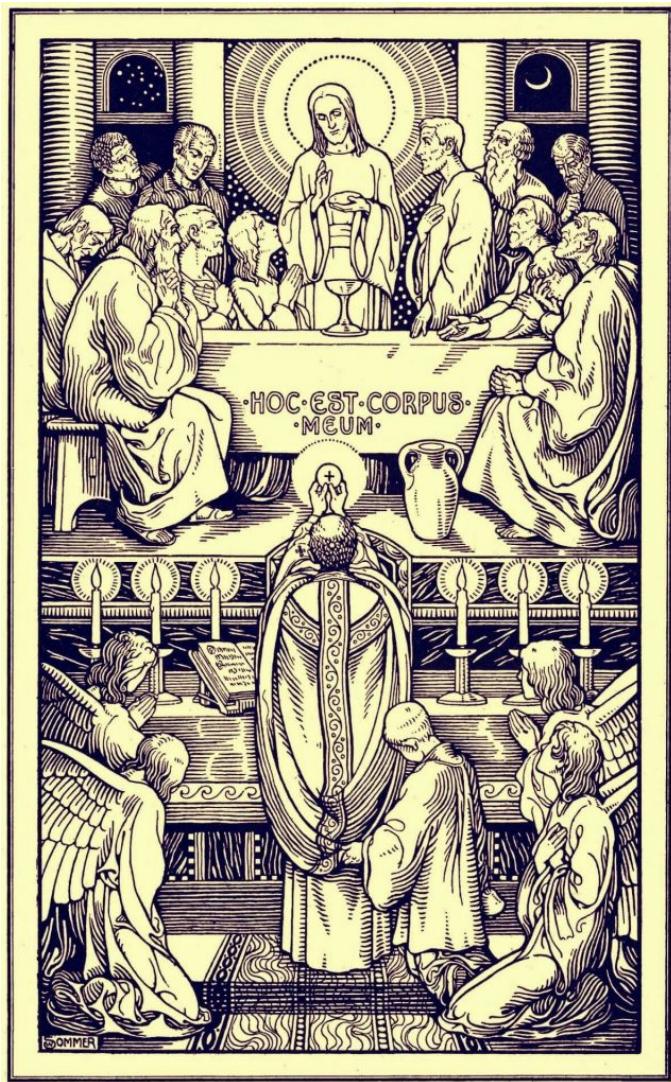




# Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Second Sunday before Lent  
*Sexagesima*  
Sung Mass  
*With Sunday School*  
10.30am  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

## Welcome to Christ Church!

**Whoever you are and wherever you are from, know you are very welcome to join us for our worship this morning.**

**This evening there is Evensong at 6pm, followed by Supper & a guest speaker – Chris Gidlow on ‘The Truth Behind the Da Vinci Code’. All are welcome with no charge, but donations invited.**

**The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on the Altar from 10am, during which time we also offer Morning Prayer. All are welcome to join, using the booklets at the back of church. Please remember to be reverent when Our Lord is exposed on the altar and not to disrespect Him.**

**After the Mass, please join us for refreshments at the back of church.**

**Children & families** are very welcome here: our Sunday School meets at the back of Church and there is also a ‘Children’s Chapel’ space with books and toys in the South Aisle, for young children and their parents to use at any point during Mass. Toilets are available at the back of church and in the crypt, accessed via the stairs at the end of the South Aisle.

During the Mass - 'Talk to God before Mass, and each other afterwards!'

Please follow the directions to *sit, stand or kneel in italics* and join with the words in bold. Please remember that people are trying to pray before Mass, so keep silence as much as possible and don't disturb those at prayer. Please also remember that the time after receiving Holy Communion is for prayer and contemplation – not to have conversations.

## Holy Communion

At the Giving of Holy Communion, if you are confirmed and wish to receive the Sacrament, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle following the directions of the sidesmen.

Everyone is very welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is offered at the communion rail in both forms. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue, (or if preferred on the hands). If you wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward.

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***Please stand*** when the bell rings for the entrance of the sanctuary party

## Introit Hymn

### 1. All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing - Alleluya, alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam: *O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

### 2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, - *O praise him, Alleluya!*

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice: *O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

### 3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,

Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,

That givest man both warmth and light: *O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

### 4. Dear mother earth, who day by day

Unfoldest blessings on our way, *O praise him, Alleluya!*

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,

Let them his glory also show: *O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

### 5. And all ye men of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part, *O sing ye, Alleluya!*

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God and on him cast your care: *O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

### 6. And thou, most kind and gentle death,

Waiting to hush our latest breath, *O praise him, Alleluya!*

Thou leadest home the child of God,

And Christ our Lord the way hath trod: *O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

7. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father  and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit



The Lord be with you.



And also with you.

