



Christ Church Worthing

ORDER OF SERVICE

12th May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30am

MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen

First Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end read by Sally T

Second Reading: John 17: 6 - 19 read by John B

Intercessions led by Tony S

*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 the service this morning is:

Capriccio Primo sopra Ut, re. mi, fa, sol, la (1624)

by Girolamo Frescobaldi 1583-1643, Rome.

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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.**

HYMN [490]

Choir please note vs 2 is omitted from the hymn book

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

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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.**

CONFESSION *[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.

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.**

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The First Reading – Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end [Please sit]

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, 'Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in this ministry.'

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Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.'

So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

At the end the reader says:

Here ends the First Lesson

All Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SONG [*Stand to sing*]

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again,
I call out to you again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

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The Second Reading – John 17: 6 - 19 [Please sit]

‘I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

‘I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Here ends the Second Lesson **All Thanks be to God.**

Sermon [Sit]

There follows a short time of quiet reflection before..

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 [322] *Please stand to sing*

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord,
hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

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PLEASE SIT OR KNEEL TO PRAY

A prayer for Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace and we pray that your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

Pour your Holy Spirit of all in authority, soften their hearts and open their eyes that they may both perceive and know the consequences of their actions and give them the courage and strength to walk the way of peace

We pray for all who are hoping. Let hatred be transformed by love, fear turned into trust and despair overcome by hope.

We pray for all who are hurting, for lives lost and torn apart by grief and those with hopes for the future smashed. May the consolation of your healing love and presence comfort and support them.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare and help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that we may build a future together of justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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.**

Offertory Hymn [413] *[Please stand to sing]*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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Conclusion

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.**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

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

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

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held immediately after the service on Sunday 26th May, when the Churchwardens and members of the PCC will be elected, and the annual report and accounts accepted. Please do try to be there and give your apologies to Janine, PCC Secretary if you are unable to attend. Nomination forms for the election of officers are at the back of the church. Please hand to Janine when you have completed them, and ensure you have the agreement and signature of the nominee before handing them in!

The meeting does not last long, so there's time to grab a coffee beforehand, take your seat, then chat afterwards!

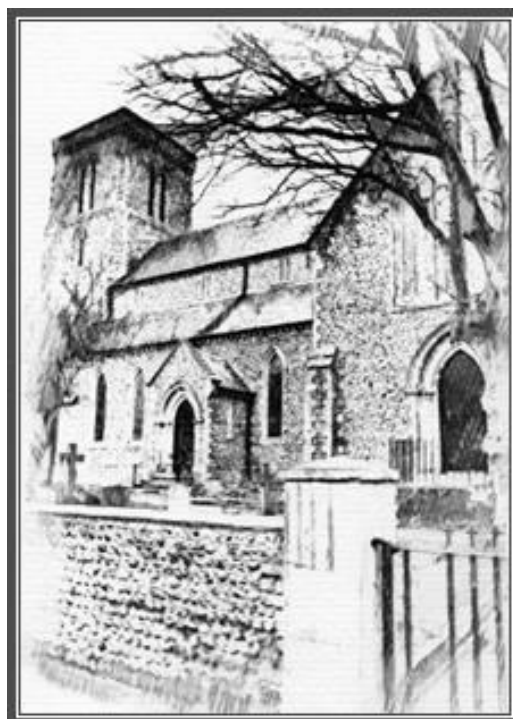
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

As was relayed last Sunday, the Patrons and representatives from our parish interviewed a prospective candidate for an incumbent, and we have been told that the person was successful.

We now just await confirmation from the bishop, and then we will be told who the person is.

At last! It's been a long wait, but all things come to those who wait. In His time, not ours!

Our thoughts, prayers and support are with the new minister, and we look forward to welcoming them into our church family, very soon.



