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

## Sunday 3rd May 2026
## Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Everyone is welcome at St Margaret's.*

### THE GATHERING

***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.***

***We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy***

**Processional Hymn**
**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!**
**Now is the triumph of our King.**
**To all the world glad news we bring:**
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of Life is risen for ay:**
**bring flowers of song to strew his way;**
**let all the earth rejoice and say**

**Praise we in songs of victory**
**that Love, that Life, which cannot die,**
**and sing with hearts uplifted high**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,**
**and sing to-day with one accord**
**the life laid down, the life restored:**

*CYRIL ARGENTINE ALINGTON (1872–1955)*
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*Music: VULPIUS*
*Melody from Melchior Vulpius's Gesangbuch, 1609 harmonised by HENRY GEORGE LEY (1887-1962)*

## THE GREETING

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

Alleluia – Christ is risen
**He is risen indeed – Alleluia!**

## 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

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.
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest offers absolution at the end please respond*
**Amen.**

**THE GLORIA**

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen**

## 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**
*Acts 7:55- end*

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**
*1 Peter 2:2-10*

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God**

***Please stand***

***The Gospel Reading***
*John 14:1-14*

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
**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:*

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

*and at the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father, **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**
*The priest introduces the 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.*

**Jesus is risen, alleluia!**
**Worship and praise him, alleluia!**
**Now our Redeemer bursts from the grave:**
**lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.**

***Come, let us worship him, endlessly sing;***
***Christ is alive and death loses its sting.***
***Sins are forgiven, alleluia!***
***Jesus is risen, alleluia!***

**Buried for three days, destined for death,**
**now he returns to breathe with our breath.**
**Blest are the ears alert to his voice,**
**blest are the hearts which for him rejoice.**

**'Don't be afraid!' the angel had said,**
**'Why seek the living here with the dead?**
**Look, where he lay, his body is gone,**
**risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.'**

**'Go and tell others, Christ is alive.'**
**Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.**
**What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;**
**what God conceives can never be killed.**

**Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:**
**Jesus is saviour of everything.**
**All those who trust him, Christ will receive;**
**therefore rejoice, obey and believe!**

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Haya (Tanzanian) traditional melody arranged by JOHN L. BELL (b. 1949

## 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.**

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

**Blessed be God forever**

***We sit or stand***

**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 say,*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
**God of power and might,**
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest**

*The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

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

## 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.**

**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.**

*The priest invites everyone to come to Communion or for a blessing*

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

**During the distribution of Communion some music will be played**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**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.**

**NOTICES**

**THE DISMISSAL**

***Please stand***

*The priest gives the blessing*
**Amen.**

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 of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Hymn**
**Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;**
**heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:**
**Alleluia, alleluia.**
**The glad earth shouts her triumph high,**
**and groaning hell makes wild reply:**
***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,***
***alleluia, alleluia*.**

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,**
**the sun shone out with fairer light,**
**when, to their longing eyes restored,**
**the glad apostles saw their Lord:**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,**
**where yet the glorious wounds abide;**
**the tokens true which made it plain**
**their Lord indeed was risen again:**

**Jesu, the King of gentleness,**
**do thou thyself our hearts possess,**
**that we may give thee all our days**
**the tribute of our grateful praise:**

**All praise be thine, O risen Lord,**
**from death to endless life restored;**
**all praise to God the Father be**
**and Holy Ghost eternally:**

JOHN MASON NEALE (1818–1866) based on Aurora lucis rutilat, Latin, 4th century)
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**Notices**

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| | **FIISH (9.30)** |
| **Service next Sunday:** | **Parish Communion (11am)** |
| **Sixth Sunday of Easter** | **and on Facebook and the parish website** www.ifieldparish.org |