*The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the children of the parish come forward to receive their bible and blessing, and the items to prepare their altar.*

*The Mass then continues with The Penitential Rite as the Priest invites us to prepare to confess to God with the Collect for purity:*

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The Priest invites us to consider our sins in silence, before we confess them to the Lord saying: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.*

*The Priest pronounces the absolution: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, **✚** pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

*The Choir lead the Kyrie (Missa de Angelis)*

**KYRIE**

*15th-16th century*

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*The Choir lead the Gloria (Missa de Angelis)*

*The Priest sings the Collect:*

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,  
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,  
they may be defended always by your protection.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Isaiah 58:6-10 I Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16*

Please sit for the readings

**First Reading** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah  
The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 136. Vv1-9: R/ For His mercy endures forever**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he  
is gracious, for his mercy endures  
for ever.  
2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
3 Give thanks to the Lord of  
lords, for his mercy endures for  
ever;  
4 Who alone does great wonders,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
5 Who by wisdom made the  
heavens, for his mercy endures  
for ever;

6 Who laid out the earth upon the  
waters, for his mercy endures for  
ever;  
7 Who made the great lights, for  
his mercy endures for ever;  
8 The sun to rule the day, for his  
mercy endures for ever;  
9 The moon and the stars to  
govern the night, for his mercy  
endures for ever;

**Second Reading** A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Please turn to face the Gospel, proclaimed from the midst of the people

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

Hear the Gospel (✚) of Our Lord Jesus Christ (✚) according to St Matthew  
**(✚) Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Please sit for the Homily

*The homily is followed by a time of silent reflection.*

**The Creed – *please stand.***

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,

*(all bow)*

*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.

Please remain standing for the **Intercessions**

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

As we pray for the dead: Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

After the final petition we entrust all our prayer and petitions to the unceasing prayers of the Saints in heaven, especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary who we greet saying: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

*The Priest concludes the prayer, and all respond: **Amen***

### **The Peace**

*The Priest introduces the peace, then shares it with the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All share a sign of peace with those near them*

Please then sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward for the preparation of the altar.

*During this hymn a collection is taken towards the costs of Christ Church's ministries – if you don't have cash, there is a contactless reader by the entrance or you can donate online here:*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

### Offertory Hymn

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O  
God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning  
with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy  
compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever  
wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness,  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies  
I see. All I have needed thy hand  
hast provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord unto me.*

2. Summer and winter and  
springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their  
courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold  
witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy,  
and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness,  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies  
I see. All I have needed thy hand  
hast provided; Great is thy  
faithfulness,  
Lord unto me.*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that  
endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to  
cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright  
hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine and ten  
thousand beside.

*Great is thy faithfulness,  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies  
I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hast  
provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord unto me.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be  
acceptable to God our almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory  
of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Priest offers the Prayer over the Gifts, and all respond. Amen.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

*The Priest continues with the Opening (Preface) of the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of which the choir leads the *Sanctus**

## SANCTUS

(11th) 12th century

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Dó - - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na - in - ex - -

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***Please kneel*** as the Priest continues the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

*He first invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify the offerings of bread and wine. He then recalls the Lord's actions the night before he died. A bell is rung as the Priest elevates the consecrated Host and Chalice.*

*He then says:*

*Great is the mystery of faith.*

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

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*At the end, all respond:*



**A-men.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Please remain kneeling as all pray:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As the Priest breaks the bread, he says:*

**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.**

*As the Body of Christ is broken, the choir lead the Agnus Dei*

## AGNUS DEI

15th century

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## Giving of Communion

Please remain kneeling as the Priest shows the Body of Christ

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Before coming forward to receive Holy Communion, all pray together:*

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*As the Priest receives Holy Communion, a bell is rung & the people begin to come forward. If you are confirmed and wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward via the main aisle, following the directions of the stewards.*

***All are welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head.***

*Holy Communion is offered in both forms at the Communion Rail. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue (or, if preferred, on the hands.) If you wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward. If you don't wish to receive from the Chalice, you can return to your seat after receiving the Host.*

***Intinction (dipping the Host in the Chalice) is not permitted.***

*During the receiving of Holy Communion, the Choir sing an Anthem  
Teach me, O Lord – Attwood*

*All then join in the Communion Hymn*

**1. Thee we adore, O hidden  
Saviour, thee,  
Who in thy Sacrament art  
pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in thy  
presence fail,  
Yet here thy presence we  
devoutly hail.**

**2. O blest memorial of our dying  
Lord,  
Who living bread to men doth  
here afford!  
O may our souls for ever feed on  
thee,  
And thou, O Christ, for ever  
precious be.**

**3. Fountain of goodness, Jesu,  
Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy  
most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that  
we may know  
The hope and peace which from  
thy presence flow.**

**4. O Christ, whom now beneath a  
veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our  
portion be,  
To gaze on thee unveiled, and  
see thy face,  
The vision of thy glory and thy  
grace.**

