



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 23rd February 2020
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: Rev'd Canon Doris Staniford

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Elegy from 'Richard III' William Walton 1902-1983

We stand at the entrance of the choir and clergy who process during the voluntary: Andante William G. Wood 1859-1895

Hymn 453:

George Bourne.

**LORD, ENTHRONED IN HEAV'NLY SPLENDOUR,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.**

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(Romans 15:7)*

Prince of life, for us, thou livest,
By thy body souls are healed;
Prince of peace, thou peace thy givest,
By thy blood is pardon sealed;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Word of God in flesh revealed.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving rev'rence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flow'r of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb! thine off'ring, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

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**Life-imparting heav'nly manna
stricken rock with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

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.

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

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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!***

**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!***

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(Romans 15:7)*

**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.**

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THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 24:12-end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

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(Romans 15:7)

Hymn 775:

J. Armitage Robinson.

**'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
we see thy Kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

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(Romans 15:7)*

Remain standing and turn to face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

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: Mein Junges Leben hat ein end

My young life is ended Jan Pieters Sweelinck 1562-1621

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.**

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**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,
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.

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.

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(Romans 15:7)*

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 351:

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**IN BREAD WE BRING YOU, LORD, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour,
but stand united now, one in belief.
O, we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.**

**The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our hearts' poor soil,
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.**

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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.

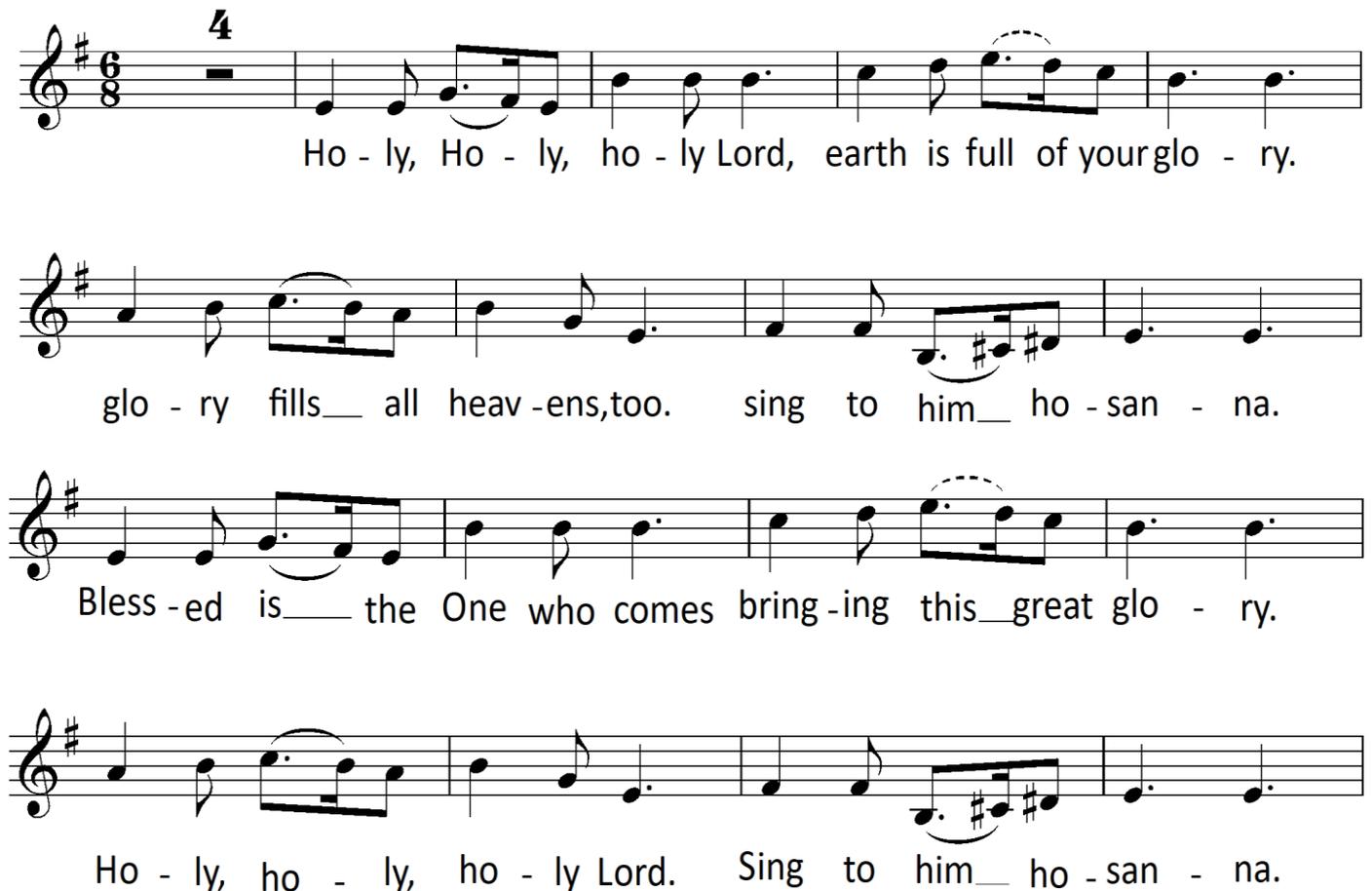
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

