



Pews News and Service Sheet for Sunday 17th September – Trinity 15

**NEXT SUNDAY is
HARVEST FESTIVAL
supporting**



Please bring, if you can, as your harvest gifts something from their suggestion list (below):

Beans, tinned meat (chicken in white sauce, chilli, spag bol, ham, corn beef, meat balls, curries, anything like that) tinned fish, hearty soups and ordinary soups, pasta sauces, curry sauces, pasta, pot noodles, noodles, microwave rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned custard, rice pudding, long-life milk, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, Fray Bentos pie, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables. Toilet paper, toiletries, washing up liquid.

*Please only include if appropriate:
Socks, men's pants/briefs, jumpers,
jogging bottoms or casual trousers,
t shirts*



St John's Pevensey Road

Welcome to Mass this morning.

This week:

Monday: PCC meets

Wednesday 10am Midweek

Mass in St Peter's Chapel

Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee: Fridays



10 – 12 noon in Church



Our prayers are asked for:

Rachel T, Holly H, Bostik, Dianne, Goldie, Lorenzo, Gladys, Anna ,
John T, Nigel and Carrie, Geraldine, Della, Clare, Janet F, Tim,
Basia S, Kathryn, Gill T, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Marie N.

Please pray also for

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, including Arlene ,
Paul and Andy, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this
time, including Louis, Jean Burgess, Sheila Collard, Brian Hanrahan
and Alexander Fisher and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

James
and
Damien

Peter and
Jean

Rob

Benedict,
Savannah
baby StJohn

Jean &
Geoff

Evangeline, Hope
and Patricia

Rachel and Mene
Maite and Chaz

Ramona

Beverly

Helena

Sue T

Don F

John H

Nanny C

Audrey
and
Jeannie

Nigel

Peggy S

Maddy

Tina

Dulcie

Aspen

Gabriel

Anna

Jack M

Patrick

Xander

Eve

RIP

Harvey

Avril

June

Nanny P

Mum

Barbara

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.

All are regularly prayed for by name



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13.00, Mon, Tues, Thurs.

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Church Hall bookings.

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contacted on
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Introit: Drop, drop slow tears – Orlando Gibbons

Opening Hymn

**Christ is made the sure
foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in
one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the one, in threefold glory,
singing everlastingly.**

**To this temple, where we call
thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-
kindness,
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy
servants
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
here to have and hold for ever,
those good things their prayers
obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
with thy blessed ones to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in love, and one in
splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

Latin c 7th Century tr J M Neale (1818-66)

The Welcoming of the People

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

Priest 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 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.

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 God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 50. 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little

ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother

or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One:
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed
unruly
do to death, as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength
belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**

**Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic
host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

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. 18. 21 -35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused;

then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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

**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 - *led by
the intercessor using their own
words or ...*

Lord God, through your grace we
are your people:
through your Son you have
redeemed us; in your Spirit you
have made us as your own.

We pray for ... (*new Christians,
the Church*)
Make our hearts respond to your
love.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*the world, society,
the local community*)
Make our lives bear witness to
your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*people in need,
Christian service*)
Make our wills eager to obey, and
our hands ready to heal.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ...
Make our voices one with all your
people in heaven and on earth.
Lord of life,
**hear our prayer, and make us
one in heart and mind to serve
you with joy for ever.**
Amen.

The Peace

Deacon God is love, and those
who live in love live in God and
God lives in them.

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.*

**Judge eternal, throned in
splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.**

**Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour**

**cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the
woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.**

**Crown, O God, thine own
endeavour:
cleave our darkness with thy
sword:
feed the faithless and the
hungry
with the richness of thy word:
cleans the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.**

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

The priest takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation; you bring forth bread
from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation; you create the fruit of
the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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, 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.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord
Jesus Christ which he gave for
you, and his blood which he shed
for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that
he died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

*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: God is a spirit – W. Sterndale Bennett

Hymn (*Psalm 136*)

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*For his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:
For his mercies ay endure...

He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with
light:
For his mercies ay endure...

He the golden-tressed sun
caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies ay endure...

And the horned moon by night,
mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies ay endure...

All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their
need:
For his mercies ay endure...

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure...

John Milton (1608-74)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy; and,
because without you our human
frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever
by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable

to our salvation;
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

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest 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

**Praise to the Holiest in the
height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and
blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against
their foe,
should strive and should
prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very
self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! That he, who
smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and
inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the
height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

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: Allegro from Suite
in D – John Stanley*

Do stay for coffee!



Flowers in Church today



Good quality 2nd hand clothes

As you put away the summer clothes and get out the autumn clothes why not have a sort through? I am planning a fund-raising event for St Michaels hospice and the church. I am looking for good quality 2nd hand clothes...the sort of impulse buy that you never wear but is really too good to give away or the outfit for a party or occasion that you never seem to wear again. Rummage through your wardrobes. See it as an opportunity to de clutter, and ask friends and family too, so we have a range of sizes and styles. Shoes and handbags also welcome. Date for the sale to follow. Donations can be dropped off at The Rectory or I can arrange to pick up from you. Thanks for your help. Kate.



A Date for your Diary

The Revd Rosemary Murrills

**is to be licensed as
Priest-in-Charge at
Blacklands Church
on Monday 2nd October
at 7.30pm.**

All very welcome.

*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 Wednesday.

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ORGANSTOPS 2023

STEPHEN PAGE

Short organ concerts -
followed by refreshments
Saturday 23rd September 3-4pm
St John's Church, Hollington,
Upper Church Road, TN37 7AT



suggested £5
donation towards Christian Aid.



All are warmly invited to come to an ecumenical prayer vigil on Sat 30th Sept at 4.30 at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1, High St. Hastings. The theme of the Service is Peace.