

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 19th September 2021

The 16th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m.
(The 10:30 service is recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day)

This week:

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, at 9 a.m.

Church open for private prayer, daily 9 - 5.

Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will send you the necessary "link".

Coffee Morning every Friday 10 - 12, in church

Our prayers are asked for:

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Andy, Dawn, Frances K, Alison N, and Rory.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Elizabeth Fentiman,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Pam Harper, Dinah Giddings, Rene Carter, Phyllis Simpson, Clive Frost, Louis, Jean Burgess, Brian Hanrahan, Rose & Jim Connor, Annette & John Waters,

... and all who mourn.

Tuesday is...

U.N. International Day of Peace
21 September un.org/peaceday



The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21st September. This year is its 20th anniversary. Established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year's theme is:

Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world

"We are invited to join the efforts of the United Nations family... to celebrate peace by standing up against acts of hate online and offline, and by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic, and as we recover. We must be reminded that we are not each other's enemy. To be able to recover from the devastation of the pandemic, we must make peace with one another." See the website un.org/peaceday



Mass for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Introit: *Teach me, O Lord - Attwood*

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All 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.

Prayer of Confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins
in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All 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 says 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.
All Amen.

The Gloria

All 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

Let us pray:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with
reverence
and know your peace at our lives'
end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to
me, and I knew;

then you showed me their evil
deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of
the living,

so that his name will no longer be
remembered!'

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge
righteously,

who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my
cause.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of James

James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among
you? Show by your good life that your
works are done with gentleness born of
wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and
selfish ambition in your hearts, do not
be boastful and false to the truth. Such
wisdom does not come down from
above, but is earthly, unspiritual,
devilish. For where there is envy and
selfish ambition, there will also be
disorder and wickedness of every kind.
But the wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,

full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lord, teach us how to pray aright
With reverence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in thy sight,
We may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer;
O grant us power to pray;
And when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we come to thee
With broken contrite hearts;
Give what thine eye delights to see,
Truth in the inward parts;

Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
On Christ, on Christ alone.

Give these, and then thy will be done;
Thus, strengthened with all might,
We, through thy Spirit and thy Son,
Shall pray, and pray aright.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except
through me.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 9.30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

A large candle may be lit.

Priest In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Priest Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Priest Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Priest Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Priest Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Priest Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Priest May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

The Profession of Faith

The priest addresses the congregation

Priest Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All 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.

Priest Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

***All* 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.**

Priest Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***All* Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The response to the petitions may be:

Lord, in your mercy

***All* Hear our prayer**

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

***All* accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *is introduced*

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***All* and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Music: Sinfonia from Cantata no. 156 - J.S. Bach

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

The priest takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

All 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption

As we offer you this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and
this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Saint
John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Saint
Matthew, Mary the Mother of God, and
all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one
bread.

Agnus Dei

All Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace

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.

All Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

Communion is received

*Anthem: Come down, O love divine
- Harris*

Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post Communion
for the day:*

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All 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

Final hymn

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

John Bode (1816-74)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding Voluntary: Prelude and
fugue in C minor BWV 549 - J.S. Bach**

Matters for Prayer in the Parish...

Please pray for our Tuesday Group,
its helpers, and the families who
benefit from it.

Please also pray for the
forthcoming Deanery
Synod to be held on
September 27th



**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



... and to spend some time in this
beautiful church

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Please note there's an earlier deadline for the PN this week only! Please can you send any Prayer list updates etc to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. **Wednesday.** Thanks!

Weds 22nd, Fri 24th and Sat 25th are *Ember Days*

Ember Days are three days set apart for fasting, abstinence, and prayer during each of the four seasons of the year. The purpose of their introduction was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach people to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy.

Ember Days are kept on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of the weeks before Pentecost (29th June) and Michaelmas (29th September) and also in the week preceding the third Sunday of Advent and the second Sunday of Lent.

Ordination ceremonies are often held on Ember Saturdays or the following Sunday. People use the Ember Days to pray for all who are engaged in church ministry and they also pray for vocations in the Church to become manifest.

The term *Ember* may derive from the Anglo-Saxon word *ymbren*, meaning a circuit or revolution, relating to the annual cycle of the year.



An "Ymber Day Tart", cooked following a medieval English recipe from the book *Forme of Cury*, a Middle English cook book. (In case you're wondering, in the world of the church, "fasting" often refers to eating fewer, simpler, meatless meals, rather than a complete abstention from food! - Ed.)

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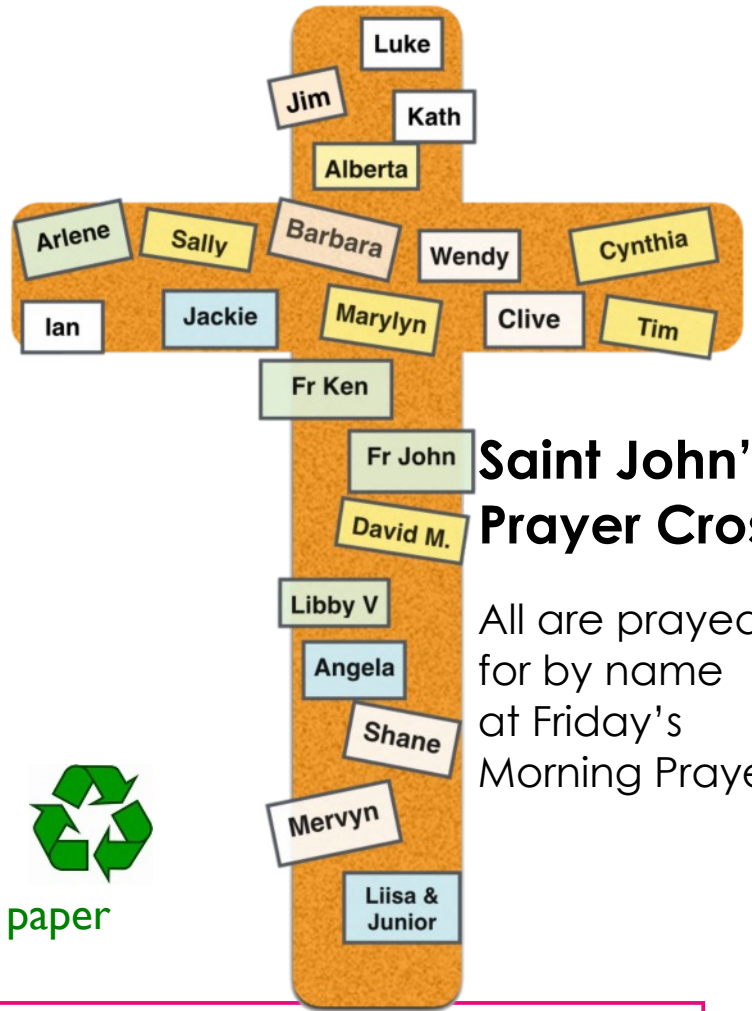
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Saint John's Prayer Cross

All are prayed for by name at Friday's Morning Prayer



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