

# WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

**10.30am Holy Communion  
with The Revd Roger Walker**

***There is socially distanced prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at 10 am for 15 minutes before the service - all are welcome to join us***

### **TODAY**

**Epistle: Acts 8: 26 - 40**

**Gospel: John 15: 1 - 8**

**read by Janine H**

**Intercessions led by John B**

***The Organ Voluntary following our service today is: Sonata XXII in A minor, Andante Fuga, by Carlos Seixas 1704-42, Lisbon.***

In order that we can stay open for worship, please may we remind you that to protect us all:

- **there is a one-way system within the church for your safety, please stay in your pew and refrain from wandering around the church**
- **entry is via the north door only**
- **exit via the west door; if you cannot walk down steps, please stay seated until the churchwardens assist you in leaving safely via the north door**
- **your nose and mouth must be covered at all times whilst in the church.**

## **A Service of Holy Communion**

### **The Greeting *[Stand]***

The Lord be with you  
***All*** and also with you.

### **Hymn [453] *[Sit] Sung by the choir only***

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.

*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  
thy 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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## **Prayer of Preparation**

***All*** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Prayers of Penitence *[Sit or kneel]*

## Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All** Amen. Lord, have mercy.

## Invitation to confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son  
Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you  
in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.



# **Gloria in Excelsis** [Stand]

**All** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**



## The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Epistle** *[Sit]*

**Acts 8: 26 – 40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptised?' And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

***At the end the reader may say***

This is the word of the Lord.

***All*** Thanks be to God.

## **WORSHIP SONGS** *[Please sit]*

***Sung by one singer and the choir only***

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy. *Refrain*

Make make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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[from a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi c. 1182-1226]*

## SONG 2

*Sung by one singer and the choir only*

Abba, Father, let me be  
yours and yours alone.  
May my will for ever be  
more and more your own.  
Never let my heart grow cold,  
never let me go.  
Abba, Father, let me be  
yours and yours alone.

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### **Gospel Reading** *[Please stand]*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John 15: 1 – 8**

*All say* **Glory to you O Lord.**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**      ***[Sit]***

***After which a short period of silence is kept.***

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**The Creed**      ***[Stand]***

***All***      We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

**true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism**

for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession *[Sit]*

*And at the end after a short period of silence*

Merciful Father,

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



## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The Peace - using suitable seasonal words.*

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you.



## **HYMN [478] *[Sit]* Sung by the choir only**

In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear:  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed.

Wherever he may guide me  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh  
his sight is never dim;  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me  
where the dark clouds have been:  
my hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free;  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and he will walk with me.

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# Preparation of the Table

*[Please stand]*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

***All*** All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.



## The Eucharistic Prayer

***Please stand***

The Lord is here.

***All*** His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

***All*** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying

**All say Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

***[Sit or Kneel]***

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of  
Christ your Son our Lord.



Great is the mystery of faith: *[Spoken]*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise: *[Spoken]*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. 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.

## Breaking of the Bread

***The president breaks the consecrated bread.***

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

# Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## ***The words of invitation to communion***

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**Priest:** The Body of Christ

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** The Blood of Christ

**All: Amen**

***Please remain in your pews, the priest will  
come to you to administer the bread  
into your outstretched hand only***

***Please remember no words are spoken  
for your safety and that of the priest.***

## Prayers after Communion *[Sit or Kneel]*

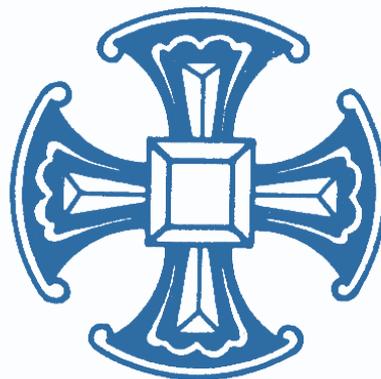
### *Post Communion*

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*Silence is kept.*

***All*** Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.



**Hymn [622] *Sung by the choir only – choir please  
note vs 2 has been omitted from the hymn book***

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same.

Will you let me love be shown  
will you let my love be known  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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# The Dismissal

## Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

***The Minister says***

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Our thanks to The Revd Roger Walker for leading our  
service of Holy Communion today.*

***Thank you for joining with us today.***

***Stay well, stay safe.***

***Please be aware of social distancing, and we  
are advised not to gather to chat when in the  
church***

## Contact us:

### Vicar:

*Revd David Renshaw is currently signed off sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.*

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All those working in the NHS who are striving to save lives at this time. Tom and family, The Revd David Renshaw, Robin Biggs and his mother, Bryan and Connie Apps, Donovan and Linda Brown, Jenny Chandler and family, Sheila Gibson, Doreen Mills & family, Chris Muckley, Evelyn Plumb, Charlotte Sawyer and her family; Hilary, David, Natasha, Robin and Daniel, Tammy Skinner, Lyn and Judi Velden, Robert and daughter Jess, Margaret Wood, Nona Worley and family, Blanche Whitehurst; the sick, the lonely, the recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.

**Please also remember in your prayers the churchwardens and members of the PCC who were elected last Sunday at our APCM:**

**Churchwardens:** Steve Davis and Ken Hobbs

**and PCC members:**

Sylvia Anning  
Janet Atkinson  
Robin Biggs  
Norma Carter  
Karen Davis  
Steve Davis  
Dorothy Foan  
Valerie Grubbs  
Janine Hobbs  
Kenneth Hobbs  
Tony Stead

John Bull and Lorraine Roberts serve on Deanery Synod, and are elected every three years, and were last elected in 2020.

Lord, we ask for your blessing on our Parochial Church Council. Help its members to understand what each can contribute both during the meetings and in supporting our work between meetings. Enable them to listen to and learn from each other and give them unity of heart and mind to consider the tasks and challenges before them. May our PCC have the vision to see Your purpose in our work, and for wisdom, strength and courage to carry it out. ***Amen.***

## Services in May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer**  
with The Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –**  
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –**  
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday**  
with The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel

Our **Parish Prayer Focus**

is on

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10.45am - 11.15am

Please use the north entrance door –

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Please remember to take home your copy of the  
Christ Church magazine for May!**

Please remember in your prayers the work of the missions that Christ Church supports:

