



**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday 29th October**

**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Welcome to Mass
this morning.**

This week:

Monday: PCC meets

Wednesday 10am All Saints'
Day Mass in St Peter's Chapel

Wednesdays at 10am: Online
Zoom service*

Thursday 6.30pm Mass for All
Souls

Morning Coffee: Fridays
10 – 12 noon in Church

**Flowers in church -
“in loving memory
of my beloved sister,
Meg”**



Our prayers are asked for:

Rachel T, Vivian, Julia, Teresa, Holly H, Samantha B, Goldie, Lorenzo, Gladys, Anna, John T, Nigel and Carrie, Geraldine, Clare, Janet F, Tim, Basia S, Kathryn, Gill T, Francisco M, Wendy, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Marie N.

Please pray also for

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, including John and Margaret, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Kiran O'Brien Allen, Michelle Rumball and Lewis Fookes, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

James & Damien
Jackie N, Kiran
John and Robert S
Nanny Christine

Peter
& Jean

Ann P
Tom

Nicola
Krystyna
Kiran

Benedict,
Savannah &
baby StJohn

Rachel and Mene
Maite and Chaz

Jamie F.
Barbara

Ramona
Beverly

Helena
Sue T, Don F

John H
Jackie N

Rob
Andy

Evangeline, Hope
and Patricia

Audrey
and
Jeannie

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 Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Nigel
Peggy S

Maddy
Brenda
Dulcie

Aspen
Gabriel

Anna
Jack M

Patrick
Bostik

Eve
Dianne

RIP
Harvey

Avril
June

Nanny P
Mum

Barbara

All are regularly prayed for by name



Introit: O taste and see – Vaughan Williams

Opening Hymn (Psalm 103)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise
should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace
and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same
for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and
spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down
before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)

The 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

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

Deacon The word of God is living
and active. It judges the thoughts
and intentions of the heart. All is
open and laid bare before the eyes
of him to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

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.

Priest 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

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest
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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.***

The Collect

Priest Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change

and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12

All the people gathered together
into the square before the Water
Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to
bring the book of the law of Moses,
which the LORD had given to
Israel.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra
brought the law before the
assembly, both men and women
and all who could hear with
understanding. This was on the
first day of the seventh month.

He read from it facing the square
before the Water Gate from early
morning until midday, in the
presence of the men and the
women and those who could
understand; and the ears of all the
people were attentive to the book
of the law.

The scribe Ezra stood on a
wooden platform that had been
made for the purpose; and beside
him stood Mattithiah, Shema,
Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and
Maaseiah on his right hand; and
Pedaiah, Mishaël, Malchijah,
Hashum, Hash-baddanah,
Zechariah, and Meshullam on his
left hand.

And Ezra opened the book in the
sight of all the people, for he was
standing above all the people; and

when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

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⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Colossians

Colossian 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unceasing,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains**

**high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest - to both
great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life
of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish -
but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light
hideth thee.**

W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are
spirit, Lord, and they are life.

All Alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matt. 22. 34 -end

When the Pharisees heard that he
had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, and one of
them, a lawyer, asked him a
question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in
the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "'You shall love
the Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your mind.'

This is the greatest and first
commandment. And a second is
like it: 'You shall love your
neighbour as yourself.' On these
two commandments hang all the
law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were
gathered together, Jesus asked
them this question: "What do you
think of the Messiah? Whose son
is he?" They said to him, "The son
of David." He said to them, "How
is it then that David by the Spirit
calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord
said to my Lord, "Sit at my right
hand, until I put your enemies
under your feet" '? If David thus
calls him Lord, how can he be his
son?" No one was able to give
him an answer, nor from that day
did anyone dare to ask him any
more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in
God.

Do you believe and trust in God
the Father, source of all being and
life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust
in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust
in God the Holy Spirit, who gives
life to the people of God and

makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Deacon Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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 altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,**

in their great array.

**Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

Caroline Noel (1817 -77)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word and the table of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life, may we daily grow into your

likeness. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest 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, 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, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
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.

Deacon 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 St John the Evangelist, 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

Deacon 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

The priest breaks the consecrated 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.

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung by all.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people

**All Jesus Christ is holy
Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains - Stainer

Hymn

**There is a book that all may read,
which heavenly truth imparts;
and all the lore its scholars need,
pure eyes and Christian hearts.**

**The works of God above, below,
within us, and around,
are pages in that book, to show
how God himself is found.**

**The glorious sky, embracing all,
is like the Maker's love,
wherewith encompassed,
great and small,
in peace and order move.**

**The dew of heaven
is like thy grace,
it steals in silence down;
but where it falls,
the favoured place
by richest fruits is known.**

**Thou who has given me
eyes to see,**

**and love for what is fair,
give me a heart to find out thee,
and read thee everywhere.**

John Keble (1792-1866)

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the
hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us by your true
and living bread; who is alive and
reigns, now and 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

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest Go now in peace, knowing
that you have been born again, not
of perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living

and enduring word of God, 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

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout
the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh,
a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter
morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power
of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign
at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit
on his Church
to live for him,
the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice
to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel message
we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Edward Burns (b 1938)

The Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

All May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and 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.

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: Postlude in D – Healey Willan

Do stay for coffee!



"St Michael's Hospice annual The Big Sing, held at St John's Church on Saturday October 7th 2023, has this year raised a fantastic £4,507.24 for the hospice".

A prayer from Christian Aid for the Middle East

God, hear our prayers for peace in the Middle East.

May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.

We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss of life.

God, may the injured and distressed know your healing presence.

May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths of justice, mercy and peace.

We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every life.

May the clamour of violence cease,

replaced by the beating of swords into ploughshares.
God, in your name,

Amen.

*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing:

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news by 4pm

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The Hastings Foodbank, run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current "Urgent" list is shown below.. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

UHT Milk (Full Fat and/or Semi-Skimmed)
Tinned Meat (but not corned beef or pork)
Tinned Vegetables (especially peas and carrots)
Coffee



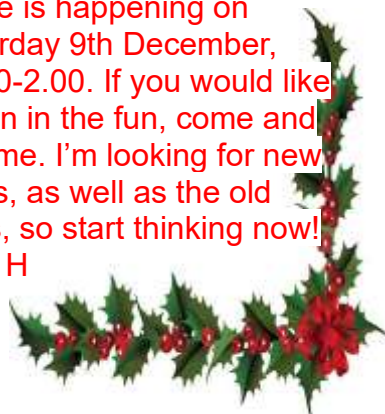
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... do you shop online?
Enter online shopping sites via the "Easyfundraising" website/app, and you may be able to raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!



Malaysian cookery demonstration.
Friday 17th November 12:30-2pm
The lovely Rose will be demonstrating how to cook Laksa. Nibble on spring rolls, then enjoy the laksa with a light desert to end. £10 per ticket.
Tickets limited and only available in advance. Text or ring 07484818760.
All in aid of St Michael's Hospice.
St John's Church Hall. Brittany Rd.

The St John's Christmas Fayre is happening on Saturday 9th December, 10.00-2.00. If you would like to join in the fun, come and see me. I'm looking for new ideas, as well as the old ones, so start thinking now!
Katy H



The Diocesan Living Faith course is for lay Christians to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them. The course (which also counts towards the Authorised Lay Ministry course) is a blend of input from inspirational speakers and group work facilitated by a lay mentor. St Helen's Hastings hopes to host this course beginning in the New Year.

For more information see www.chichester.anglican.org/living-faith