

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 21st August 2022

10th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Friday in Church.

Church open weekdays, if possible.

Please note: NO Midweek Mass

Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizers for a "link" to join in

Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church



Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Pat P, David D, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, and Jon W.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Terri Danes,

and all who mourn.

Please note that there will be NO SUNDAY 8 a.m. or Wednesday 10 a.m. Masses now, until September

Would you be interested in joining the rota for doing a **Bible reading and/or leading the Intercessions** at the 10:30 Sunday service? Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. An induction session for these tasks will be held in church in due course. Thank you! LC

New home groups starting.

At St John's we are planning a number of small groups to meet regularly in homes around the parish and beyond. Perhaps groups of 6-8 people who you can get to know and hopefully feel able to ask those questions that you wouldn't ask in church.

Suggestions so far have included a bible study group meeting in the evening, a book group meeting once a month, a Christian Basics group, a zoom group for those not able to go out and a group meeting in Bexhill.

We will need hosts to simply provide somewhere to meet with no obligation to organise things. Any costs for teas or coffees would be reimbursed. A number of people have offered to lead/coordinate groups but more would be welcome.

How to find out more:

On Saturday morning 3rd September there will be a coffee morning at the church from 10-12. We can find out who is interested in which group and answer questions about how they will work. Please put that date in your diary and in the meantime speak to Fr David, Deacon Mike or myself. *Mike C, Churchwarden*

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 pm Thursdays

*Introit: Blest are the pure in heart
(Walford Davies)*

Opening Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Welcoming of the people

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

All Amen.

Priest 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

Dcn 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 in Excelsis is sung:

**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

***The Priest introduces the Collect
with the words 'Let us pray'***

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to
lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 58.9b-14

You shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the
breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my
holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,

-serving your own interests, or pursuing
your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the
heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your
ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 12.18-29

You have not come to something that
can be touched, a blazing fire, and
darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice
whose words made the hearers beg that
not another word be spoken to them.
(For they could not endure the order
that was given, 'If even an animal
touches the mountain, it shall be stoned
to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the
sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with
fear.') But you have come to Mount
Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, and to
innumerable angels in festal gathering,
and to the assembly of the firstborn who
are enrolled in heaven, and to God the
judge of all, and to the spirits of the
righteous made perfect, and to Jesus,
the mediator of a new covenant, and to
the sprinkled blood that speaks a better
word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who
is speaking; for if they did not escape
when they refused the one who warned
them on earth, how much less will we
escape if we reject the one who warns

from heaven! At that time his voice
shook the earth; but now he has
promised, 'Yet once more I will shake
not only the earth but also the heaven.'
This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates
the removal of what is shaken – that is,
created things – so that what cannot be
shaken may remain. Therefore, since
we are receiving a kingdom that cannot
be shaken, let us give thanks, by which
we offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe; for indeed our
God is a consuming fire.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13.10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The 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

These responses may be used

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

Priest Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his
peace.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always
with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

*During which the table is prepared
and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Vv 1-3 Bernard of Cluny 12th century,
tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) v4 Hymns A&M
1861*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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 president 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.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing 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 Saint John the
Evangelist, Saint Peter, 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

Priest 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.**

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:

**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

The Priest says the invitation to 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: Panis Angelicus
(Cesar Franck)*

Communion Hymn

From Heaven you came, helpless
babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, The Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not My will but Yours", He said
This is our God...

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered
This is our God...

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.
This is our God...

Graham Kendrick

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
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

The Blessing

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.

Final hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Welsh, William Williams (1717-91),
tr. Peter Williams (1727-96) & others*

Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

All May 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.

Priest May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace...

All and rise in glory. Amen.

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

**Concluding voluntary: Finale in F
from Symphony no.4 (C.M. Widor)**



Please stay for coffee after today's
Parish Mass.

Daily Prayer

A free service bringing the ancient monastic cycle of daily prayer to millions of modern listeners has recently broadcast its 1,000th episode.

The Daily Prayer podcast* brings listeners together twice a day for the short traditional services of Morning and Evening.

The podcast, available both via the Daily Prayer app as well as all major podcasting platforms, was launched in March 2021. It has now been streamed more than four million times, with a monthly audience of 60,000 people.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: "Reaching 1,000 episodes of Daily Prayer is an impressive milestone. Being able to participate in Daily Prayer through the app has been of great help and encouragement for many to begin, sustain or develop their life of prayer."

Many people say they have found a rhythm of prayer by using it.

*<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

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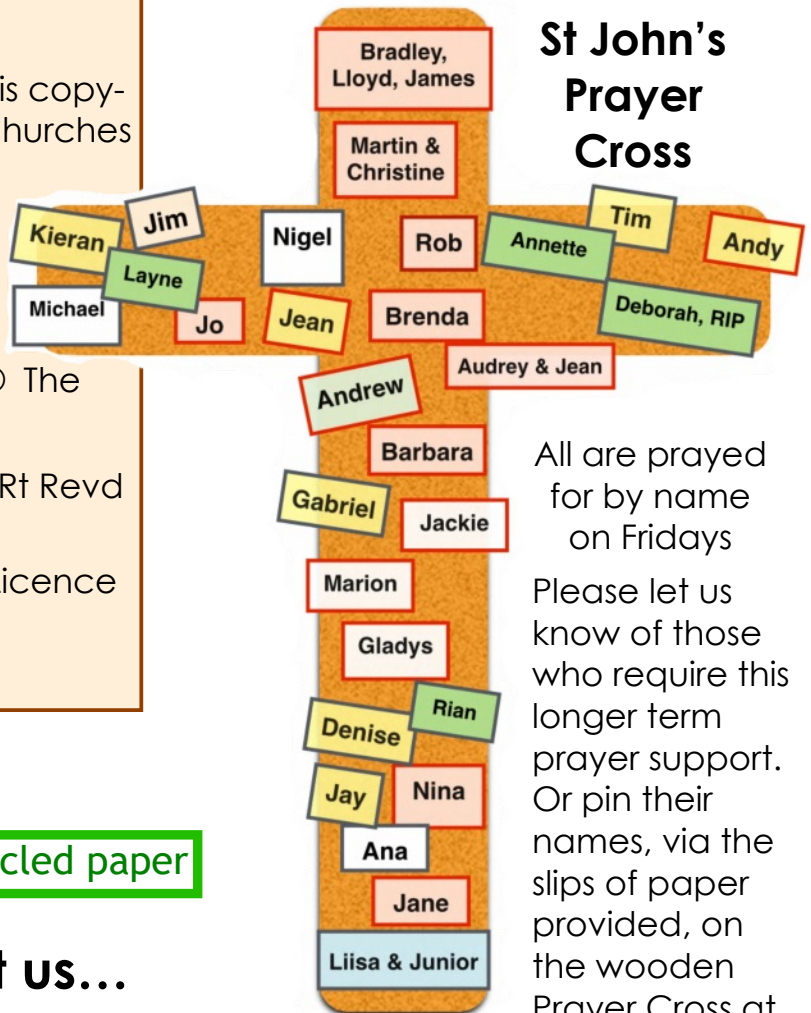
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St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays
Please let us know of those who require this longer term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayer Cross at the back of the Church.
Thank you.