

Heart of Candles

This morning we are going to build a heart of candles. A sign that we are all together in Christ. As we do, we may wish to offer a prayer for our Church or Community or someone we care for.

During this, we will sing our next song.

Song (see separate sheet)

At the end of our song, we spend a few moments in silent prayer.

Hymn (See separate sheet). **Stand.**

The collection will be taken during this song.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together

**God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
Draw us to him,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen us in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with
us this day and forevermore. Amen.

Hymn (see separate sheet)

Please join us for refreshments.



The Parish of Ifield St Margaret of Antioch



TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Gathering to Worship God

HYMN (see separate sheet) **Stand**

Words of Welcome

Words of welcome and the theme of the service is explained.

Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We gather to worship the God who made heaven and earth, whose love never ends. Even in the devastation and darkness of the world, the light of God is never extinguished. God chooses to dwell with us, giving us the power to be God's children through grace.

Saying Sorry

God was pleased to reconcile all things through Christ, by making peace through the blood of the cross. Let us bring our sins to the God of forgiveness and peace, that we too might be reconciled to God.

Let us confess our sins to God.

You created the world, but the world does not know you. **Lord, have mercy.**

You give us power to be your children, but we turn away. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your light shines in the darkness, but we do not see it. **Lord, have mercy.**

Are Sins are Forgiven

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Prayer for Today

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit

Ministry of the Word

Readings Proverbs 8. 1 22-31
Colossians 1. 15-20

Hymn (see separate sheet) **Stand**

Gospel Reading

John 1. 1-14

Bible Talk

Jesus as God's Word to us today.

Activity: Building God's House

Bible Verse for Reflection

'HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.'

Colossians 1.17

Affirming our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

We join together in prayer.

The Response to the prayers is

Lord of life – **hold us together.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us gather up all our prayer and praise and say together the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught us.

**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.**