



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 8th December 2019
Advent 2

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion or laying-on-of-hands for healing, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you. Please do stay for **coffee** served at the back of the church after the service. There is a **toilet** at the back of the church should you need to use it during the service.*

This morning we welcome our Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Jill Alderton

THE GATHERING

Prelude: 'Lucis Creator Optime' *Marcel Dupré 1886-1971*
Supreme Creator of the Light

We stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy:
Hymnus, Op20 No 1, A.C. Mackenzie 1837-1935

THE GREETING

Celebrant The Lord be with you
All and also with you

Hymn 286:
Edward Caswall.

HARK! A HERALD VOICE IS CALLING:
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

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'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.' (Romans 15:7)

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiv'n.

So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then, as our defender,
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

BLESSING OF THE TOYS

Bless O Lord + these gifts of toys, that they may be channels of your love, imparting joy to those who give and those who receive them. We pray, too, that all families struggling in poverty may know something of your love and provision, especially at this time of year, when we begin to reflect once again on our Saviour's birth in poverty and humility. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CROWN

As the Advent Crown is lit (a symbol of the light of Christ coming into the world and into the darkness of our own lives) we sing:



Christ - mas is co - ming, the Church is glad to sing, and
5 let the Ad - vent can - dles brigh - tly burn in a ring. 2.The
9 se - cond for the pro - phets who said that Christ would
12 come with good news for ma - ny and an - gry words for some.

and the following prayer is said:

All Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide and show all the world God's love. Amen.

THE 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.

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PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Kyrie

All

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THE COLLECT

Celebrant O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Hymn 589:

Charles Coffin.

**ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken,
for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**

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**Then cleansed be ev'ry Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.**

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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Gospel Procession: Prelude in C Minor, *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*
Remain standing until the Priest has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All **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.**

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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

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following responses may be used:

All Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers:

All Merciful father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand to share the peace:

The Peace

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

*Should you wish to make a donation to the work of St Margaret's Church a collection bowl is passed around during the following hymn. If you are a UK Tax Payer do please consider placing your gift in one of the yellow GiftAid envelopes provided and complete the required details as this will enable us to claim back 25p/£1 donated. **Thank you!***

Hymn: 424

**LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

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**At his feet the six-singed seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, Lord most high.'**

Celebrant Heavenly Father we ask you to accept these prayers,
left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that
you will meet those who are named at their point of
need. May they know you are always with them.

All Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

We sit or stand for:

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Celebrant It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, forever praising you and singing:

All



Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest. **R**

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **R**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

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When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in GLORY.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro -
claim your death, Lord Je sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All:

A - men. A - - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

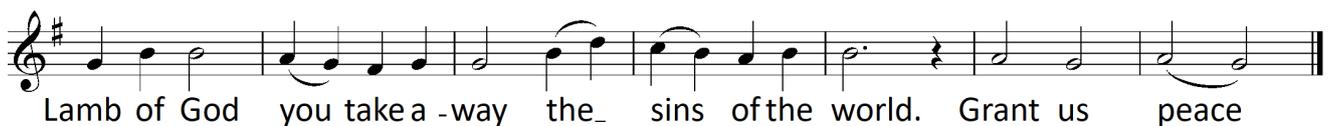
All **We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of 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.

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

We sing the Agnus Dei.



All are welcome to either come and receive Communion or a blessing. If you would like a blessing rather than to receive Communion (the bread and wine) then please keep hold of your service sheet as you approach the servers at front of the church.

Laying on of hands for healing is offered in the south aisle chapel during the distribution of communion. This ministry is offered for your own needs or for someone who maybe on your heart and mind at this time.

*Those who are going into **hospital** in the coming week, or for some other reason, and who would like to be anointed with oil of healing and prayed for by a priest please do have a word with a priest after the service – they will gladly offer you this ministry.*

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During the distribution of Communion:

Short Prelude in E Minor, BWV555 Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Hymn 785:

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WAIT FOR THE LORD, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Cantor:

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand.
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord.

I waited for the Lord.
God heard my cry.

Our eyes are fixed
on the Lord our God.

Seek first the kingdom of God.
Seek and you shall find.

O Lord, show us your way.
Guide us in your truth.

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THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

THE BLESSING

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Hymn 140:

Charles Wesley.

**COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Choir and Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Postlude: *Creator alme siderum, Marcel Dupré 1886-1971*

The Postlude comes from a collection of sixteen chorales entitled; Le Tombeau de Titelouze. Titelouze was an organist at the Cathedral St John in Rouen, and the Chorales are based on his hymns. This chorale is for use on Sundays in Advent: 'Creator Alme Siderum, Aeterna lux credentium, Jesu, Redemptor omnium, intende votis supplicum.' Translates: Mighty Creator of the stars, eternal Light of believers, Jesus, Redeemer of mankind, hearken to our beseeching prayers.

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Notices

Services next Sunday: **Said Holy Communion (8 am)**
Advent 3 **Sung Eucharist (11 am)**
 ReFresh Christmas Service (6.30 pm)

For our prayers

The Parish: Drummond Road, Duncton Close, Elsted Close,
Excalibur Close, Crossway, Denchers Plat,
Dobson Road and Dove Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Bill,
Sophie, Evelyn Kerr, Clive, Sarah Colgate,
Christine, Richard Aldridge and William
MacKeen

The Departed:

Annie Roberts, Geraint Thomas and John Stone

Year's mind:

Teresa Gregory, Emily Neal, Eva Neenan,
Margaret Holyoake, George Buckley, Edward
Dorrington, Len Pattenden and Helena Thorn-
Davis

Also for our Prayers:

For the Alzheimer's Society and those it
supports

For Rob and Crawley Christians Against Poverty

Thanksgiving for the FIISH team

Thanksgiving for the Lighthouse Project, taking
Christianity into schools

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Notices Continued

The Christmas Issue of St. Margaret's Church News is out today. Please do take a copy, read it and then put it through a neighbour's door so that it reaches as many local residents as possible. Bundles of copies for distribution via local businesses, schools and surgeries can be found on the table near the door. Your help in delivering these would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Toy Service Plus - Today at FISH and at 11.00 am. Our gifts will go first to our local Family Support Work practitioner, Becky, to select items for the families she is currently supporting. The remainder will be taken to FSW's headquarters in Brighton and distributed from there. If you haven't brought a toy or gift this morning, Jill Bell will be happy to accept monetary gifts which can be used to purchase vouchers for teenagers. On behalf of FSW, thank you all for your generosity.

Do You Need Your Winter Fuel Allowance? If not, Becky and the Family Support Work team would love to be able to share it among the needy families in their care. If you would like to donate, please pick up an envelope from the literature table by the north door. Thank you.

The Thanksgiving service for Geraint Thomas will take place on the 17th of December at 1 pm in church. Family flowers only please and donations will go to Open House.

Confirmation Classes - is your child in year 5-11? Are they considering confirmation? If so, speak to Naomi. Confirmation Classes will begin in the New Year on Sundays between 3 pm and 5 pm.

See www.ifieldparish.org for service times, The Buzz, current service sheets, Church groups and events

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