

St John's, Pevensy Road



“We are able”

Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 25th July 2021

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity:

James the Apostle



Welcome to this Parish Mass - held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with a socially-distanced congregation, 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, weekday mornings, if "monitors" are available

NO Midweek Mass this Wednesday

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

Our prayers are asked for:

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

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of those whose Years Minds fall around this time:

Topsy Harvey, Bernard Shaw, Peggy Gick, Michael Counsell, Jack Murrills, Robert Blankson, Anna Blankson, and Minnie Quarty-Cofie,

...and all who mourn.

Music lovers! Outstanding professional singers are performing in Barefoot Opera's touring double bill: *Orfeo* by Gluck, *Zanetto* by Mascagni, in a specially staged, covid-protocol sensitive production here in St Johns, on Friday August 13th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (£13) available on www.barefootopera.com - look for Upcoming Events.

We start the tour with a Glyndebourne style picnic performance in Battle the previous Sunday: August 8th, Battle Abbey Grounds at 6 p.m. Tickets available on the Battle Festival website. (Bring your picnic!)

Hastings Foodbank's current "shopping list" of most-required items:

- Tinned meat (not corned beef or pork)
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (esp. peas and carrots)
- Tinned spaghetti in sauce
- Longlife milk: full fat or semi-skimmed

Also welcomed:

- Toiletries, toilet rolls
- Tinned fish, potatoes, rice pudding
- Tea, coffee, long-life fruit juice.

They currently have plenty of:

- Pasta, pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Baked beans



HYMN OF THE WEEK:

O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness, sung by Sally from the Choir. It's one of

the Top 100 on BBC's *Songs of Praise*, and was written by JSB

Monsell (1811-75) who also wrote *Fight the Good Fight*.

"It encourages us to worship God as the Magi did - not just with our lips or in outward forms, but with adoring hearts and in holy, humble and obedient lives."

F. Colquhoun - *A Hymn Companion*

Mass for the Feast of James the Apostle

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 Confession

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom
for ever.

As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and
weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

**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 bishop 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 in Excelsis is said:

**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:

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son
Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions
of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your
call without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

A reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 45.1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted, that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11.27-12.2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of
lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy
prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as
thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and
fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of
tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of
lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

J.S.B. Monsell (1811-75)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends,
says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 20.20-28

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to

serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All 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

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you promised through your Son Jesus
Christ
to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Martin, Ruth and Will, our
bishops, and all your Church
in the service of Christ,
that those who confess your name
may be united in your truth,
live together in your love,
and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen;
give wisdom to all in authority;
and direct this and every nation

in the ways of justice and of peace;
that we may honour one another,
and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Give grace to us, our families and friends,
and to all our neighbours,
that we may serve Christ in one another,
and love as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer
in body, mind, or spirit ...
give them courage and hope in their
troubles;
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Hear us as we remember those who have
died in the faith of Christ ...
according to your promises,
grant us with them a share in your
eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your
saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole
creation to your unfailing love.

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

The Peace *is introduced*

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in
holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his
saints.

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: *Andante Sostenuto - Myles B.
Foster*

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 bishop 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning
you have created all things
and all your works echo
the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time
you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

And now we give you thanks
that your glory is revealed in James the
Apostle, and all the saints.
In their lives you have given us an example
of faithfulness to Christ.
In their holiness we find encouragement
and hope.
In our communion with them we share the
unity of your kingdom.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to proclaim your
praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things
in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with St John the Evangelist,
Saint Peter, James the Apostle,
Mary the Mother of God
and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
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 is said:

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

Music: Communion - W. Wolstenholme

Prayer after Communion

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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

The Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop The Lord be with you
All And also with you

God give you grace to follow his
saints
in faith and hope and love;
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.

Organ Voluntary: Postlude Cantique
- Dubois

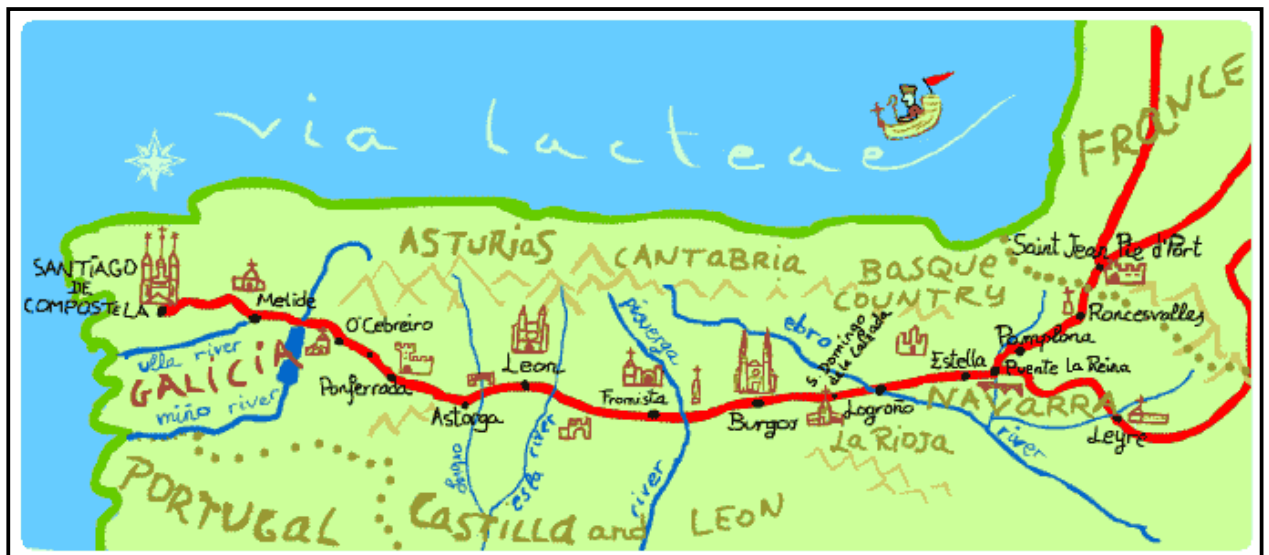


James - Apostle to Spain

James and his brother John were sons of Zebedee and fishermen from Galilee – the ‘sons of thunder’, as the gospel writers describe their impetuous characters and fiery tempers.

