



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield

Sunday 10th March 2019
Lent 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 the church should you need to use it during the service.*

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Evocation à la Chapelle Sixtine, *based on the words: 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned' Franz Liszt*

We stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy and sing:

Hymn 202:

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**1. Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted still, yet unbeguiled.
bed.**

**2. Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about your way;
stones your pillow, earth your**

**3. Let us your endurance share,
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you vigilant in prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain.**

**4. Then if evil on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Help us not to swerve or fail.**

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

5. So shall peace divine be ours;
holier gladness pure and true;
come to us angelic powers,
such as ministered to you.

6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side;
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

THE GREETING

Bishop 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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Bishop Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is
this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your
strength'. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as
yourself'. There is no other commandment greater than
these. On these two commandments hang all the law
and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

Bishop The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Bishop 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 Eleison

2 *Cantor* *All* *Cantor*

Lord_ have mer-cy. Lord_ have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy.

8 *All* *Cantor* *All*

Christ_ have mer - cy. Lord__ have mer - cy. Lord__ have mer - cy.

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THE COLLECT

Bishop Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Hymn 169:

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FATHER, HEAR THE PRAYER WE OFFER:

**not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**

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**Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wand'rings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

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.

Gospel Procession: Meditation, based on *Ps 42:1, Peter Hurford*

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

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.
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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following 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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand to share the peace:

The Peace

Bishop Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given us access to his grace.

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!***

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

Hymn 465:

Bishop Synesius.

**LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME,
and purge away my sin;
From earth-born passions set me free,
And make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.**

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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.**

Bishop It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

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The Sanctus

Repeat after the Cantor



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

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest. **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.

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.

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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



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.



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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.

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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.

2
Lamb of God you take a - way the_ sins of the world, have

7
1. 2.
mer - cy on us.____ Lamb of Lamb of God you take a -

12
way the_ sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

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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

Prélude Lent, Alphonse Schmitt

Hymn 62:

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**BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

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The Prayers after Communion

Bishop Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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

Bishop 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.

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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Hymn: *(to the Tune of Tallis' Canon)*

**AGAIN WE KEEP THIS SOLEMN FAST,
a gift of faith from ages past,
This Lent which binds us lovingly,
to faith and hope and charity.**

**The law and prophets from of old
in figured ways this Lent foretold,
Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,
in these last days was sanctified.**

**More sparing, therefore, let us make
the words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep, our laughter, every sense;
learn peace through holy penitence.**

**Let us avoid each harmful way
that lures the careless mind astray;
By watchful prayer our spirits free
from scheming of the Enemy.**

**We pray, O blessed Three-in-One,
our God while endless ages run,
That this, our Lent of forty days,
may bring us growth and give you praise.**

Ascribed to St Gregory the Great, tr. Peter J Scagnelli

Postlude: Meditation, based on Ps 42:1, Peter Hurford

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Notices

Services next Sunday:

Lent 2

Said Holy Communion (8 am)

Sung Eucharist (11 am)

For our prayers

The Parish: Fir Tree Close, Fitchet Close and Fox Close,
Framfield Close, Friston Walk, Fulmar Close and
Galad Road

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Judith
Aldridge, Sean Bushell, Dorothy Warder, Dorelle
Downes, Joan Richmond, Janet, Jo, Anthony,
Andrew, Jackie, Baby Spencer, Shirley Balmer,
Graham Pinder, Angela Shannon, Ivy Foster and
Bill

The Departed: Clare McCann, Br Angelo SFF and Karen Vine

Year's mind: Ellen Carter, Doreen Gamble, Alice Moon, John
Jones, Albert Humphrey, Victor Neal, Mervyn
Daniel and Ralph Harris

Also for our Prayers: For those who will run Lent Lunches over the
coming weeks

For all those attending the Living Faith course

Thanksgiving for all who have listened to God's
call

Thanksgiving for Street Pastors, especially
those working in Crawley

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Notices Continued

The financial position for January and February:

Income	£34483
Expenditure	£18702
Surplus	£15781

Comments :Income includes £16109 from the Heating Appeal so the true position is a small deficit of £328. The main sources of income were; Rent Langley Green £5000, Parish Giving Scheme £7217 and the Heating Appeal £16109. The main items of expenditure were; Diocesan contribution £10659 and Salaries for the Office, Youth Worker and Director of Music £3630. For further information please contact Ray Budd on 01293 520407

A Big Thank You From Family Support Work to all who contributed books or money for books for the children they support. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

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Becky, our FSW worker, has invited a mum to attend a Connective Parenting course that is being run in Haywards Heath. This mum does not drive so it will be difficult for her to get there every week. She has a 2 yr old that will also be attending as she is not at nursery that day. It is on a Thursday from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm. It is running for 8 weeks, with a 3 week break over Easter. Becky has asked us if we might have a volunteer driver able to support this mum so that she can attend. They can stay whilst the course is running and FSW would reimburse their fuel. If you feel able to help please do let Simon know 01293 543126 rector@ifieldparish.org

This year we will be running the diocesan Year of Vocation Lent Course ***Living Christ*** on Wednesday evenings' at 7:30 pm in church (followed by compline). In this course we encounter Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus, and invite course participants to ponder how they are living out their own calling to grow in the likeness of Christ. If you would like to join us on the course then do please let Mave know in the Parish Office so that we can ensure we have enough course booklets.

