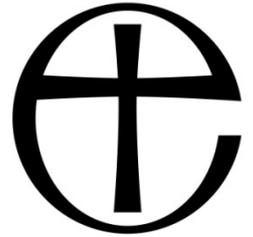




Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 12th January 2020
Baptism of Christ

*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: Ven. Roger Combes

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Adagio, Franz Liszt 1811-1886

We stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy who process during the voluntary:

Prelude Michael Gotthart Fischer 1773-1829

Hymn 589:

Charles Coffin 1676-1749, tr: J. Chandler 1808-1876

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

**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 sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.**

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.

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PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

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

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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.*

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

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.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 for ever. **Amen**

We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

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Second Reading

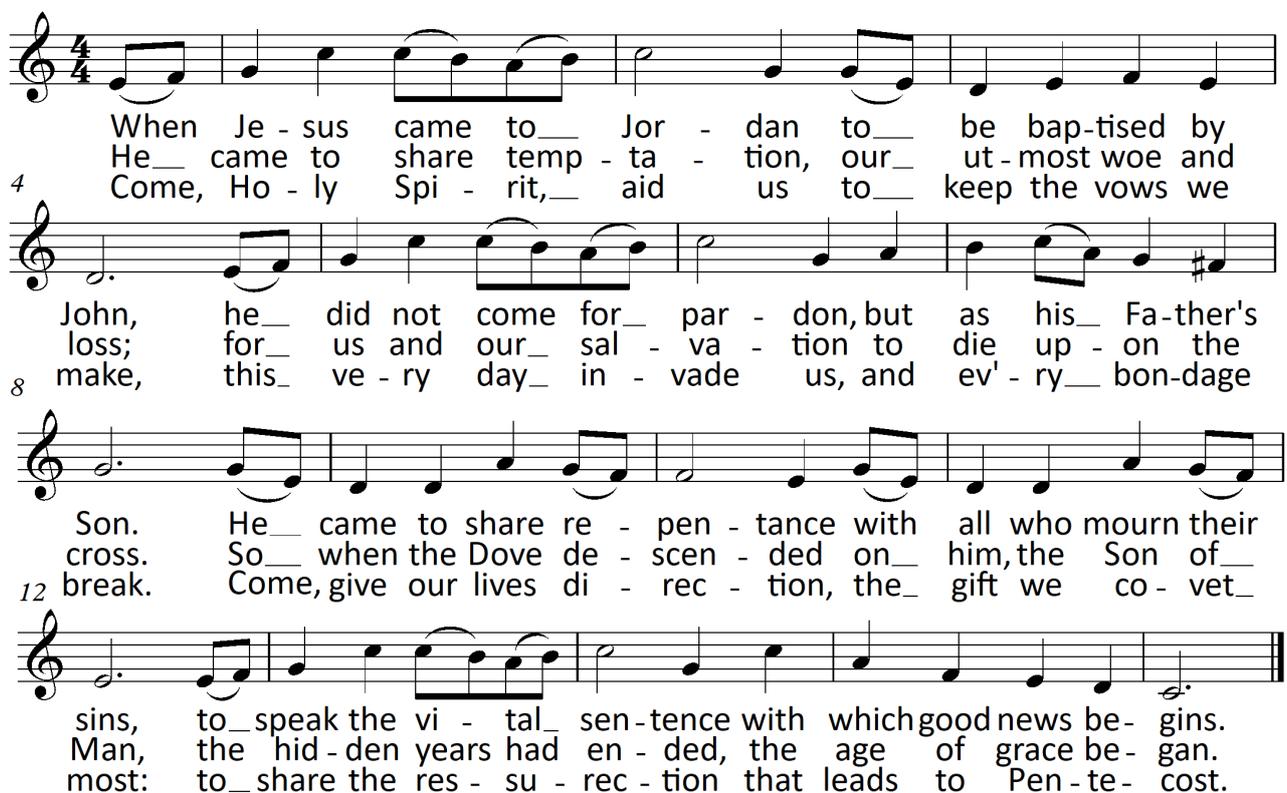
Acts 10:34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Hymn 821:

