



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield

Loved as you are



Sunday 27th December 2020

Christmas 1

*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.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

The Greeting:

Leader Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you**

Leader This is the day that the Lord has made

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Please sit as we confess our sins:

Invitation to Confession:

Leader The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
 and be faithful to Christ.
 As we offer ourselves to him in penitence
 and faith
 we renew our confidence and trust in his
 mercy.

Confession:

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

Absolution:

Leader May the God of love
 bring us back to himself,
 forgive us our sins,
 and assure us of his eternal love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please stand to say

The Venite:

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now
And shall be for ever. Amen.**

Please sit

The Collect:

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image, and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the readings.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 61: 10-62.3

At the end the reader may say

	This is the word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

2nd Reading:

Galatians 4:4-7

At the end the reader may say

	This is the word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2:15-21

At the end the reader may say

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon

We stand and say:

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.**

Please sit for our prayers:

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world,
and let us thank God for his goodness.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

and at the end of the prayers:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray in faith:

**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 for ever. Amen.

Please stand for the Peace:

The Peace

Leader Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and
 his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those
 around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

Notices

Banns Reading

Blessing:

Leader: Eternal God, giver of love and power,
 your Son Jesus Christ has sent us all into the world to
 preach the gospel of his kingdom:
 confirm us in this mission,
 and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader: We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

A collection plate has been placed by the west door where you can leave your offering to support the work of St. Margaret's Church. You can also make a donation:

- via the home page of our website www.ifieldparish.org using the yellow 'DONATE NOW' button.
- by sending a cheque made payable to 'Ifield Parochial Church Council' to:
Ifield Church Parish Office, 1 Lychgate, Ifield Street, Ifield, Crawley RH11 0NN.
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Ifield Parochial Church Council.
Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account Number: 00022470

Thank You

***Please maintain social distancing of 2 metres as you
now leave the church by the west door at the back of the church and avoid
congregating.***

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Service next Sunday:
Epiphany

**Service of the Word (11 am) and on Facebook and the
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