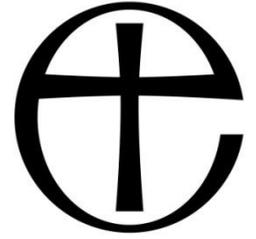




Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent

*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.*

## THE GATHERING

### **Prelude: Unter der Linden grüne**

Under the green tree

Jan Pieters Sweelinck 1562-1621

*We stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy who process during the voluntary: **Ombra Mai Fù**, from 'Serse' George Frederick Handel 1685-1759  
Song to a tree*

### **Hymn 19:**

*Robert Bridges. Copyright © 1968 Novello & Co. Ltd*

**ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED;**

**he doth still my trust renew.**

**Me through change and chance he guideth,**

**only good and only true.**

**God unknown, he alone**

**calls my heart to be his own.**

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

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tow'r.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

### **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 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.**

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.**

*Gloria in Excelsis is sung*

*George Salazar arranged by Paul Inwood © 1993 OCP Publications*

***Glory! Glory! Glory to God!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!***

**Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.  
Peace to God's people, all people on earth.**

***Glory! Glory! Glory to God!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!***

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

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;  
praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!*  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!***

**You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!*  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!***

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,  
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!*  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!***

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,  
reigning in glory forever. Amen.  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!*  
*Glory! Glory! Glory to God!***

### **THE COLLECT**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

*We sit for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ***First Reading***

*Genesis 1:1-2.3*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

### ***Second Reading***

*Romans 8: 18-25*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn 652:**

*Vs 1 Karen Lafferty 1948-, Vss 2-3 unknown*

**SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I in your midst;  
and whatsoever you ask I will do:  
Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel*

***The Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 6:25-end*

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.**

***Gospel Procession:***

*Man Lobt Dich in der Stille* *George Friedrich Kauffman 1679-1735*  
God is praised in the stillness

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

**THE SERMON**

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

*We stand for:*

## **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 Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his 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 767:**

*John Marriott 1780-1825*

### **THOU WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD**

**Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light.**

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

**Thou, who didst come to bring  
On thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to humankind  
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the earth far and wide  
Let there be light.**

**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.

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer which the earth has given and human hands have made. They will become for us the bread of life and cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*We sit or stand for:*

***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

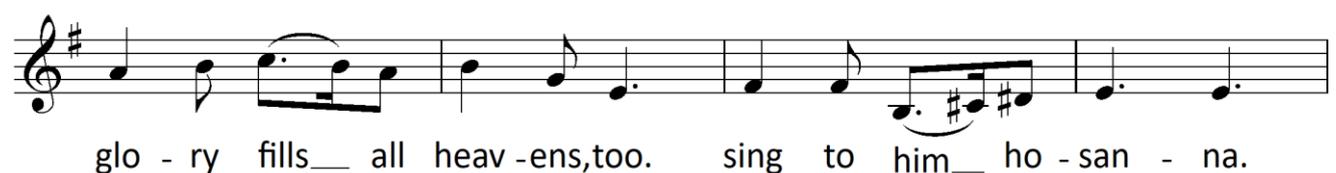
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**All**



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



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.

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.

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

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

4  
Dy - ing you\_\_ de-stroyed our death, ris - ing you\_\_ re -  
5  
stored our life: Lord\_ Je - sus come in glo-ry, Lord Je - sus come.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a measure rest and a '4' above it. The lyrics 'Dy - ing you\_\_ de-stroyed our death, ris - ing you\_\_ re -' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a measure rest and a '5' above it. The lyrics 'stored our life: Lord\_ Je - sus come in glo-ry, Lord Je - sus come.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.

2  
A - - - men. A - - - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of a single staff. It begins with a measure rest and a '2' above it. The lyrics 'A - - - men. A - - - men.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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(Romans 15:7)

