



# **Christian Aid Week Service of Morning Prayer**

**Led by The Revd Nancy Ford**

***[Chair of the Worthing committee for  
Christian Aid]***

***at Worthing Christ Church***

***Grafton Road***

***Worthing***

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

***The Voluntary following the service today is  
Sonata 35 in D by Domenico Puccini, 1772-1815, Lucca***

# The Parish of Worthing - Christ Church



A very warm welcome on behalf of the Church Family here at Christ Church as you join us for worship this Sunday morning.

*Our collection plate is on a table,  
as you enter the church*

*Envelopes are marked for either Christian Aid  
or for Christ Church, please complete and  
indicate on the front if you wish to give gift  
aid, and this will be collected and sent to  
Christian Aid or Christ Church as indicated.*

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# 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.**

## **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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## **Introduction**

O Lord, open our lips.

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Praise the name of the Lord.

**the Lord's Name be praised.**

## Confession

**Lord of all creation, we know that we have faltered and failed to do all we could to help others in need. Forgive us and restore us to wholeness and health; inspire us to delight in your purposes, to embrace your possibilities, to inhabit your promises, to flourish as fruit for the world you love, and bring healing for all the nations, in Jesus' name. 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**

## Responses

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
**We dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
**and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,  
**who was and is and is to come.**

## **The First Reading** - Acts 16: 9-15 *[Please sit]*

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

*At the end the reader may say:*

Here ends the First Lesson

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn [604]

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.  
Of his deliv'rance I will boast,  
till all that are distressed,  
from my example comfort take  
and lay their griefs to rest.

O magnify the LORD with me,  
exalt his holy name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.  
The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliv'rance he affords to all  
who in his promise trust.

O taste and see that he is good;  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they  
who in the LORD confide.  
Fear him, you saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make serving him your sole delight,  
your wants shall be his care.

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## **The Second Reading:** John 14: 23-29

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

*At the end the reader may say:*

Here ends the Second Lesson

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard*



## **The Apostles' Creed**

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.

## **Offertory Hymn**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*



I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Creator God, we thank you for the privilege of living in this beautiful world and for enabling us to live in a place where there is adequate food and water. Take these gifts of money and use them to help Christian Aid support communities throughout the world. May we never forget those in need in Zimbabwe, Ukraine,

Afghanistan and all other places where people suffer real hardship; and help us to work so that they will hunger no more and thirst no more. In Jesus' name we pray. **All Amen**

## **Collect**

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **All Amen**

## **A prayer for Ukraine, Russia and peace**

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to Ukraine, peace among nations, and peace in our hearts, through 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 [612]**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim,  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save;  
In lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty the tomb, for he was free;  
He broke the pow'r of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

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## **Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for  
evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the  
Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the  
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you  
always. **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 Revd Nancy Ford for leading our service of Morning Prayer today*

***Please stay for coffee and a chat after the service!***

Rev Nancy Ford is taking the 300,000 Step Challenge for Christian Aid this month. She would be appreciate your financial support on [www.justgiving.com/Nancy-Ford1](http://www.justgiving.com/Nancy-Ford1)



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### **Fund raising for Missions!**

The mission we are supporting this week is  
**Christian Aid**

Please do come along for a chat over a cuppa  
Tuesday and Wednesday 10.30am – 12 noon  
and Thursdays 2.30 to 4pm.

**Please note that all the money donated at coffee during the week will be sent to the mission of the week.**

## CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK

We at Christchurch now have a working relationship with Worthing Foodbank. This is run by volunteers at The Redeemer Church and is affiliated to the Trussell Trust. It is one of more than 1,200 foodbanks, staffed by volunteers, and working with the Trust to tackle food poverty and hunger in local communities across the UK.

Worthing Foodbank is not a drop-in centre. All the recipients are referred by outside agencies - care professionals such as health visitors, staff at schools and social workers; they identify people in crisis, and issue them with a food bank voucher entitling them to receive a food bank parcel of three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food from their local food bank. This support is seen as a stop gap to provide support until a long-term plan is established by care agencies.

If you are able, please would you donate **anything from the list below** so the volunteers can assemble identical packages Also please check everything is "in date".

***Milk (Long Life), Fruit Juice (Long Life), Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fish, Tinned Soups, Cereal (small & Med) Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Instant Mash, Tea Bags (40's & 80's)***

**We are now collecting toiletries for Foodbank clients also:**

***Deodorant, Shaving Foam, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo, Razor, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Handwash Washing up liquid, Feminine Hygiene***

**THANK YOU!**

# CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

## Services and Events...



**Wednesday 1st June 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Yoko Ono Concert Pianist

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist

**Sea Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

Donations for Mission to Seafarers

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Richard Bowen Classical and Jazz Guitarist

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Pianist Ben Soloman

**Christ Church Jubilee Market-**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September *more details to follow!***

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

John Collins' Organ Recital as part of the celebrations  
for Christ Church's 179<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

A Barbershop Quartet

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**

A service of Holy Communion with the start of the  
Christmas Tree festival - **Let there be light!**