Services in May in Christ Church:

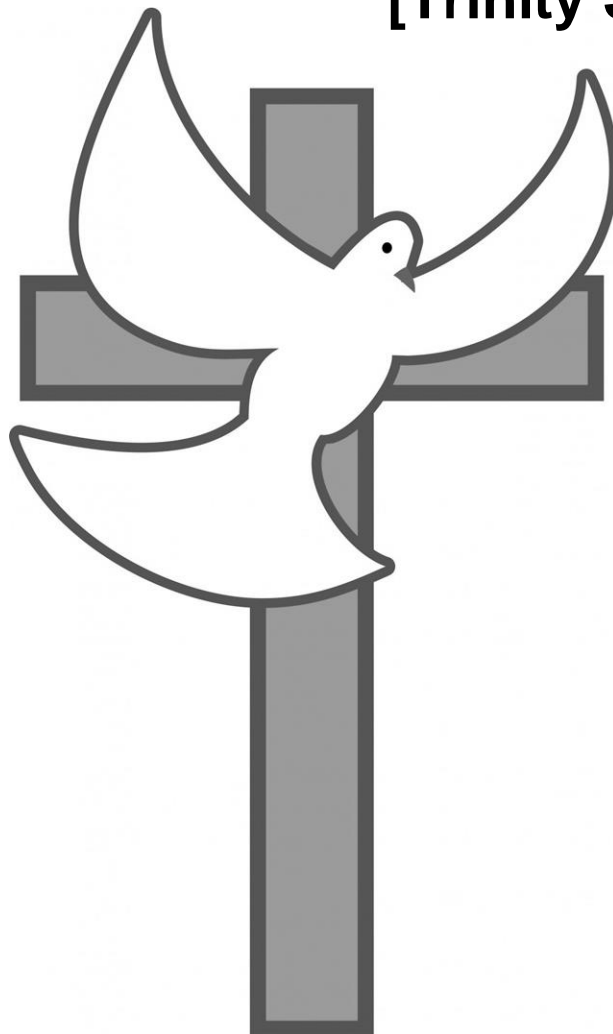
19th 10.30am Holy Communion
[for Pentecost]

6.00pm Evensong

23rd 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

26th 10.30am Morning Prayer

[Trinity Sunday]



Christ Church –

Events coming up in 2024

THIS WEEK!

Tuesday 14th May 2024

- from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Richard Bowen - guitarist

Tuesday 11th June 2024 – from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Brighton Guitar Quartet

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd June An Exhibition of Arts to include Banners, Sculptures, paintings and photography
10.30am to 4.30pm

Tuesday 9th July 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

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

Tuesday 13th August 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Serenata Jazz Group

Saturday 7th September 2024 from 10.30am to 2.30pm

Christ Church Autumn Fair

Tuesday 10th September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Paul Gregory – Guitarist

Tuesday 24th September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

John Collins - Organist

Tuesday 8th October 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Rob Campkin (Violin) and James Buckham (Piano)

Volunteers wanted!

On Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd June, Christ Church is hosting an Exhibition of Arts.

“Creativity @ Christ Church”

This will include a large collection of beautiful, hand-made Banners, made by Christine Diebel, who made the banner that hangs from the north gallery in our church. Christine will also be displaying clergy stoles and scarves etc. that she has made.

In addition, Martyn Grubb, Val’s son, and Martyn’s wife Jane will be displaying sculptures they have professionally crafted, and we hope also in memory of Roy West, to be displaying some of his own artwork/paintings.

During the two days, from 10.30am to 4.30pm, we will be serving tea/coffee and cake, and we need, as a church family, to be in the church to welcome visitors and serve tea and coffee. Music will play during the day.

If you can spare any time during these two days, please do put your name on the sheet at the back of the church, at the refreshment station.

All donations will go towards the running of our beautiful church, and now that we have a minister coming, the future looks rosy, so let’s make it happen!

*Thank you from the Outreach Committee -
John B, Dorothy F, Sylvia A, Eve G, Lorraine R, Jenny S,
John C, Janine H and Ruth R.*