## ***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***

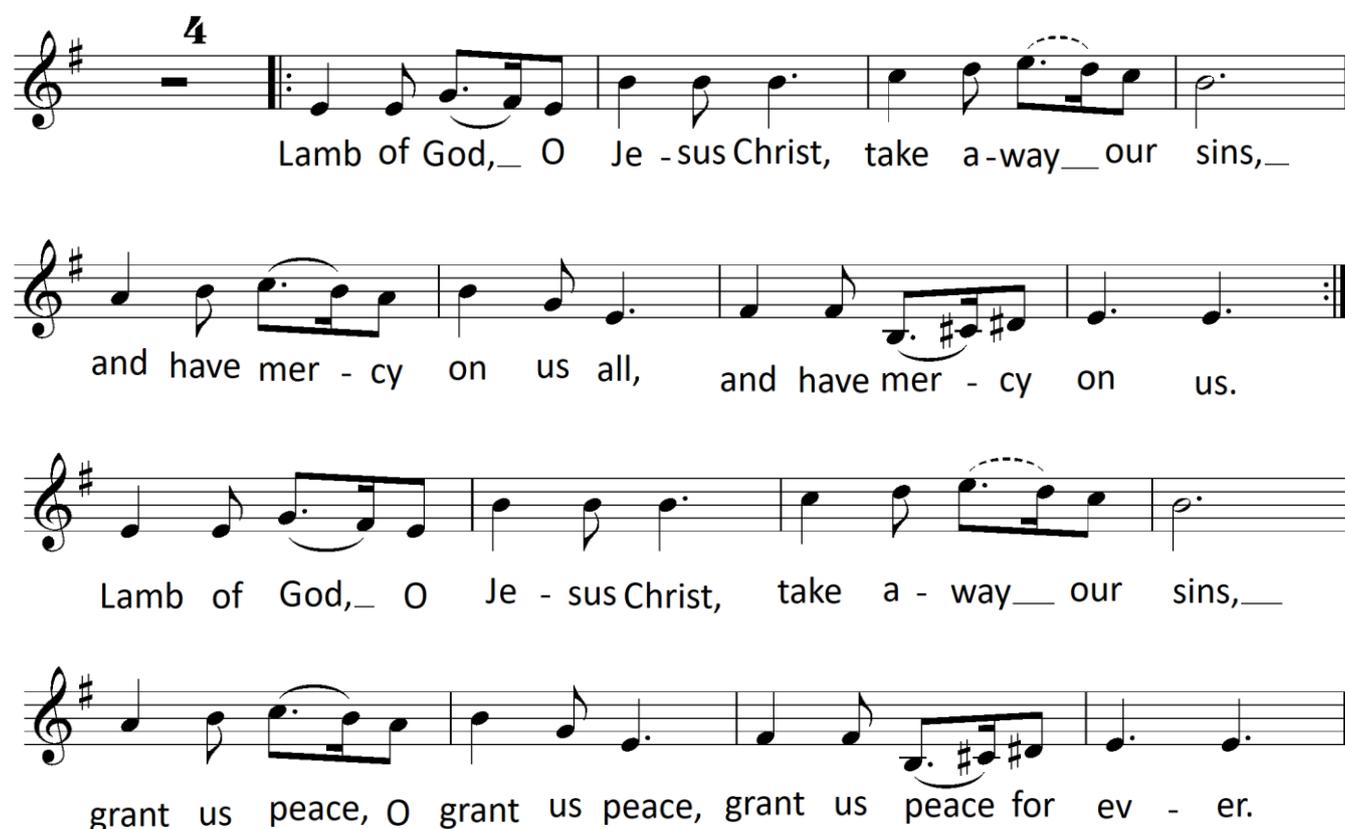
Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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

*We sing the Agnus Dei.*

*Anthony Hamson from Celebration Hymnal Compilation © 1976 Mayhew-McCrimmon*

**All:**



Lamb of God, O Je - sus Christ, take a - way our sins, and have mer - cy on us all, and have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, O Je - sus Christ, take a - way our sins, grant us peace, O grant us peace, grant us peace for ev - er.

*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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(Romans 15:7)*

## **Communion**

During the distribution of Communion, Agnus *The Lamb*

*From Messe pour les Convents Francois Couperin 1668-1733*

### **Hymn 338:**

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**I WATCH THE SUNRISE** lighting the sky,  
casting its shadows near.