*As the Sacred Vessels are cleansed, the Priest & servers lead the people in the  
Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion*

**Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood  
of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and  
bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to  
live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

*The Priest & servers then return to the Sanctuary for a time of silent prayer.*

Please stand for the Priest to sing the **Prayer after Communion**

O God, who have willed that we be partakers  
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,  
grant us, we pray, so to live  
that, made one in Christ,  
we may joyfully bear fruit  
for the salvation of the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Please sit for the **Notices**

Please stand for **The Blessing and Dismissal**

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

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, **✠** and the  
Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, let us go in the peace of Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

*As the Sanctuary party prepares to depart, all sing the Recessional Hymn*

**1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,  
Vision dear whence peace doth  
spring,  
Brighter than the heart can fancy,  
Mansion of the highest King;  
O, how glorious are the praises  
Which of thee the prophets  
sing!**

**2. There for ever and for ever  
Alleluya is outpoured;  
For unending, for unbroken  
Is the feast-day of the Lord;  
All is pure and all is holy  
That within thy walls is stored.**

**3. There no cloud nor passing  
vapour**

Dims the brightness of the air;  
Endless noon-day, glorious  
noon-day,

From the Sun of suns is there;  
There no night brings rest from  
labour,

There unknown are toil and  
care.

**4. O how glorious and  
resplendent,**

Fragile body, shalt thou be,  
When endued with so much  
beauty,

Full of health, and strong, and  
free,

Full of vigour, full of pleasure  
That shall last eternally!

**5. Now with gladness, now with  
courage,**

Bear the burden on thee laid,  
That hereafter these thy labours  
May with endless gifts be paid,  
And in everlasting glory  
Thou with joy may'st be  
arrayed.

**6. Laud and honour to the Father,**

Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in  
splendour,

While unending ages run.  
Amen.

*As the procession approaches the Image of Our Lady, all turn to focus on the Blessed Virgin as the Priest leads the singing of the Angelus*

The angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary  
**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord **Be it unto me according to thy word**  
**Hail Mary...**

And the Word was made flesh **And dwelt among us.**  
**Hail Mary....**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God  
**That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ**

*The Priest sings the collect, and all respond **Amen.***

**Organ Voluntary**

**Please join us after the Mass for refreshments.**

*Make sure to take a copy of the 'Week Ahead' booklet which gives details of the times of worship this week at Christ Church, as well as upcoming events.*

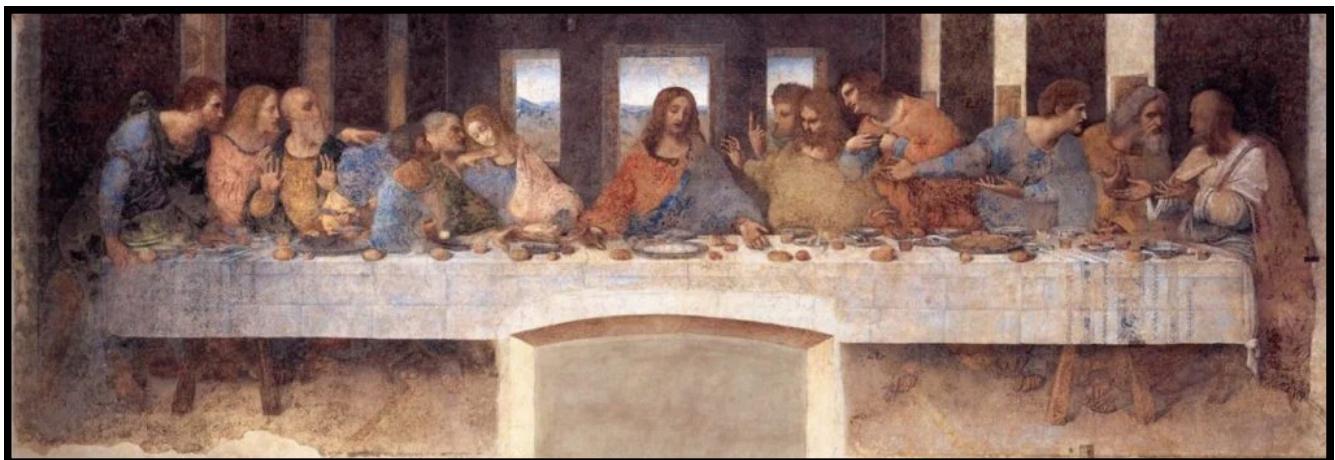
# SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

## 6PM

We invite you to join us for  
**EVENSONG & SUPPER**  
followed by a guest speaker  
all free of charge - donations invited for our 150<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser

*This month our speaker will be local  
author & historian Chris Gidlow,  
who will be telling us about*

## THE TRUTH BEHIND THE DA VINCI CODE



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