



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



Sunday 5th October 2025
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

**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 of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to 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.**

**Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!**

*HENRY ALFORD (1810–1871)
Music: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR GEORGE JOB ELVEY (1816-1893)
descant by JOHN BARNARD (b. 1948)*

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.

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

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

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

Second Reading

Philippians 4.4-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

John 6.25-35

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:

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.

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,**

***‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:**

***‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, ‘My God, how great thou art!’**

STUART K. HINE (1899–1989)

Music: HOW GREAT THOU ART Swedish folk melody arranged by STUART K. HINE (1899–1989)

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:

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 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 deacon 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.

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.

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 gifts 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 winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.**

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.***

Wir plügen und wir streuen
MATTHIAS CLAUDIUS (1740–1815)
translated by JANE MONTGOMERY CAMPBELL (1817–

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Service next Sunday:	FIISH Service (9.30 am)
<i>Trinity 17</i>	Sung Eucharist (11.00 am)
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