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:

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

All



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, earth is full of your glo - ry.

glo - ry fills__ all heav - ens, too. sing to him__ ho - san - na.

Bless - ed is__ the One who comes bring - ing this__ great glo - ry.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Sing to him__ ho - san - na.

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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

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this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All

4
Dy - ing you__ de-destroyed 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 written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by notes for 'Dy - ing you__ de-destroyed our death, ris - ing you__ re -'. The second staff continues with 'stored our life: Lord_ Je - sus come in glo-ry, Lord Je - sus come.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes beamed together and some held over.

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

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.**

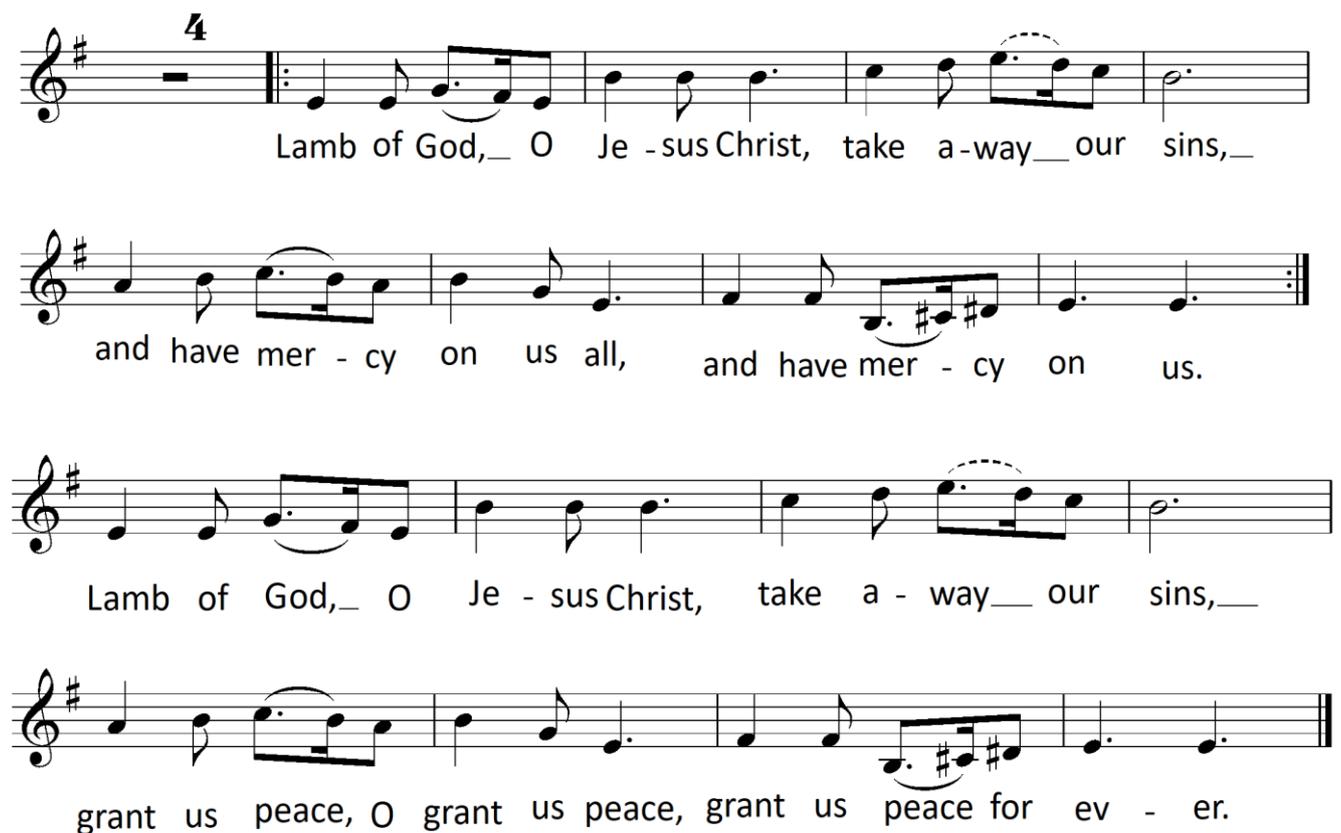
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The Giving of Communion