**And on this morning, bright it be,  
I feel those shadows near me.**

***But you are always close to me,  
following all my ways.***

***May I be always close to you,  
following all your ways, Lord.***

**I watch the sunlight** shine through the clouds,  
warming the earth below.

**And at the mid-day, life seems to say:**

**'I feel your brightness near me.'**

***For you are always close to me,  
following all my ways.***

***May I be always close to you,  
following all your ways, Lord.***

**I watch the sunset** fading away,  
lighting the clouds with sleep.

**And as the evening closes its eyes,**

**I feel your presence near me.**

***For you are always close to me,  
following all my ways.***

***May I be always close to you,  
following all your ways, Lord.***

*'Accept one another for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'*

*(Romans 15:7)*

**I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
waiting till morning comes.**

**The air is silent, earth is at rest**

**– only your peace is near me.**

***Yes, you are always close to me,  
following all my ways.***

***May I be always close to you,  
following all your ways, Lord.***

### ***The Prayers after Communion***

**Celebrant** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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**

**Celebrant** Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

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(Romans 15:7)

## 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.**

**Hymn 349:**

*Walter Smith.*

**IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

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*The Choir and Clergy will recess to the postlude:*

**Postlude: Pastorale, BWV 590 J.S. Bach 1685-1750**

*Very little is known of the precise origins of this Bach organ work in the key of F major, BWV 590, which is usually known as the "Pastorale" in F, and sometimes Pastorella in some sources. It comprises of four sections and is thought by most scholars to have been written for performance during the Christmas services held at the main Leipzig churches with which Bach was closely associated. The work was therefore written presumably around the year 1720. It is a lovely way to conclude today's liturgy which has reflected on God the Creator, and creation which awaits and hopes for his redemption in the Kingdom of God which Jesus calls us to seek first, then all things will be added.*

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## Notices

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**Services next Sunday:** **Said Holy Communion (8 am)**  
*Sunday Before Lent* **ReFresh (9.30 am)**  
**Sung Eucharist (11 am)**

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### For our prayers

The Parish: Langley Lane, Lavington Close, Laws Close and  
Linchmere Place, Langley Parade, Langley Place and  
Langley Walk

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Sophie,  
Christine, Richard Aldridge, Howard Sanders,  
William MacKeen, Graham, Angela, Shirley, Billy,  
Colin, Sharon, John Hartridge, Sarah Colgate,  
Evelyn Kerr, Sheena Cook, Ann Utting, Francis Pole  
and Archdeacon Fiona

The Departed:

Year's mind: Lily Cooper, Charles Clarke, Sydney Dawson,  
Pamela Das, Stuart McLeod, Meg Daniel, John  
Hubbard, Constance Collins, Ralph Hogben, Lilian  
Dancy, Lorna Bessent, Alan Dawson and Olaf  
Twyman

Also for our Prayers: For those who lead ReFresh on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each  
month

For the staff of Langley Green Hospital and the  
Mental Health Team

Thanksgiving for our MP and all who hold political  
office

Thanksgiving for leisure time for teachers and  
students

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## Notices Continued

**Interregnum update** – Dear All. Two interviews were meant to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan for prospective Vicars for our Parish. Unfortunately, one person pulled out the day before and the references for the other person did not come back satisfactory, and therefore this interview did not go ahead. The vacancy will therefore be re-advertised. An intermediary priest is being sought to cover for the vacancy. As we continue in interregnum the Vicarage will now be rented out on a shorthold tenancy with a three-month break. As the vicarage belongs to the Diocese, they will receive the rent. Whilst frustrating for all of us, we trust that God has this situation in hand, so please continue to pray for the right person to be sent to us.

### **HELP REQUIRED**

We are looking for someone to help with the huge burden of work on the current wardens (Chris and Rob), so could that be you? The following is a brief outline of what you would expect to be involved in, but please do speak to Chris or Rob for more details.

#### **Deputy Warden**

- To meet with Chris and Rob to discuss matters arising and actions for the running of the Parish.
- To take on some of the actions around looking after the maintenance of the buildings and the running of the Parish.
- To look to encourage others to help with specific tasks / services / events
- To support at Sunday services

We are also looking for people to join the Buildings Committee to help manage the work involved with the new extension (Planning

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application has been submitted to the Council) and the renovation of Lychgate cottage.

### Buildings Committee

- To attend the buildings committee for the new developments (Church Extension and Lychgate Cottage renovation)
- To assist with the actions arising from these meetings and liaise with the lead (Martin Hull).
- To assist with liaison with the Fundraising Committee regarding communications and targets.

**Collection Boxes:** These are now available in church and will be collected in at Easter. If you don't like emptying out all your loose change, you are just as welcome to put a cheque in the box and, if appropriate, complete the gift aid form on the back of the box.

Your **used ink jet cartridges** raise money for the church. Please bring them in and put them in the box on the windowsill.

**Sunday School** - during services on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month there is Sunday School for anyone aged 0-18. If your child is not yet at school you are welcome to take them out to the choir vestry where there are toys and colouring. If your child is at school they will join Naomi during the first hymn and go out to Lychgate to take part in some activities. They will return before the end of the service.

