



**Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield**  
*Loved as you are*



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**

*Everyone is 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, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

*As we gather before the service, we speak to God. During the service, we let God speak to us. After the service, we speak to each other.*

**THE GATHERING**

**Processional hymn**  
**As we gather together**

Pastorale BWV 590 Second Movement Allemande  
*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

**Processional Hymn**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home!**  
**All be safely gathered in, 'ere the winter storms begin.**  
**God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied,**  
**Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song our harvest-home!**

**We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praises yield.**  
**Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.**  
**First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.**  
**Grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home,  
From his field shall purge away all that doth offend, that day,  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

*Words: Henry Alford 1810-1871 Music: George Elvey 1816-1893*

## **THE GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you.  
**and also with you.**

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**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**

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's  
creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts  
carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer and in your mercy:  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have  
given them to us. Father, in your mercy:  
**Forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

***Gloria, (clap) gloria, (clap) in excelsis Deo.***

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**Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of  
praise.**

***Gloria...***

**Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

***Gloria...***

**At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**

***Gloria...***

**Glory, Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.  
Gloria....**

*Words and Music: Mike Anderson b. 1956*

## **THE COLLECT**

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us pray.'  
The Collect is said, and all respond, Amen.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit for the readings:*

### **First Reading**

*Joel 2:21-27*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 126**

***Response: Those who sowed with tears will reap songs of joy.***

1. When the Lord resorted the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongues with shouts of joy.

***R: Those who sowed with tears will reap songs of joy.***

3. Then they said among the nations,  
"the Lord has done great things for them".
4. The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

***R: Those who sowed with tears will reap songs of joy***

5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
Like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**R:        Those who sowed with tears will reap songs of joy**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Timothy 6:6-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*

### **The Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 6:25-33*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon*

## **THE SERMON**

*We stand*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:*

**All**            Lord, in your mercy  
                  **Hear our prayer**

*and at the end of the prayers:*

**All**            Merciful father,  
                  **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**  
                  **our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### **The Peace**

*We stand to share the peace.*

*The priest introduces the sign of Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

### **The Presentation of the Gifts**

*During the Offertory hymn the bread and wine and the collection are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared.*

**During the Preparation of the Table:**

**For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God,  
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God,  
For ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will be done,  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will be done,  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God,  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God,  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

*Words: Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000 Music: Welsh Melody*

*At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond*

**Blessed be God forever**

*We sit or stand for*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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

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

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we sing  
The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the  
elevation the deacon says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'*



*The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond,*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread*

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.**

**(Said)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### ***The Giving of Communion***

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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, feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.*

**During the distribution of Communion**

Pastorale BWV 590 Third Movement Aria

*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by*

**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.**

### **NOTICES**

### **THE BLESSING**

*The priest gives the blessing*

**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 the peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**

### Final Hymn

**We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.  
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

**He only is the maker of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star,  
The wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed,  
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.  
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

**We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good:  
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.  
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

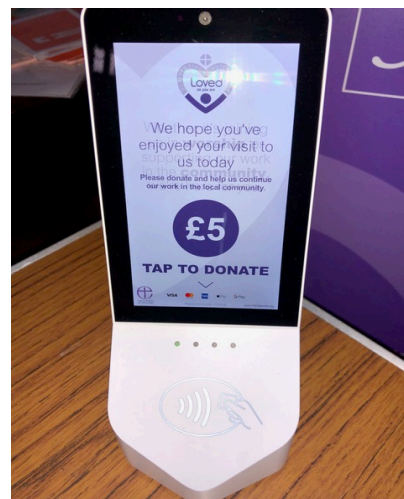
*Words: Matthias Claudius 1740-1815 tr Jane Montgomery Campbell 1817-1878*

*Music: Johann A P Schulz 1747-1800*

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### Notices

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Trinity 20*

**FIISH Service (9.30 am)**  
**Parish Communion (11.00 am)**  
and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)

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