Throughout Lent, we are raising funds for our mission partners in the Congo who really need our support. If you have not yet taken a **CMS collection box** (they are on the table), please take one this week. They will be collected in at Easter and proceeds of these and of our lent lunches will be sent to the Wyards."

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Lychgate Vintage Tea Rooms. A new community morning will be taking place in Lychgate Cottage on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. The next one is on the 3rd of April so please come along and bring your friends. Donations of small tea pots will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the Parish Office. **A big thank you to all who donated crockery and attended the first one on the 6th of March, it was well attended and there was a real 'buzz' in the air as people met, chatted and spent time together.**

Sunday School is available for any children aged 0-11 in the choir vestry. Children go out in the first hymn and return in time for communion.

Wanted - May Queen and attendants for the Ifield May Fayre on 6th May 2019. 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 must be received by 5 pm on 11th March. For more information please email info@ifieldmayfayre.co.uk.

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Lent lunches will be held this year on Wed 13th March and Wed 10th April.

Please join us for soup and a roll 12 pm – 2 pm. There is no charge and anyone is welcome. Any donations received will support our new CMS mission partners Peter and Patricia Wyard. They visited St Margaret's in September and are now in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Find out more from their updates on the table in church or on the Mission noticeboard. We are also looking for helpers to cook soup, set up or serve. If you can help, please speak to Karen on 01293 971523 or email karenmkelso@gmail.com.

St Margaret's Choir will be presenting a **Spring Concert on Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 7.00 pm**. Come and join us on a musical journey through the history of our Parish Church, when the choir will perform music from the 13th Century to the present day. Refreshments will be available. Tickets will be available soon, from choir members; Lychgate Cottage (01293 537578), or on the door on 23rd March. A donation of £10, which can be gift-aided, per ticket is suggested with all donations going to the Church Boiler Fund. We look forward to welcoming you.

St Margaret's Vision Day 30th March 10 am – 3 pm at Holy Trinity Church Tilgate. An opportunity to shape the future of your church. Lunch Provided for those who sign up. To sign up contact the Parish Office by Monday 25th March letting Mave know if you have any special dietary requirements and if you need a lift. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Church Electoral Roll - Action Needed Every six years, we are required to remove everyone from the church electoral roll and prepare a new one – 2019 is that year! . Have you been coming to St Margaret's Church for six months or more? Have you been Baptised? Are you aged 16 years+? If so, please complete an Electoral Roll form. Representation on the governing bodies of our church depends on the number of names on the roll. Joining the Roll is compulsory if you wish to stand for election to the PCC or other synodical council (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod). Joining the Roll gives you the right to attend and vote at the APCM (annual parochial church meeting). It enables you to help in the democratic choosing of who stands on the decision making body of your church. All church members are invited to please complete an application form. Application Forms are available in Church or downloadable from our website www.ifielddparish.org. The deadline for return is **Wednesday 27th March 2019**. Please return your form to Clare Wilson (PCC Secretary and Parish Electoral Roll Officer) in church or by email: pccsecretary@ifielddparish.org, or via the Parish Office.

If you would like to donate towards an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one for Easter Sunday, the cost will be £3.00 per lily. Please give your donation, together with the names of those to be remembered, to Sue King or the parish office. The cut-off date for money to be received is Sunday 14th April.

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SMILE Ladies – Plans for 2019

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap – Wednesday 24th April at 7.30 pm. Discounted ticket £31. Let me know if you would like a ticket for any of these shows - catch me in church most Sundays. All ladies are welcome to attend our events (and men too!). For further details contact Clare Wilson Email: pccsecretary@ifielddparish.org or 0776 1122 172

Chichester Diocese have organised ***A Way of Living*** study day that builds on the material found in the A Way of Living study book. The day will be an opportunity to explore more deeply how we might like to use a rule of life in our own lives. This day is for those who may want to find a more systematic way of applying their faith to their daily lives of prayer, worship, community and mission. The day will consist of short addresses with plenty of time for discussion, reflection and prayer and an opportunity to share your thoughts with others on the same journey. The event takes place in The Sherbourne Room, Bishop's Palace, Chichester on Saturday 4th May 2019. There will be a limited number of places so please register your interest now by e-mailing toni.hayes@nhs.net Full details of the day will be sent to you nearer the time. For further information please phone Richard Ashby on 01243 372234.

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

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