



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

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**



*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*

### **Hymn**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;**

**we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*WALTER CHALMERS SMITH (1824–1908)\**

*Tunes ST DENIO Adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in John Roberts's Caniadau y Cyssegre, 1839*

*last verse arrangement by BARRY ROSE (b. 1934)*

## **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**

*The priest introduces the prayer ending with*  
**Let us confess our sins.**

**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.**

*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**

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

### ***The Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 4:12-23*

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:*

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.*

**Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.**

*JOHN NEWTON (1725–1807)*

*Tunes AMAZING GRACE Melody probably of Scottish origin harmonised by JOHN BARNARD (b. 1948)*

## **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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
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 music will be played

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

**Hymn**

**Tell all the world of Jesus,  
our Saviour, Lord and King;  
and let the whole creation  
of his salvation sing:  
proclaim his glorious greatness  
in nature and in grace;  
Creator and Redeemer,  
the Lord of time and space.**

**Tell all the world of Jesus,  
that everyone may find  
the joy of his forgiveness —  
true peace of heart and mind:  
proclaim his perfect goodness,  
his deep, unfailing care;  
his love so rich in mercy,  
a love beyond compare.**

**Tell all the world of Jesus,  
that everyone may know  
of his almighty triumph  
defeating every foe:  
proclaim his coming glory,  
when sin is overthrown  
and he shall reign in splendour —  
the King upon his throne!**

JAMES SEDDON (1915–1983)

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Service next Sunday:	<b>Sunday Celebration (9.30)</b>
	<b>Parish Communion (11am)</b>
	<b>and on Facebook and the parish website <a href="http://www.ifieldparish.org">www.ifieldparish.org</a></b>

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*Candlemas*

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