCP Evensong tonight will be
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:

**Epistle: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 read by Mary C
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 - 12 read by John N
Intercessions led by Steven L**

The Organ Voluntary after our service today will be:

Chorale Prelude on the Epiphany hymn
Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern
by Johann Pachelbel 1653-1706 Nuremburg

SERVICES IN JANUARY

- 9th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**
with The Revd Alex Grubb
- 12th 10.30am Morning Prayer** with
The Revd David Renshaw and Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 19th 10.30am Holy Communion**
with The Revd Roger Walker
6pm BCP Evensong
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 23rd 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**
with The Revd David Renshaw
- 26th 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen

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Opening Hymn [84]

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion
odours of Edom and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each lavish oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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Worship Songs

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
this, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him praise
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
come have no fear, God's Son is here
his love all loves exceeding.
nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Saviour comes,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
all tongues and peoples own him.
the King of kings salvation brings;
let every heart enthrone him.
raise, raise your song on high,
while Mary sings a lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

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And editors of New English Hymnal 1986*

Song 2

Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase.
Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray,
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.
Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need. *Refrain*

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame,
until your justice
burns brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise. *Refrain*

Offertory Hymn [89]

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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Final Hymn [83]

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore:
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light
thou, its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

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



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.

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. *Janine and Ann P*



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.



“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us.”

1 John 5:14

Please join us at our monthly Prayer Focus on **Saturday 11th January** from **10.45am – 11.15am**. We usually meet in the West Porch entrance and use this time praying for our Country, Community and Church as we seek the heart of God and His will in these matters.

Everyone is welcome!

For further details please speak to Miles or Ken

*A New Year's resolution perhaps?...
Ever wanted to learn how to paint? Or
maybe you'd like to continue painting,
with the support of a group?*



Roy W has taught adults to paint in watercolour for over 50 years, and would very much like to start a group for the Christ Church family.

He is planning to hold it fortnightly, on a Monday. The 'term' would last 12 weeks. Roy will teach the basic techniques of pure transparent watercolour painting but is happy to have those with experience to join also. Sessions would be held in Roy's home, near to the church, or maybe in the church, depending on the groups and the numbers. Those who are starting with no materials should be aware that the cost of the necessary materials would be around £45.



Roy will explain everything in the first meeting, so if you are interested, please do talk with Roy, or give your names and contact details to Janine



Holy Trinity

In February 2019, a decision was made to sell the hall and flat of Holy Trinity.



The history of how it was that the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Worthing Christ Church should be able to sell the hall and flat, may well be a mystery to some, but I can assure you, not to me.

May I please enlighten you on the history of the situation.

I joined St. Matthew's in 1979 and was baptised as an adult in September 1980, after I came to faith, through my wife, Janine in 1979, when I first met her.

At this time, St. Matthew's was the daughter church of Holy Trinity, as, at the time, it was not confirmed as its own parish, so therefore it was part of the Parish of Holy Trinity.

During a time in the 1980's, St. Matthew's and Holy Trinity became part of a Team Ministry, known as The Parish of Christ the King [combining the parishes of St. Paul's, Christ Church, Holy Trinity with St Matthew's and I was very active in the life of the PCC at Christ the King, and the knowledge of the decisions made then served me well in the sale we were about to embark on at the start of 2019.

Bringing the story up to date - I moved from St. Matthew's to worship at Christ Church in 2008, when Christ Church Parish had been amalgamated with the Parish of Holy Trinity - to form the benefice of the Parishes of Holy Trinity and Christ Church. St. Matthew's then became a parish in its own right.

In 2018, the decision was made, by the Diocese, that Holy Trinity Church should be placed up for sale, and that a new Parish of Worthing Christ Church should be formed and the fate of the Church Hall and Flat then lay in the hands of the Parochial Church Council of the new Parish. This allowed the PCC to consider the disposal of the Hall and Flat.

The sale of the flat and hall, which had been held in trust by the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance on the Parish's behalf, commenced February 2019. In close liaison with the DBF, specifically the property director, to whom I am so grateful, for his guidance and expertise, we were able to conclude a protracted and difficult sale to its conclusion on the 3rd December 2019.

