

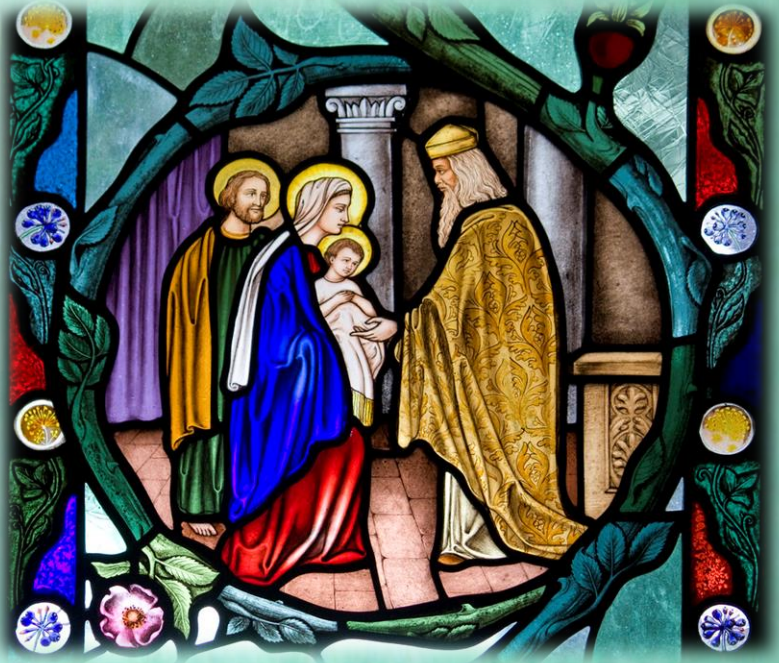


CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

Grafton Road

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ORDER OF SERVICE



The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

***The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas***

30th January 2022

**10.30am Holy Communion
with The Revd Maurice Slattery**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 read by Elliott A
Gospel: Luke 2: 22 – 40 read by John H
Intercessions led by Val G**

**The Organ Voluntary after our Service today is:
*Fugue 12 in B flat ca. 1806 by Johann Vanhal
1739-1813, Vienna***

A Service of Holy Communion



The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hymn [496] *Please stand to sing*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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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 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis **[Stand]**

All sing 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.

Gloria!

The Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle *[Sit]*

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13



If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with

the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

At the end the reader may say

Here ends the Epistle.

All Thanks be to God.

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

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.

*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.*

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SONG 2

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

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Gospel Reading *[Remain standing]*

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke *[Luke 2: 22 - 40]*



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

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.'

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

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 [557] *[Please stand to sing]*

Choir please note that vs 4 & 5 are omitted from the hymn book

Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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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]*

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 – We rest on Thee [tune CP384]

[Please stand to sing]

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in thy Name we go.

Yes, in Thy Name, O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know;
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
'We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go'.
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
'We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go'.

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendour,
Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.
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Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.

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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 the Revd Maurice Slattery 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 who are sick, lonely, recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.

Contact us:
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Services in February



6th 10.30am Holy Communion

with Revd Maurice Slattery

6pm BCP Evensong

with The Venerable Luke Irvine Capel

10th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

with Revd Roger Walker

13th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

20th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Venerable Chris Skilton

6pm BCP Evensong with Revd Roger Walker

24th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

with Revd George Butterworth

27th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

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 to phone them a reasonable amount of time before you need the taxi!

Christ Church Magazine

If you have any interesting factual stories, appropriate jokes, family recipes, or anything else of interest for the March magazine, we would love to hear from you. Would you please send anything you have to the admin team christchurchadmin@btinternet.com

Many thanks!

We are already collecting!

If you have any small gifts [unwrapped] for men or women for us to store for the **Christmas bags** to be given to charity next **Christmas**, please hand them to Lorraine or Karen.



CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING Services and Events...



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

Lent Lunches – Soup, a roll and fruit

Mothering Sunday 27th March

Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen and we welcome
back Lydie Badcock from FSW,
who will speak about the charity's work

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

Christ Church Jubilee Market-
Saturday 4th June *more details to follow!*

Tuesday 21st June 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist

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

Tuesday 26th July 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Richard Bowen Classical and Jazz Guitarist

Tuesday 20th September 12.30pm to 1.30pm
John Collins' Organ Recital as part of the celebrations
for Christ Church's 179th Anniversary