**Squeals** - our parent and toddler group meets every Thursday from 10 am in Lychgate.

**Youth Clubs** - If your child is school year 2-6 then they can join Crazy Christians in church from 6.30 pm – 8 pm, if your child is year 7-11, then they can join Beyond Crazies in Lychgate from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.

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For more information see Naomi.

**Chichester Cathedral Choir.** Today at 4 pm the Cathedral Choir along with Bishop Martin and Archdeacon Fiona and possibly The Dean will be leading Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity Church in Forest Row. This is one of only two engagements that the choir have undertaken to do outside the Cathedral this year. All are welcome to attend.

**With Lent fast approaching can you please return last year's palm crosses for making the ash used at the ashing services on Ash Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup> February).**

**"Live Lent: Care for God's Creation"** is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. Over the forty days of Lent, participants are challenged to explore the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance of God's creation, using daily reflections, Bible readings and suggested actions. For those who would like to take part, the parish has ordered 50 copies of the booklet for use at home. In addition, on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning on 4th March at 8.00 pm, there will be an opportunity to meet in church to discuss the issues that have arisen. This will be followed at 8.30 pm by the short service of Compline. To reserve your copy of the booklet, please contact Jill Bell ([reader@ifieldparish.org](mailto:reader@ifieldparish.org) or 01293 521699) or see her in church.

**Wanted** - May Queen and attendants for the Ifield May Fayre on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. If you would like to be considered for this year's May Queen or would like to be one of her attendants, please pick up a flyer with full details info at entrance to the Church. Nominations

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must be received by 5 pm on 9th March. For more information please email [info@ifieldmayfayre.co.uk](mailto:info@ifieldmayfayre.co.uk)

**Lent Lunches:** in Lychgate Cottage, with soup, bread and cheese. Wednesdays throughout Lent (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month when the Vintage Café is open) from 11 am to 1 pm, with tea and biscuits at 11 am and lunch at 12 noon. There is no charge and you are very welcome to invite friends and family. Donations may be made to CMS. Dates are March 11th, 18th, 25<sup>th</sup> & Apr 8.

**Easter Craft Afternoon** - following on from the successes of our other craft afternoons, we will be having an Easter themed craft afternoon on Monday 6th April from 2 pm-4 pm in church. See Naomi for more details.

**Quiz Night:** Saturday April 25th at 7.00 pm. There will be a Ploughman's supper with a choice of ham, cheese or paté. Bring your own drink. Teams of six but if you are a smaller group, you can make up a team on the night. Tickets £7 available from Karen Kelso or the Parish Office.

**Save The Date** - Cops and Robbers Holiday Club will take place in Church between the 11th and 14th August 2020. More details to follow.

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

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# Coronavirus

## Holy Communion

While it is our faith that the sacraments are means of grace and not of sickness, they are physically ministered, and we should take physical care. As well as the specific concern about Coronavirus, this advice is generally applicable for all infectious disease.

1. **Wash Hands.** Priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers are reminded to wash hands. We strongly advise the use of hand sanitizers immediately before the Preparation of the Table and Eucharistic prayer.
2. **Do not intinct.** Because hands can be as much a source of pathogens as lips, intinction is no safer than drinking and can introduce germs into the cup. Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) can also threaten those with certain immune or allergic conditions. For instance, those with gluten intolerance for whom traces of gluten can be hazardous are at greater risk when other communicants have dipped their communion wafer into the wine.
3. **Consider receiving Holy Communion in one Kind.** It is Anglican teaching that to receive the sacrament in one kind only (ie. just the bread) is to receive the sacrament in its entirety. The celebrant should always receive from the Chalice. Should a communicant feel ill or not wish to drink from the chalice then he or she ought to receive the consecrated bread alone. There is no need at this stage to cease offering the chalice to the congregation.
4. **Visiting.** Pastoral visitors to homes and hospitals should observe all precautions in personal hygiene before and after such visits.
5. **Exchange of the Peace.** When we exchange the Peace we express our desire to come to the holy table as a community which has been reconciled to God and one another through the work of Christ, and whose members are 'in love and charity' with our neighbours. Although customary in many churches, handshakes or other physical touching are not therefore required at this point and, if people are concerned about these, it is enough simply to say 'peace be with you', preferably whilst making eye contact.

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