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When Je - sus came to_ Jor - dan to_ be bap-tised by
He_ came to share temp - ta - tion, our_ ut - most woe and
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit,_ aid us to_ keep the vows we
John, he_ did not come for_ par - don, but as his_ Fa-ther's
loss; for_ us and our_ sal - va - tion to die up - on the
8 make, this_ ve - ry day_ in - vade us, and ev' - ry_ bon-dage
Son. He_ came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their
cross. So_ when the Dove de - scen - ded on_ him, the Son of_
12 break. Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the_ gift we co - vet_
sins, to_ speak the vi - tal_ sen-tence with which good news be- gins.
Man, the hid - den years had en - ded, the age of grace be- gan.
most: to_ share the res - su - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-end

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Procession: Chorale: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn,
Lord Christ, God's only Son Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Remain standing until the Priest has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

REMINDER OF OUR BAPTISM CALLING

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. Here is the door of faith, through which we enter the kingdom of heaven. As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters, and called to proclaim the wonders of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Water is poured into the font with these words

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All **Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

The president stands before the water and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son, Jesus, received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. Lord of life,

All **renew your creation.**

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Lord of life,

All **renew your creation.**

Now sanctify (+) this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen. Lord of life,

All **renew your creation.**

The celebrant then sprinkles the people with water from the font to remind them of their baptism.

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

Celebrant Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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 687:

Frances Havergal.

**TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

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**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

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 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.

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Celebrant All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. 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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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

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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.

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:

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Dy - ing_ you des - troyed our death, ri - sing_ you re -
stored our life: Lord Je - sus_ come in_ glo - ry.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The second staff begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The lyrics are: 'Dy - ing_ you des - troyed our death, ri - sing_ you re - stored our life: Lord Je - sus_ come in_ glo - ry.'

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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.



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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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 away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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

During the distribution of communion

Fantasia on: **Adore Te Devote** Alexandre Pierre François Boëly 1785-1858
I devoutly adore you

Hymn 176:

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**FATHER, WE ADORE YOU,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you!**

**Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you!**

**Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you!**

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THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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**

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.**

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 702:

Samuel Stone.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

**is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word;
from heav'n he came
and sought her to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endured.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

The Choir and Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Postlude: Allabreve, BWV 589 Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

*This work probably dates from when Bach was in the service of the Duke of Sachsen-Weimar between 1708 and 1717. **Bach** was the court organist and had many duties, mostly in regard to church services. He wrote a number of organ works during this period, including this Alla Breve, a work of considerable interest, fully convincing in its ecstatic and grandiose sonorities. Alla Breve means 'on the breve' often understood as in double time and the work presents the main theme at a deliberate pace in the soprano range, which is then completed in the middle register by the left hand, which initially provided accompaniment. The contrapuntal writing throughout is brilliantly conceived and the mood never veers from a sense of triumph, from a serene, if regal and resplendent peace.*

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Notices

Services next Sunday: **Said Holy Communion (8 am)**
Epiphany 2 **Sung Eucharist (11 am)**

For our prayers

The Parish: Hanbury Road, Hardham Close, Holylake Close
and Hunstanton Close, Hazel Close, Hazelwick Mill
Lane and Heron Close

The Sick: Patients of Langley Green Hospital and Sophie,
Christine, Richard Aldridge, Howard Sanders,
William MacKeen, Dorelle Downes, Graham,
Angela Shirley, Billy, Colin, Sharon and John
Hartridge

The Departed: Peter Murray

Year's mind: Ada Rogers, Lilian Johnson, Harriet Johnson,
Charles Sharmer, Eileen Hubbard, Reynold Jones,
Charles William, Elisabeth Walters, Carole Hearn,
Dorothy Hollamby, Dennis Yardy, Mary Davies,
Iris Moss, Vera Warren and Anthony Gittins

Also for our Prayers: For all those who find it difficult to keep warm in
winter

For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thanksgiving for all the Christian denominations
worshipping in our town
Thanksgiving for our Ambulance Services

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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.

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. For more information see Naomi.

On Saturday 11th January, Karen Kelso was commissioned by Bishop Martin, in Chichester Cathedral, to serve in this parish as an Authorised Lay Minister. With the support of the Ministry Team and the PCC, Karen has been in training for the past year, firstly attending the diocesan Living Faith course and then specialising in Ministry in the Community. Part of her role in the parish will be to encourage us all in reaching out to the local community. Please keep Karen in your prayers as she embarks on this important work, and be prepared to give her your support.

The funeral of John Hopcroft has been moved to the **27th** of January at 12 pm in church.

Choral Evensong for Candlemas: Sunday, 2nd February at 6.00 pm.

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

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