

Christ Church Bexleyheath



Booklet for Changing Times



“All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner
of thing shall be well” (Julian of Norwich)

This Booklet

This booklet has been put together to help us be church and continue on our Christian journey – and grow in faith and love – during this time of the Coronavirus when we can't meet together in church.

At the front of the booklet are the orders of service for Morning and Evening prayer that we will be using each Sunday at 10am and 6pm, and also on Wednesday at 10.30am.

At the back of the booklet I have included some other resources for worship on Television and Radio that you might want to look at.

Morning and Evening Prayer

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world. By the fourth century, if not earlier, morning and evening had emerged as the pre-eminent hours for the offering of this sacrifice of praise.

The following orders of service are, therefore, intended to help Christians of our own day take their part in this privilege and duty which belongs to all God's people. They may be celebrated in a very simple form, or enriched with a variety of optional chants and prayers.

As the service is streamed online, I do hope you will feel able to join in with me at home by saying the words and joining in with me.

Our thoughts and prayers are for the safety and well-being of everyone at this time.

Rev Trevor Wyatt
19th March 2020

Morning Prayer

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Benedicite – a Song of Creation

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:

bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **All Amen.**

Word of God

We say the appointed psalm together.

Old Testament Reading

Canticle

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.
Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.
For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

New Testament Reading

Homily or Reflection

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions

Responses to each petition are:

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

The Collect of the day

The Special Prayer

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

News and Notices

The Conclusion

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Evening Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of Worship

All Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth give you blessing out of Zion.

Canticle

All Let us rejoice and exult and give glory and homage to our God.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants,
all who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:

let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come
and his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

We say together the appointed psalm

Old Testament Reading

The Magnificat

**All My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

Nunc Dimittis

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.**

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be world without end.

Amen.

The Responsory

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

the Lord is the strength of my life.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation;

the Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness

and the darkness has not overcome it.

All The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation;

the Lord is the strength of my life.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Homily or Reflection

Prayers and Intercessions

Responses are:

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Collect of the day

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

All O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:

Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

All Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Conclusion

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship on Radio, TV and the Internet

Radio programs

- Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43am on Radio 4
- Sunday Worship Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4
- Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB
- Lent Talks Wednesdays at 8.45pm on Radio 4
- Choral evensong – Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on BBC Radio 3

Television programs

- Songs of Praise Sundays at 1.15pm on BBC 1

Internet resources

- Christ Church Bexleyheath website
<http://www.christchurchbexleyheath.org.uk/>
- Rochester Diocese website
<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/>
- Church of England website
<https://www.churchofengland.org/>
- Church of England daily prayer
www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer
- Audio daily prayer www.pray-as-you-go.org
www.24-7prayer.com