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.

All:



4

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.

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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.

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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.

During the distribution of Communion

3rd Movement from Pastorale BWV 590 *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

Hymn 317 (Laudate):

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**FATHER, IN MY LIFE I SEE,
you are God, who walks with me.
You hold me life in your hands:
close beside you I will stand.
I give all my life to you:
help me, Father, to be true.**

**Jesus, in my life I see
you are God, who walks with me.
You hold me life in your hands:
close beside you I will stand.
I give all my life to you:
help me, Jesus, to be true.**

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**Spirit, in my life I see
you are God, who walks with me.
You hold me life in your hands:
close beside you I will stand.
I give all my life to you:
help me, Spirit, to be true.**

THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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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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 251:

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847, Music: Henry Smart, 1813-1879



God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright-ness of thy_ face;
5 shine up - on us, Sav-iour, shine, fill thy Church with light di - vine;
9 and thy sav - ing health ex - tend un - to earth's re - mo - test end.

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.**

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**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.**

The Choir and Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Postlude: Voluntary *John Bull 1563-1628*

John Bull was born c. 1562, Radnorshire, and was an English composer of outstanding technical ability and a keyboard virtuoso. Bull was educated as a chorister of the Chapel Royal in London. In December 1582 he was appointed organist and the following month choirmaster at Hereford Cathedral; but in 1585 he returned to the Chapel Royal, where in 1591 he succeeded William Blitheman, his former music teacher, as organist. Bull became a Doctor of Music at the universities of both Oxford and Cambridge. In 1596 he was appointed by Elizabeth I to the professorship of music at the newly founded Gresham College in London. In 1601 he traveled in France, Germany, and the Netherlands, where his virtuosity as a keyboard player was much admired. On his return to England he continued in royal service and, although he resigned his professorship in 1607 in order to marry, he was evidently highly esteemed at court, being named Doctor of Music to King James I in 1612. In 1613 he left England and entered the service of the Archduke Albert in Brussels. Bull remained in the Netherlands, becoming in 1616 organist at the Cathedral of Antwerp, where he died in 1628. Little of Bull's vocal music survives, and his reputation rests on his extensive compositions for virginals and organ (some 150 extant pieces), published in Musica Britannica (1951).¹

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¹ <https://www.britannica.com/biography/John-Bull-English-composer>

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Notices

Services next Sunday: **Said Holy Communion (8 am)**
Lent 1 **Service of the Word (11 am)**

For our prayers

The Parish: Rectory Lane, Redwood Drive, Reedings and River Mead, Perth Close, Pine Close and Plover Close

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

The Departed:

Year's mind: Marian Bowen, Jonathan Strutt, Hilda Friend, William Mayes, Brenda Wilkins and Peter Crowhurst

Also for our Prayers: For all who come to Squeals on Wheels on Thursday mornings

For all involved in the running of Ifield Barn Theatre

Thanksgiving for Becky and her Family Support Work colleagues

Thanksgiving for our Mayor and local councillors

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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

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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.

Ash Wednesday is taking place on the 26th February. Please join us for the 10 am or 8 pm service.

"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.

The next Cake and Company takes place on the 4th of March from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in Lychgate Cottage. All welcome.

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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.

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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 for service times, The Buzz, current service sheets, Church groups and events

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