James stands out on three accounts: he was one of the three disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration of Christ. Jesus took him, along with Peter and John, to ‘watch’ with him in the garden of Gethsemane. Finally, he went on to be the first apostle to die for the Christian faith, when in AD 44 King Herod Agrippa put him to the sword in Jerusalem at Passover time.

In the centuries following his death, James became associated with the evangelising of Spain, and as a powerful defender of Christianity against the Moors. The heyday of the cult of Santiago de Compostela was from the 12th to the 15th century, and the pilgrimage to Compostela became one of the most important of medieval Christendom. This in time transformed the iconography of James, and his emblems became the pilgrim’s hat and the scallop-shell of Compostela. Over 400 English churches have been dedicated to James.



St John the Evangelist, Upper St Leonards

Changes to public worship after 19th July

St John's PCC met on the evening of 19th July. It was agreed that given my holiday the way we organise ourselves at mass would remain substantially the same. The PCC will meet again on 9th August to review the situation.

Clearly there are a very wide range of opinions being expressed about what we should or shouldn't be doing.

It would be very desirable to move towards a more 'normal' way of doing things as circumstances allow. However, the PCC doesn't feel that the time for that is right now. Cases in Hastings remain high, although I believe they have dropped a bit this week. Importantly for us cases among the over 60's remain low. Hence the need for review in a fortnight or so.

The overarching principle for us is that we are an inclusive church. This means that we do not put barriers between anyone and the worship of God. Where people are being more cautious for whatever reason, it is not for those of our number who are less so, myself included, to exclude our sisters and brothers in Christ from worship by being inconsiderate. St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians warns against becoming a stumbling block. Although the context of his remarks is very different to our own it remains a good principle by which to abide.

What we are proposing is broadly in line with what other churches in Hastings and St Leonards are doing. The only difference is the reintroduction of limited congregational singing with masks on and the request that people are masked when moving around the building but not when seated. We will certainly be considering changes of that nature when the PCC meets on 9th August.

I shall be on annual leave until I return to preside at Mass on Sunday 8th August and will update everyone on the situation after the PCC meeting the following day.

God be with you all,

Fr David.

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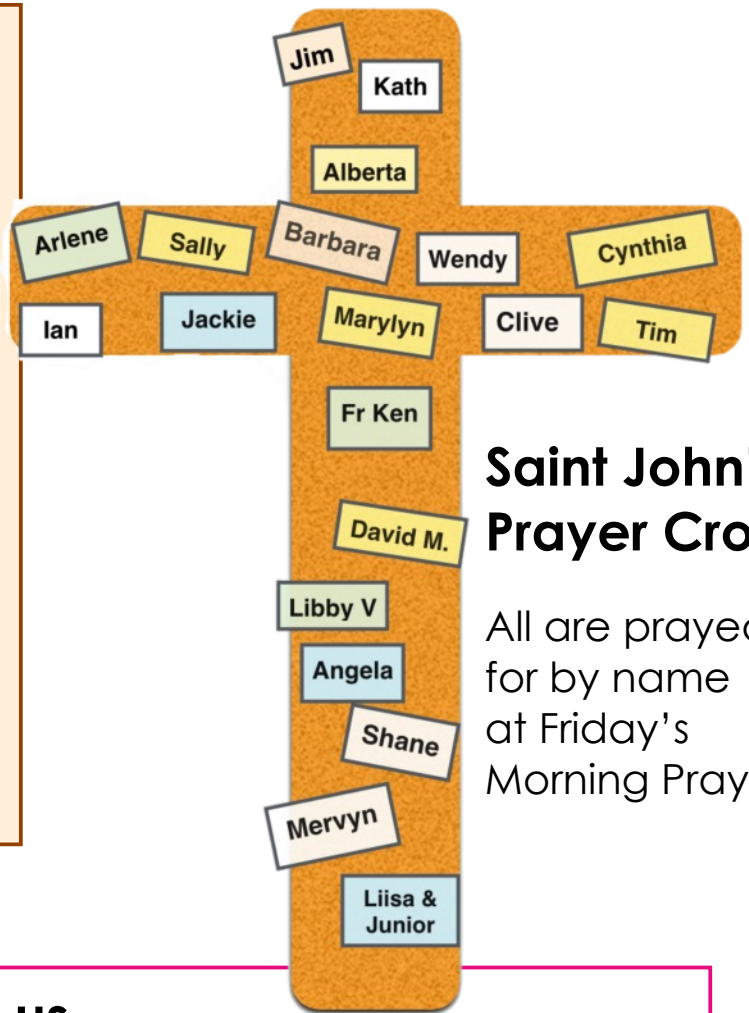
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Saint John's Prayer Cross

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

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