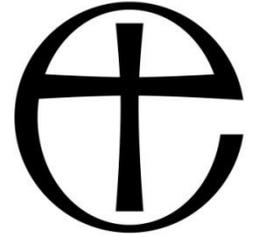




Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 9th February 2020
3rd 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.*

This morning we welcome our Celebrant and Preacher: Ven. Roger Combes

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Choral Song, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

We stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy who process during the voluntary: Plein Jeu, Premier Couplet du Kyrie, from Messe pour les Convents, François Couperin, 1668-1733

Hymn 198:

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**FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help
us rise and pledge our word.**

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

**Lead us, Father, into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

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

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

**love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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!***

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

**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!***

**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!***

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

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Isaiah 58:1-9a

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

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

Hymn 854 (Laudate):

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You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the King-dom of God!
You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the King-dom of God!
You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the King-dom of God!
We are a blest and a pil-grim people: Bound for the King-dom of God!



Share the fla-vour of life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: Shine in the King-dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!



Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the King-dom of peace; bring forth the



King-dom of just-ice, bring forth the Ci-ty of God!

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

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.

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Procession: Bring Forth the Kingdom, *Stephen C Horsman*

Remain standing until the Priest has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

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:

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers:

Merciful father,

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

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 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.

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 91:

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**BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

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

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

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

Anthony Hamson from Celebration Hymnal Compilation © 1976 Mayhew-McCrimmon



'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.

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.

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

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 marked '4'. 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 marked '5'. 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 marked '2'. The lyrics 'A - - - men. A - - - men.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.**

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

**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

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.

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.

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

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.

Communion

During the distribution of communion:

Elevation, from Messe pour les Convents *François Couperin, 1668-1733*

Hymn 90:

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***BROKEN FOR ME, BROKEN FOR YOU,
the body of Jesus, broken for you.***

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

**He offered his body, He poured out his soul:
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole.**

**Come to my table and with me dine;
eat of my bread and drink of my wine.**

**This is my body given for you;
eat it remembering I died for you.**

**This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new.**

THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **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.**

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

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 499:

Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997 based on the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love.

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

**Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

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

***O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

The Choir and Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Postlude: Prelude in E Minor BWV 533, *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

This piece originates from the time when Bach was still in his twenties probably between 1704-1709. He had just got his first real job as an organist in Arnstadt. This position as a highly paid organist had fallen into his lap in 1703, after a brilliant performance when testing the new organ. Unfortunately, it was actually criticism of his organ playing that was given as one of the reasons for letting him go just four years later, when he moved to a position as organist in Muhlhausen. The Church Council felt that he used too many curious variations and strange notes in his chorale preludes which, they believed, confused the congregation.

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Notices

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

For our prayers

The Parish: Fairway, Fernhurst Close, Ferring Close and Findon Road, St Edmond Close, Emberwood and Falcon Close

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 and Archdeacon Fiona

The Departed: Gordon Crump

Year's mind: Edward Wyatt, Harold Bell, Edith Allen, Pauline McKinnon, Lynn Palk, Carol Le Beau, Dennis Brackpool, Leonard Matthews, June Walsh, Richard Langley, Robert Smith and Caselmere Birch

Also for our Prayers: For those who lead FIISH – our monthly service for young families

For all who hear God's call and seek to do his will

Thanksgiving for all who work with young people

Thanksgiving for our flower arranging team

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Notices Continued

Interregnum update – Dear All. Two interviews were meant to be held on the 28th 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 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.

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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.

Chichester Cathedral Choir. On Sunday 16th February 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 (26th 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 or 01293 521699) or see her in church.

Wanted - May Queen and attendants for the Ifield May Fayre on Sunday 3rd 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 must be received by 5 pm on 9th March. For more information please email info@ifieldmayfayre.co.uk

Lent Lunches: in Lychgate Cottage, with soup, bread and cheese. Wednesdays throughout Lent (except the 1st 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, 25th & 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.

Summer Holiday Club - plans have begun for this years holiday club which will be 11th -14th August. If you could help as an adult leader please speak to Naomi or Veryan.

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