

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH
Grafton Road

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Epiphany

09 January 2022

**10.30am Morning Prayer
led by Derek Hansen**

1st Reading:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 *read by Gwen M*

2nd Reading:

Matthew 2: 1 – 12 *read by Joan P*

Intercessions *led by Tony S*



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

A Service of Morning Prayer

Preparation *Please stand*

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 [166]

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole that wars may cease
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail, for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity!

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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.

CONFESSIO *[Please sit or kneel]*

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
cleanse 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.**

BLESS THE LORD (Tune 493) [*Please stand to sing*]

**1. Bless now your fathers' God
And praise his glorious name:
Within heaven's holiest place
His wondrous works proclaim.
With angel hosts eternally
Lift up your hearts to him on high.**

**2. Between the cherubim
From heavenly realms above
He scans the depths of space,
The God of power and love:
With angel hosts eternally
Lift up your hearts to him on high.**

**3. Upon his royal throne
He reigns as Lord and King:
To heaven's eternal heights
Your loyal homage bring:
To God the Holy Trinity
Lift up your hearts eternally.**

The First Reading *[Please sit]*

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

‘Lift up your eyes and look about you:
all assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the arm.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

At the end the reader may say:

Here ends the First Lesson

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Songs *Please stand to sing*

Song 1

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord hath made.

This is the day, this is the day when He rose again,
when He rose again.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day when He rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day when He rose again.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came,
when the Spirit came.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

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Song 2

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. *Repeat*

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The Second Reading

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

At the end the reader may say:

Here ends the Gospel

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

[Please remain seated]

Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard

Apostles' Creed *[Please stand]*

**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 [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 ample 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.

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!

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The Collect of the Day

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's
end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Final Hymn [555]

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia! praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia! glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia! widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! praise with us the God of grace.

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Conclusion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

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.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

*Our thanks to Derek Hansen for leading our service
of Morning Prayer today*

The Organ Voluntary after our service today is:

*Chorale Prelude (2 verses) on the Epiphany Hymn
Wie schon leucht uns der Morgenstern by Georg Telemann
1681-1767, Hamburg*

***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 whom we know are sick, lonely, or recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.

Services in January



13th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

with Revd Nancy Ford

16th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Venerable Luke Irvine Capel

6pm BCP Evensong with Revd Nancy Ford

23rd 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

27th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

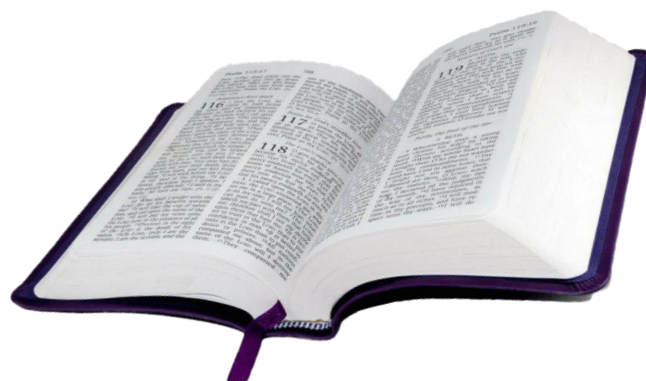
with Revd George Butterworth

30th 10.30am Holy Communion

with Revd Maurice Slattery



The Churchwardens have received notification from the Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter that she is retiring from ministry after over 30 years in the parishes of Christ Church and Holy Trinity, and they, along with the PCC would like to express their grateful thanks to her for her long and faithful ministry.



Taxi service to church

Those who are unable to get to church can always call Arrow Cabs for a taxi.



If you would like to come in a taxi, we have an account with them, but you will need to ask Lorraine or Sylvia or Joan the account name and the password. This will then enable you to come to church without paying, so you don't have to worry about finding change on the morning or evening of travel.

Then, those who wish to pay merely put their contribution into an envelope with the collection on a Sunday and mark it 'TAXI'

Please do remember though, the taxi firm need to get a car to you, pick you up and drive you to church, so please phone them a reasonable amount of time before you need the taxi!



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CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

Services and Events...



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Saturday 5th March & 9th April 2022
12 noon – 1.30pm

Lent Lunches – Soup, a roll and fruit

Tuesday 31st May 2022 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Yoko Ono Concert Pianist

Tuesday 21st June 2022
Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist

Sea Sunday 10th July 2022
Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen
Donations for Mission to Seafarers

