



# **WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH**

## **Grafton Road**

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**The Last Sunday after Trinity**

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**lead by The Revd Yvonne Murphy**

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8 *read by Steven L***

**Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 - end *read by Janine H***

***Intercessions led by Val G***

*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 Voluntary after the service will be:**

Canzon 1 in D (libro secondo, 1649)  
by Johann Froberger 1616-67, Vienna

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# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

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

## HYMN [621] *[Please stand to sing]*

Who would true valour see,  
let him come hither;  
one here will constant be,  
come wind, come weather;  
there's no discouragement  
shall make him once relent  
his first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round  
with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound,  
his strength the more is.  
No lion can him fright:  
he'll with a giant fight,  
but he will have the right  
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
can daunt his spirit;  
he knows he at the end  
shall life inherit.  
Then, fancies, fly away;  
he'll not fear what men say;  
he'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

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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** 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**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **A prayer for Peace in the World**

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Spirit of the living God, Come afresh on your holy land.

Help your people to restore broken relationships.

Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear. Teach them to respect each other's integrity and rights so that your kingdom may be established on earth. For Jesus' sake. **All Amen**

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 among nations, and peace in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**



## **The Liturgy of the Word**

***Epistle [Sit] 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8***

You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We are not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

Here ends the Epistle. **All Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Song *Please stand to sing***

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name;  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said, 'Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give;  
go in my name and because you believe  
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his power as he told me to.

*Refrain*

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## **Gospel Reading [Remain standing]**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew [*Matthew 22: 34 – end*]



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

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied.

He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under

your feet.” If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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 [521] [*Choir tune 550 HTC*]

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,  
live in me from day to day,  
by His love and power controlling  
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing,  
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

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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

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.

### **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 Communion***

***If you would just like to receive a blessing, please carry your order of service with you.***

***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]**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All Amen**  
**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 [606]** *[Please stand to sing]*

*Choir note vs 3, 4 & 5 are omitted from the hymn book*

Thy hand O God has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

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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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

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

*Our thanks to The Revd Yvonne Murphy for leading our  
service of Holy Communion today*

*Please stay for coffee or tea and a chat after the  
service in Waters' Hall*



## **CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET!**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am to 12.30pm**

Contributions will be gratefully received from now on.  
Please would you hand them directly to the stall holders:

**PAPERBACK BOOKS, DVDs and CDs**

– Jonathan J and Tony S

**FESTIVE FOODS** – (Bought items only please!)

- Eve G and Grace S

**GIFTS AND TOILETRIES** - Sue C

**CHRISTMAS STALL** – Di A and Val G

**BOTTLES** – Chris and Alan D

(Preferably wrapped, and to the value of at least £2 please)

**JEWELLERY** – Anne W

**RAFFLE PRIZES** – Dorothy F and Sylvia A

**Bought Mince pies will be gratefully received  
nearer the time! (Please make sure they have a  
sell by date of at least mid-December/January)**

**LIVE MUSIC will be played throughout the event,  
with mince pies and tea and coffee available**

**Thank you!**



# Services for November and December

## November

5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion and Baptism!	10.30am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Evensong	6pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer [Remembrance Sunday]	10.30am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	10.30am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Evensong	6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer 'Celebration of Life'	10.30am

## December

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion [Advent Sunday]	10.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evensong	6pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	10.30am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	10.30am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service	4pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	10.30am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Midnight HC	11.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Morning Holy Communion	10.30am
31 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion	10.30am

# CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 2023/4

8<sup>th</sup> November from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**The 'Inspired Instrumentalists'**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 12.30pm

**Christ Church Christmas Mini Market**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. - **Carol Service**

6<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> December - **Christmas Tree Festival**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Yoko Ono and Clelia Iruzun on one piano!**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Southdowns Folk Singers**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Richard Bowen - guitarist**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Brighton Guitar Quartet**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Zhanna (*pianist*) and Evelyn (*clarinet or alto saxophone*)**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 10.30am to 2.30pm

**Christ Church Autumn Fair**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Paul Gregory – Guitarist**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**John Collins - Organist**

October 2024, **Rob Campkin (Violin) & James Buckham**

(Piano), date to be confirmed

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**The Inspired Instrumentalists**