

**WORTHING
CHRIST CHURCH**
Grafton Road BN11 1QY



ORDER OF SERVICE

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Celebrating Harvest
11th October 2020**

**10.30am Morning Prayer
with Canon Muriel Pargeter**

There is socially distanced prayer in the west porch every Sunday at 10 am for 15 minutes before the service and you are welcome to join at any time

TODAY:

**1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 1 - 9
2nd Reading: Matthew 22: 1 - 14
read by Ann P
Intercessions led by Elliott A**

*The Organ Voluntary following our service today is:
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Please be aware of social distancing when in the church, and we are asked not to gather to chat inside

Services in October

18th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Revd Roger Walker

25th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen and we welcome the family and friends of Tibor Merkl who is to be baptised by The Revd Helena Buque.

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The Revd David Renshaw.

Our Vicar is currently signed off sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.

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Morning Prayer

Preparation

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

All **and also with you.**



O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.
For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
Your love and mercy shall last for ever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

Opening Hymn [270] *sung by the choir only*

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
all be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin:
God our maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come, to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!



All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown
unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear
grant, O harvest Lord that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.



For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away,
all that doth offend that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then thou Church Triumphant, come
raise the song of harvest home!
all be safely gathered in
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified,
in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

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The Family of God

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.

O Lord, open our lips.

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise the name of the Lord.

All: the Lord's Name be praised.

CONFESSION

The word of God is living and active.

It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12



All God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleans us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All** Amen.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

All make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,
All who was and is and is to come.

The First Reading *[Please sit]*

Isaiah 25: 1 - 9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done marvellous things,
things planned long ago.

You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will honour you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.

For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall
and like the heat of the desert.

You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine –
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove the disgrace of his people
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.
In that day they will say,
'Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Songs *sung by choir and singers only*

Song 1

Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a world without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.
We thank You, Lord,
for flowers and trees and sunshine,
we thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.



Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.

We thank You, Lord, for all Your living creatures,
we thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
think of a street with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.

We thank You, Lord, for families and friendships,
we thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.

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Song 2 *sung by choir and singers only*

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here;
Joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
Part of the body, the Church of God.

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here.

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The Second Reading *[Please sit]*

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

‘Then he sent some more servants and said, “Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.”

‘But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

‘Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.” So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, “How did you get in here without wedding clothes?” The man was speechless.

‘Then the king told the attendants, “Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

‘For many are invited, but few are chosen.’

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

[Please remain seated]

Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**



**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

HYMN [275] *Sung by the choir only*

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*



He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the wind and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us his children,
he gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food:
accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts;
and what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Intercession

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.

Final Hymn [272] *sung by the choir only*

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
for all things living thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding teaches us share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;
freely confessing thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth fruitful the land.

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Conclusion

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Jesus now lead on.**

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

We will not offer to God

All **Offerings that cost us nothing.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All We will seek peace and pursue it.

Thank you for joining with us today!

Our thanks to Canon Muriel for leading our service of Morning Prayer today

Please be aware of social distancing when leaving, and we are asked not to gather to chat in church

If you are not able to leave via the steps of the West door, please tell the Churchwardens, and remain seated until all have left, so you can safely leave via the North door.

HARVEST OFFERINGS

Please place your offerings of tins and dried foods in the crates in the West porch, to your right, as you leave via the west door, these will be taken directly to Turning Tides, for those who are homeless.





All those whom we know who are unwell emotionally, all the doctors, nurses and all other workers in the NHS who are working to save lives at this time; the sick and the lonely, those recently bereaved and church family members and residents in local nursing & care homes

Our APCM [Annual Parochial Church Meeting] will be held on Sunday 18th October after the service.

Nomination forms for elections of PCC Members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives are available in the west porch as you leave. Please be aware of social distancing, and when the forms are completed, please place them in the envelope on the screen behind.

There is also a required revision of the electoral roll, so your initials and surnames only will soon be posted in both porches. Please let Janet [Electoral Roll officer] know if your name isn't on the list, and you wish to be on the electoral roll, please talk with Janet