During that sale, our solicitors needed documents relating to the use of the rooms above the hall over the previous 20 years. However, as no such documents could be found, it seemed that due to my involvement in the PCC all those years ago,

I was the only one able to recall these details, as so was able to swear a Statutory Declaration to enable the sale to go ahead.

On behalf of ALL, I would like to extend an expression of thanks to: - the property director at the Diocese, the Commercial sales manager at Spratt & Son and to my dear, dear wife Jan. Without this amazing team, who acted on behalf of the PCC and yourselves, the sale may not have been so easy.

My final acknowledgement goes to our ultimate inspiration - I pray loving Father in heaven for your guidance and love in all that we do for your kingdom. I give thanks for your love and inspiration to keep moving forward and laying our concerns at your feet. You asked us to spread the word and preach your Gospel - loving Father in Heaven, hear our prayer.

..... your Churchwarden, Ken



Please note!

Canon Muriel's Bible Study Group resumes on **21st January 2020 at 2.30pm** at the back of the church. This will take place on every 3rd Tuesday in the month. *For any further details, please speak to Muriel*



Men's Group Update



Following the hiatus caused by unavoidable absences, holidays, Lent, Advent, New Year and a shortage of Saturdays last year, it is planned to hold **the inaugural get together** of anyone interested (or just curious) on **Saturday 1 Feb 2020**. It is likely this will just be a round table session to share a cup of tea and bacon roll and a chat. Any queries to me – John H

There is a box at the back of the church for people to make suggestions for hymns or worship songs that they would like us to try and include in our Sunday services. These are usually chosen to reflect the readings or Feast for the day, but we will be happy to include your choices where possible.

a LOT
can happen
over coffee

Coffee Ministry!



Christ Church is open all through the week for everyone to pop in for a chat and a coffee. We would really appreciate some more help with this. You wouldn't necessarily have to make coffee or tea, but in most cases, just sitting and chatting in the morning or afternoon would be so helpful.

Of course, if you are able to make the odd hot drink, that would be great also!!

We are open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12 noon, from 2.30 to 4pm on a Thursday afternoon and from 10.30am to 12 noon every 2nd and 4th Saturday.

Please let Ken or Di know if you can come along.

Help me O God to live this day quietly, hopefully, to lean on your strength, trustfully, restfully, to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet other people peacefully, joyfully; to face every task confidently, courageously; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen



Rainbow Poetry at Christ Church

**We next meet on 16th January 2020 at 2.30pm
in the Organ vestry, when the topic will be
'Retrospect and prospect'**

20th February: William Blake

19th March: Solitude

Bring any poem of your own, if you care to.

Admission Free

**Please enquire for similar meetings in Brighton
and Shoreham.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Tuesday 21st January 2020 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Paul Gregory [Cello], Marielle Way [Flute]
and Yoko Ono [Piano]

Saturday 25th January 2020 – 1pm

Film Matinee with tea and cake to follow

Tuesday 4th February 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

A talk from a Police Community Support Officer

Tuesday 18th February 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Piano Concert with Ben Solomon

Tuesday 21st April 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Martin Smith [Euphonium] and Chris Coote [piano]

Tuesday 5th May 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Yoko Ono Piano recital

Tuesday 2nd June 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

John Rattenbury, Guitar and Ivana, Cello

Tuesday 16th June 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

John Collins Organ recital

Tuesday 22nd September 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Richard Bowen classical guitar recital

Tuesday 13th October 2020 12.30pm – 1.30pm

We welcome back Rob Campkin, violinist

and James Buckham, pianist

6 pm 1662 BCP Evensong – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd David Renshaw

Hymn 87 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Confession etc. *(see booklet)*

Responses

Psalm 97 *(see pointed sheet)*

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 1 - 13 *Reader: Joan P*

Canticle – Magnificat *(see pointed sheet)*

2nd Reading: John 4: 7 - 26 *Reader: Mary C*

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis *(see pointed sheet)*

Creed, Responses, Collects (see booklet)

Hymn 496 *Lead us heavenly Father lead us*

Prayers *led by Dorothy F*

Hymn 91 *We three kings of Orient are*

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 90 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Please stay for coffee or tea and a chat afterwards