

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**8th Sunday after Trinity**



## Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

### This week:

**Morning Prayer**, nominally 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, in Saint Peter's Chapel, Friday in Church.

**Church open weekdays**, where possible.

**Midweek Mass:** Weds 10 a.m, St Peter's Chapel

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on [admstjohns30@gmail.com](mailto: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: Joan McNulty, Elizabeth Kingsnorth, Sheila Johnstone, Martin Usher, Eric Francome Farrer, and Paul Cabban, and all who mourn.

Please note that there will be NO SUNDAY 8 a.m. Masses after today, until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

This afternoon: The ecumenical **Blessing of the Sea** service will finish Old Town Week, and will be held at the Harbour Arm at 4.00 p.m. The service will be led by the Old Town Parish and St Mary Star of the Sea, with the Salvation Army playing the hymns. All welcome.

Online Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Would you like to join in? Please email [admstjohns30@gmail.com](mailto:admstjohns30@gmail.com), and our administrator will arrange for you to receive the relevant "link".

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1 - 5pm  
**FREE ENTRY**

A sincere welcome from Hastings & Rother Interfaith Forum  
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Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thank you!

*Introit: God be in my head  
(Walford Davies)*

## Opening 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.

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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)*

## 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 God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*Genesis 15.1-6*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

*Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were

prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us**

O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed,  
who through this weary pilgrimage hast all our fathers led;

Our vows, our prayers, we now present before thy throne of grace;  
God of our fathers, be the God of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around, till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father’s loved abode our souls arrive in peace.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-51)*

### **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 12.32-40*

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure

in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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.*

We hail thy presence glorious,  
O Christ our great high priest,  
o'er sin and death victorious,  
at thy thanksgiving feast:  
as thou art interceding  
for us in heaven above,  
thy Church on earth is pleading  
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation  
thine own their hearts upraise,  
offering one pure oblation,  
one sacrifice of praise:

with thee in blest communion  
the living and the dead  
are joined in closest union,  
one body and one head.

O living Bread from heaven,  
Jesu, our Saviour good,  
who thine own self hast given  
to be our souls' true food;  
for us thy body broken  
hung on the cross of shame:  
this bread, its hallowed token,  
we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,  
poured from the one true vine,  
with our weak nature blending  
the strength of life divine;  
our thankful faith confessing  
in thy life-blood outpoured,  
we drink this cup of blessing  
and praise thy name, O Lord.

*Richard Parsons (1882-1948)*

**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.**

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, 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**

**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: God so loved the world  
(Chilcott)**

### **Hymn**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your  
love;  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring  
hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving to all that we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal  
life.

*Sebastian Temple*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your  
word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your  
praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the  
tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been  
fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your  
life;  
glory to you for ever.

**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**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## 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: Toccata in G major (Dubois)*



Please stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass.

A message from Fr Paul:



**Three Grapes, Two Ways** – An opportunity to explore Terroir and Climate with Nick (St. Clement's, 5.30 p.m, Saturday, 20th August). This event is sponsored by The Wine Room in Norman Road, Penbuckles and wineclub.cafe. Wineclub.cafe is at 31, George Street and ticket holders will receive a 15% discount on meals and drink on August 20th and 24th-27th. Please

contact the Old Town parish office via: [office@oldtownparishhastings.org.uk](mailto:office@oldtownparishhastings.org.uk) to book tickets at £15 each. Payment by cash or cheque (payable to "St Clement's with All Saints PCC", or by bank transfer (St Clement's with All Saints PCC, Sort Code: 405240 Account: 00014566 with "Your Name/Wine" as the reference).

The PCC is now planning to purchase a **defibrillator**, and a cabinet for it to go in. Sited on the outside wall of the Hall, the cabinet will be unlocked so that it is accessible to the public as well as to folk visiting the Hall and the Church. It will be registered with the local ambulance service so that they can direct a caller to the device before the ambulance arrives. If you would like to contribute towards it, you can use electronic means – in Church or via the Saint John's website. Please let us know via the Parish Office that you intend this to be for the defibrillator. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St John's PCC" and mark the cheque on the back "Defibrillator". If you would like more information, please ask Mike C or Marion N.



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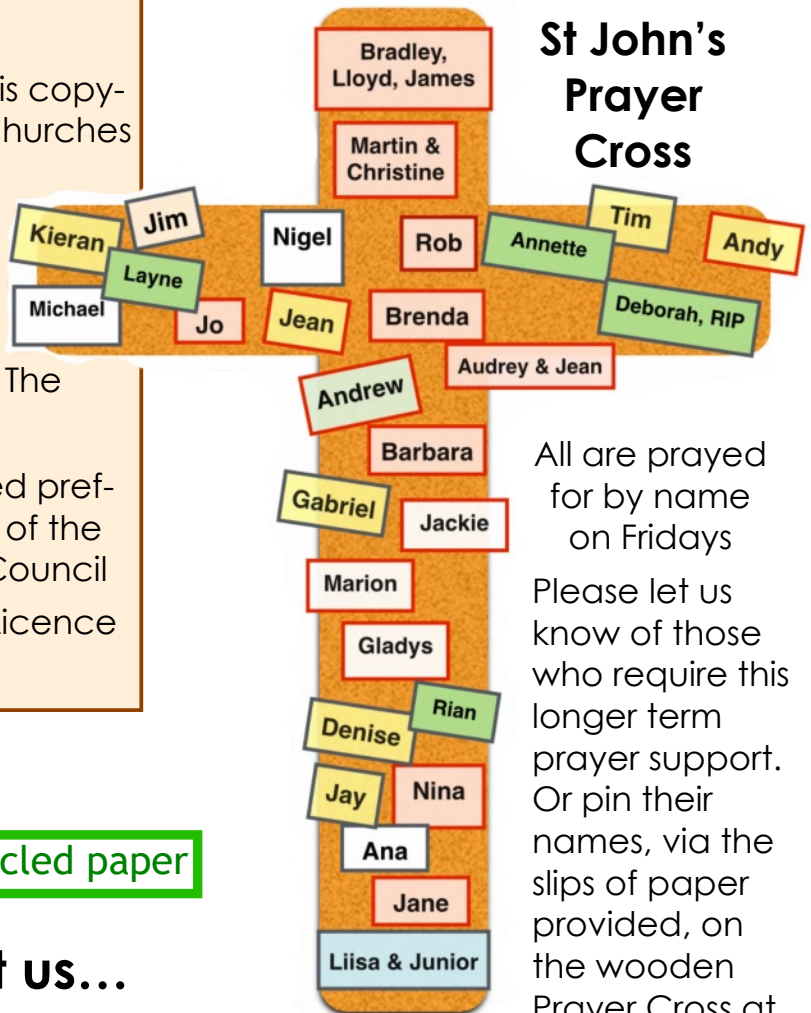
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## St John's Prayer Cross



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.

