



WORTHING, CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY

HYMN, SONG AND SERVICE SHEET

The Third Sunday of Lent

15th March 2020

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Revd David Renshaw

and Canon Muriel Pargeter

6pm BCP Evensong tonight will be

led by The Revd Nancy Ford

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: Romans 5: 1 - 11 read by Barbara H

Gospel: Mark 12: 28 - 34 read by John N

Intercessions led by Steven L

The Organ Voluntary after our service will be:

Segundo Tonto do segundo Tom

*(Flores de Musica 1620) by Manuel Rodrigues Coelho
ca 1555-1635 Elvas and Lisbon cathedrals.*

During the year John will be playing a number of pieces from Flores de Musica (which was the first book of keyboard music printed in open score in Portugal and Spain) by Manuel Rodrigues Coelho ca 1555-1635 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of its publication in 1620. For the new edition he translated the composer's preface and advice to players, and assisted with the introduction.

Dear Church Family – Covid 19

The current situation we all find ourselves living with is causing us to re-look at the normal life of the church. The Vicar and Churchwardens are closely following the guidance given by the government, the Public Health England authorities and the Church of England.

We realise that it is worrying for everyone, especially those of advanced years and those suffering existing medical conditions. To this end, **the vicar and churchwardens have taken the precautionary decision to only open the church for our normal church services for the immediate future.**

Unfortunately, this also means that we will not be serving coffee and tea after services, and we will not be open for coffee during the week to the general public.

The Church of England is now advising churches to only administer Holy Communion in one kind only for the foreseeable future, in wafers; only the priest will continue to receive the wine. The Vicar and Churchwardens had already decided to take this course a week ago.

Please do not expect the priest to place a wafer directly on your tongue, we have been advised that this is likely to increase the risk of infection, so wafers will be placed in your hand.

The priest administering communion will at all times use sanitiser before distribution.

If you feel unwell, please stay at home.

- **The advice for all continues to be:**
Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home and into church
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close physical contact, especially with people who are unwell
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

We have been advised by the legal and medical authorities to avoid physical contact, which includes shaking of hands during the peace.

Services in March

**22nd 10.30am Morning Prayer for Mothering
Sunday with The Revd David Renshaw**

**26th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
with The Revd Alex Grubb**

**29th 10.30am Holy Communion
with The Revd David Renshaw**

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Opening Hymn [467]

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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Worship Songs

I am a new creation,
no more in condemnation,
here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing,
my love just keeps on growing,
here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you, Lord,
yes, I will praise you, Lord,
and I will sing of all that you have done.
A joy that knows no limit,
a lightness in my spirit,
here in the grace of God I stand.

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Song 2

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Refrain*

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything. *Refrain*

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Offertory Hymn [435]

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near;
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day,
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name;
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

*John Newton 1725-1807: Public Domain
[Isaiah 33. 20-21]*

Final Hymn [1]

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past
and live this day as if thy last;
improve thy talent with due care,
for the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Wake and lift up thyself my heart,
and with the angels bear thy part,
who all night long unwearied sing,
high praise to the eternal King.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken 1637-1711: Public Domain



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.

Please also remember in your prayers all those affected by the virus, across the world.



During these next few weeks, whilst we are not opening to the general public during the week, we are, as a result, not able to collect money for our charities and Missions as usual. There may be a suggestion that some money may be collected at a Sunday service, but this will be totally voluntary, and will be announced before the service for people to decide if they wish to give.

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*



If anyone has any foreign currency left over from their travels, or used postage stamps with 1-2 cms of envelope surrounding, please speak to Mary C, as Hope Now are collecting these items for their funds.

Canon Muriel's Bible Study Group takes place on every 3rd Tuesday in the month. *For any further details, please contact Muriel*



LENT Boxes We have obtained boxes from MIND for us to give to all who wish to collect money for our Lent giving to our chosen charity this year – please collect yours before you leave the church today. Money from your boxes can be gift aided and handed, in a sealed envelope, to the Treasurer during or after Lent



Men's Group Update



The next Men's Group meeting is planned for 0930 on 4 April when we expect to have David White speak to us on "Reaching Out to the Poor".

David held a senior position in HMRC and since retirement has served as Chairman of Trustees of the TEAR Fund and has contributed to the work of the GMC and of the Cabinet Office.

This is an opportunity to share a light breakfast (bacon or marmalade rolls) and meet up with men of the Parish. For catering purposes (and any dietary requirements) if you would like to come along please hand this invitation to me or to Tony S in church by 29 March.

