

# WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY



## ORDER OF SERVICE

The Second Sunday of Advent  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

10.30am Holy Communion  
with The Revd Roger Walker

Epistle: Philippians 1: 3 - 11 read by John H  
Gospel: Luke 3: 1 - 6 read by Kenneth H  
Intercessions led by Elliott Allison

Evensong this evening at 6pm will be led  
by The Venerable Luke Irvine Capel

*There is prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday  
at 10am for 15 minutes before the service, which  
you are welcome to join at any time*

**The Organ Voluntary after our service today is:  
*Pensiero Undecimo Primo Tempo, Secondo Tempo  
(1714) by Giovanni Maria Casini 1652-1719.  
Florence.***

# A Service of Holy Communion



## The Greeting *[Stand]*

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

## Hymn [516] *Please stand to sing*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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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:  
cleans 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 you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your mind,  
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.  
This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:  
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no 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.**

## The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Epistle [Sit]**

**Philippians 1: 3 - 11**



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

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

Here ends the Epistle.

***All***    **Thanks be to God.**

## **WORSHIP SONG** [*Stand to sing*]

Restore, O Lord,  
the honour of your name,  
in works of sovereign power  
come shake the earth again,  
that all may see,  
and come with reverent fear  
to the living God,  
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,  
in all the earth your fame,  
and in our time revive  
the church that bears your name.  
And in your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,  
where we are hard and cold,  
in your refiner's fire:  
come purify the gold.  
Though suffering comes  
and evil crouches near,  
still our living God  
is reigning, he is reigning here.

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Thankyou Music*



## Gospel Reading *[Remain standing]*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke *[Luke 3: 1 - 6]*



*All sing* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.  
And all mankind will see God’s salvation.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## **Sermon**      ***[Sit]***

***A short period of silence is kept.***

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

## **The Creed**                      ***[Stand]***

**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 *[Please stand]*

### The Peace

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

*We acknowledge each other with a sign of peace*

## OFFERTORY HYMN [591] *[Please stand to sing]*

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

# Preparation of the Table

## 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 remain standing***

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 singing;



*All sing* **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:

*All sing* **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:

*All sing* **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.

***During the distribution hymns and anthems may  
be sung.***

**Agnus Dei** *is sung*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Give us your peace.*

***All are welcome to come forward to receive the  
bread at the Communion rail.***



***If you would just like to receive a blessing, please carry your order of service with you to help the priest know your intention.***

***If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, the priest will come to you, please let the churchwarden know you wish to receive communion as he approaches down the aisle.***

## **Post Communion Prayer *[Sit or Kneel]***

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

## Final Hymn [32] *[Please stand to sing]*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear:  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave:  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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## **The 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 rest within 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 Revd Roger Walker for leading our  
service of Holy Communion today*

***Please stay for coffee and a chat after the service!  
Seats are available in the organ vestry or pews  
whilst the work is being carried out in the west  
end!***



All those that are sick, lonely, the recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.

## Services in December



**9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

with Revd Maurice Slattery

**12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen

**19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Roger Walker

**4pm Carols by Candlelight**

with Revd Nancy Ford

**24<sup>th</sup> 11.30pm Holy Communion**

with Revd Roger Walker

**25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Maurice Slattery

**26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen

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# Christmas Tree Festival 2021...

This year we are able to have our annual Christmas Tree festival once again.



As our building works have now commenced at the west end, we have had to restrict the numbers slightly to just those trees with a direct connection to the church and its supported missions.

Trees will be put up from this afternoon, with **the official launch on the morning of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, when we will have carols and mince pies and coffee etc.



This year, we are asking church family to bring along gift items [unwrapped] that can be given to the residents of Care for Veterans. Gifts will then be put together in Christmas bags to distribute on Christmas morning. They will be given to Care 4 Veterans after the Carol Service, and all donations from that service will also go to the local home in Boundary Road.

Gifts for men or women are welcomed – toiletries, stationery, sweets, chocolates, hats, scarves, gloves, anything suitable that you would give as a present at Christmas

Look out for the boxes at the front of the church to place your gifts in!





## **CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING** **Services and Events...**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**  
**Annual Christmas Tree Festival**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**  
**Candlelight Service of 9 Lessons and Carols**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**12 noon – 1.30pm**  
**Lent Lunches – Soup, a roll and fruit**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 12.30pm – 1.30pm**  
**Yoko Ono Concert Pianist**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**  
**Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist**

**Sea Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen**  
**Donations for Mission to Seafarers**



**6 pm 1662 BCP Evensong – Service Order**

***Conducted by The Venerable Luke Irvine Capel***

**Hymn 26 *Hark a thrilling voice is sounding***

**Confession etc. (see booklet)**

**Responses**

**Psalm 75 (see pointed sheet)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3: 1 - 4 Reader: *Janine H***

**Canticle – Magnificat (see pointed sheet)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 1: 1 - 25 Reader: *Kenneth H***

**Canticle – Nunc Dimittis (see pointed sheet)**

***Creed, Responses, Collects (see booklet)***

**Hymn 34 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry***

**Prayers led by *Dorothy F***

**Hymn 37 *The Lord will come and not be slow***

***Sermon***

**Offertory Hymn 31 *Lo he comes with clouds descending***

***Blessing***

***Organ Voluntary***

***Veni Redemptor Gentium: 4 verses MS29996,  
Anon, 16<sup>th</sup> century***

***Our thanks to Luke Irvine-Capel for leading our service today***