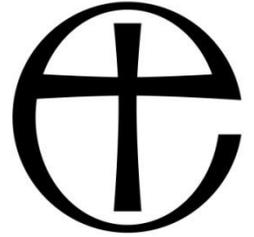




**Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**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. Please do stay for **coffee** served at the back of church after the service. There is a **toilet** at the back of church should you need to use it during the service.*

### **THE GATHERING**

*We stand and sing:*

**Hymn 265:**

*John Neale.*

**GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!**

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

**Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we blest for evermore:  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this.**

**Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save;  
calls you one, and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save.**

### **THE GREETING**

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

### **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.

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

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins'. Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

**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.**

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**        **Amen.**

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

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*Choir: 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.*

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

*Choir: 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.*

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest**

*Choir: 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.*

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

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

## THE COLLECT

Celebrant 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 forever. **Amen**

*We sit for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ***First Reading***

*1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

### ***Second Reading***

*Colossians 3:12-17*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn 658:**

*Joseph Mohr.*

### **SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT.**

**All is calm, all is bright,  
round yon virgin mother and child;  
holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.**

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

**Silent night, holy night.  
Shepherd's quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing alleluia:  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.**

**Silent night, holy night.  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus Lord at thy birth.**

*Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel:*

***The Gospel Reading***

*Luke 2:41-end*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

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

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Remain standing until the Priest has introduced the Sermon:*

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

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All**            **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.**

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We stand to share the peace:*

### ***The Peace***

Celebrant    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.

*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 363:**

*Edmund Sears.*

**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
'Peace on the earth, good-will to all,  
from heav'n's all gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**

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

**Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing;  
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds  
the blessèd angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and warning mankind hears not  
the love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise of mortal strife,  
and hear the angels sing!**

**And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow:  
look now! For glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing.**

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

**For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

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 All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

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

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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## All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,  
hea-ven and earth are ful of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na  
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

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

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.

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**            **Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

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. **Amen.**

### ***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.**

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

## ***The Giving of Communion***

Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

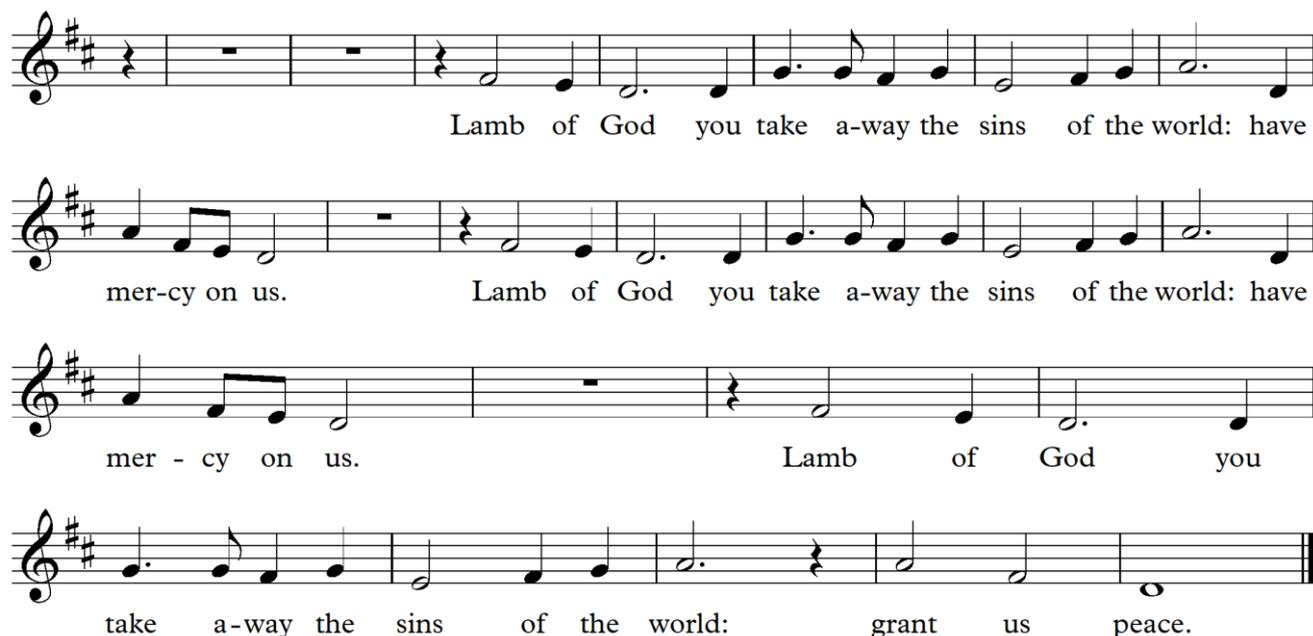
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you any right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