John H



Mary has asked for prayers this month for the Bible Society of Southern Sudan

Please pray for one of the poorest nations in the world which has been in the grip of civil war since 2013; for the work of the Bible Society, for funds to provide bibles, and for peace, for an improved economy, infrastructure and education system.

LENT COURSE

David is leading this year's Lent Course from

3rd to 31st March on Tuesdays

from 11am for an hour in the organ vestry.



Based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians, "*A Letter for Lent*" is an easy to follow Bible study course. Hung on a framework of letter writing, the author examines topics such as encouraging each other in our faith, getting to know God better, taking on God's family likeness, and qualities which we should aspire to. *All are welcome, no matter where you are in your journey of faith.*

Keeping in Touch:

Christ Church operates a taxi service for those who find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday or throughout 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***'.

PASTORAL NEWS:

Pastoral Team

Christ Church has a team of people whose task it is to ensure we keep in contact with all those who are not able to come to church, either because they are housebound or because of some temporary incapacity. They can arrange for Holy Communion to be administered occasionally in their homes. We also ensure they are kept up to date with Church Family news.

The Pastoral team are: Joan, Lorraine, & Sylvia.

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

Christ Church is blessed with many church family members who volunteer to help with numerous tasks within the church, throughout the week and on Sundays. We value everyone who makes a contribution in this way, and so the PCC have appointed a Volunteer Coordinator, Karen, who will be able to advise and help all those who volunteer, or indeed, wish to do so. She can signpost you to appropriate people, or help you to decide what you would like to do to help. Please have a chat with her during the week, or on a Sunday after a service.

TURNING TIDES

Homeless people feel excluded from society, are often depressed, frightened, in danger at night, and hungry and thirsty.

TURNING TIDES can change all that, but they need help from us in just small ways.

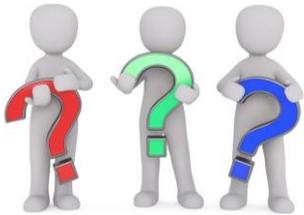
There is a basket and a weekly list of practical donations that they badly need at present, at the back of the church:

For more information, please ask **Judie J.**

Thank you!

Enquirer's Group....

Would you like to explore what faith is, and how it fits into your life? Are you somebody who has been going to church



a long time, and would like to re-connect with your faith? Are you a complete 'newbe' to church..... this could be for you!

David is planning 10 to 12 sessions that you may find helpful. There is no pressure, no requirement as to where you are in your journey, this is for everyone who would like to come along.

Please would you let David know your name and contact details, and which days and times suit you best. He will then try and accommodate as many as possible.

This course will start after Easter.

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER NET

We support those who ask for our prayers with our '**Prayer Net**'. We are known as the 'Fishermen's church' and so our tool for prayer is a Fishing Net, hung along the front of the choir pew in the chancel on the Pulpit side of Church.



There is a table in the chancel with a card explaining the purpose of the Fishing Net, a bowl containing fish with a hook attached and pens. We invite folk to write any prayer requests on a fish and hang it on the net. Requests should be brief and not give away any information that is confidential so should only include a Christian name and a brief nature of the prayer request.

During our fortnightly Thursday Communion Service, the fish are taken off the net and placed in a basket and presented as part of our intercessions for the Church and God's World. The fish are then destroyed, and we start again in a cycle of prayer and support for those who ask us to pray with them or for them.

This net is there for us all to use, as an aid to praying for the needs of the world, situations, people, and world events. Please remember the prayer requests written on the fish; and those who have written them, and offer them silently to God in prayer.

Could I also encourage those who lead our intercessions on a Sunday to include the Fish in the Fishing Net in our Sunday intercessions?

Thank you, DAVID – Vicar

6 pm 1662 BCP Evensong – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd Nancy Ford

Hymn 411 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Confession etc. (see booklet)

Responses

Psalm 40 (see pointed sheet)

1st Reading: Joshua 1: 1 - 9

Reader: Joan P

Canticle – Magnificat (see pointed sheet)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 6: 10 - 20 ***Reader: John B***

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis (see pointed sheet)

Creed, Responses, Collects (see booklet)

Hymn 416 Father hear the prayer we offer

Prayers led by Dorothy F

Hymn 486 Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 524 My God I love thee, not because

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

***Our thanks to The Revd Nancy Ford for leading our
service tonight***