*We sing the Agnus Dei.*

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Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you  
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

*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.*

### ***Communion Hymns***

**Hymn 812:**

*William Dix.*

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherd's guard and angels sing:  
come, greet the infant Lord,  
the babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the Son of Mary!**

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

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
come rich and poor, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the Virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the Son of Mary!**

***The Prayers after Communion***

**Celebrant** Heavenly Father, who blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All** **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

## **THE BLESSING**

Celebrant Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

### **Hymn 39:**

*James Montgomery.*

**ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

***Come and worship Christ,  
the newborn King;  
come and worship, worship Christ,  
the newborn King.***

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:**

**Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of Nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:**

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

**Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:**

**Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
ev'ry knee shall then bow down:**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

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.**

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## Notices

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**Services next Sunday:**    **Said Holy Communion (8 am)**  
*Epiphany*                      **Sung Eucharist (11 am)**

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### For our prayers

The Parish: Troon Close, Tunnmeade, Tweed Lane and  
Warren Drive, Vancouver Drive and Vivienne  
Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Judith  
Aldridge, Sean Bushell, Dorothy Warder, Gill,  
Bill, Dorelle Downes, Clare McCann, Joan  
Richmond, Janet, Jo, Anthony, Andrew, Jackie,  
Aaron and Alan Read

### The Departed:

Year's mind: Lilian Baker, Leonard Forshaw, Gwendoline  
Clarke, Roy Lock, Samuel Smith, Leonard  
Greaves, David Bright, Anthony Miller-  
Forward, Valerie Mayatt, Teresa Gregory,  
Louise Skam, Claire Venner, Jeanne Chambers,  
Mary Newbury, Myrtle Dearling, Peter Barton,  
Vicky Martin and Rita Brackpool

Also for our Prayers: For all refugees and asylum-seekers

For our Mission Partners, Patricia and Peter

Thanksgiving for all the joys of 2018

Thanksgiving for this New Year and all the  
opportunities it will bring

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## Notices Continued

**Urgent Appeal.** Our hot air heating system is damaged beyond repair so we urgently need to install a new one which will cost about £50,000. We are therefore making an urgent appeal for donations to pay for this work. Please make sure that your donation indicates that the gift is for the “Heating Fund”. If you are a tax payer and would like the church to collect the tax refund then please use the yellow Gift Aid envelopes in the pews or if paying by any other means include your name and address so we can send you a Gift Aid Form.

**Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019 are ready for collection and are now on the table by the north door.**

**Sharing The Warmth This Winter:** If you are eligible to receive the Winter Fuel Payment this year, would you consider donating some, or all, of this to Family Support Work? A donation of £200 could make an enormous difference to a local family dreading the approach of the cold weather and the added pressures this will bring. Response cards, with details of how to make your payment, are available on the literature table in church today. Alternatively, your cheque, made out to CDAFSW, can be sent to: Family Support Work, Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, BN1 6AA. Should you wish to Gift-Aid, an online form can be found at [www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org) where you can read more about the charity’s work.

**On behalf of the Clergy and Parish Office we wish you a Happy New Year.**

See [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org) for service times, The Buzz, current service sheets, Church groups and events

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