



**Pews News and Service Sheet for Sunday 24th September – Harvest Festival supporting:**



**Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, creator of light and giver of life, to you be glory and praise for ever.**

## St John's Pevensey Road



## Welcome to Mass and Harvest Festival

This week:  
10am Midweek Mass in St Peter's Chapel  
Online Zoom service\*:  
Wednesdays at 10am  
Morning Coffee: Fridays  
10 – 12 noon in Church

' Fr David has served as Rural Dean for more than three years in particularly trying times but has now resigned from this rôle to concentrate better on his ministry here at St John's and to try to actually find some time to take up a hobby or two'

## 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 Andy, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Rose and Jim Connor, Annette and John Waters, Mike Heasman and all who mourn.

## St John's Prayer Cross

Ramona  
Beverly  
Helena  
Sue T  
Don F  
John H  
Nanny C

Peter and  
Jean

James  
and  
Damien

Rachel and Mene  
Maite and Chaz

Audrey  
and  
Jeannie

Evangeline, Hope  
and Patricia

Jean &  
Geoff

Benedict,  
Savannah &  
baby StJohn

Maddy  
Tina  
Dulcie  
Aspen  
Gabriel  
Anna  
Jack M  
Patrick

Nigel  
Peggy S

Rob  
Xander

RIP  
Harvey  
Avril  
June  
Nanny P  
Mum  
Barbara

All are  
regularly  
prayed  
for by  
name



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.

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*Introit: Thou visitest the earth –  
M. Greene*

## Opening Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in  
ere the winter storms begin:  
God, our Maker, will provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come, to God's own temple,  
come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may  
be.

For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant,  
come:  
raise the song of harvest home!  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified,  
in God's garner to abide;  
come, ten thousand angels,  
come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.

*Henry Alford (1810-71)*

## 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* Let us confess our  
forgetfulness of the needs of the  
poor, and repent of the ways in  
which we waste the resources of  
the world.

Lord God, our maker and our  
redeemer, this is your world and  
we are your people: come among  
us and save us. We have wilfully  
misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:

*All forgive us our sin.*

We have seen the ill-treatment of  
others and have not gone to their  
aid;

Lord, be merciful:

*All forgive us our sin.*

We have condoned evil and  
dishonesty and failed to strive for

justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of  
Christ, but have failed to share it  
with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our  
heart, nor our neighbours as  
ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**All forgive us our sin.**

**Priest** God, who loved the world  
so much that he sent his Son to be  
our Saviour, forgive *us our* sins  
and make *us* holy to serve him in  
the world, 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** Creator God, you made the  
goodness of the land, the riches of  
the sea and the rhythm of the  
seasons; as we thank you for the  
harvest, may we cherish and  
respect this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word all sit**

#### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

*Deuteronomy 8.7-18*

For the LORD your God is bringing  
you into a good land, a land with  
flowing streams, with springs and  
underground waters welling up in  
valleys and hills, a land of wheat  
and barley, of vines and fig trees  
and pomegranates, a land of olive  
trees and honey, a land where you  
may eat bread without scarcity,  
where you will lack nothing, a land  
whose stones are iron and from  
whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless  
the LORD your God for the good  
land that he has given you. Take  
care that you do not forget the  
LORD your God, by failing to keep  
his commandments, his  
ordinances, and his statutes, which  
I am commanding you today.  
When you have eaten your fill and  
have built fine houses and live in

them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

### **A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians**

#### *2 Corinthians 9.6-end*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the

poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

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

**We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.**

**All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the  
Lord, for all his love.**

**He only is the Maker**

**of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.**

**All good gifts...**

**We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.**

**All good gifts...**

*German, Matthias Claudius  
(1740- 1815) Tr Jane Campbell (1817-78)*

## **Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced  
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes,  
and see that the fields are ripe for  
harvesting. Gather the fruit for  
eternal 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 Luke

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 12.16-30*

Then Jesus told them a parable:  
"The land of a rich man produced  
abundantly. And he thought to  
himself, 'What should I do, for I  
have no place to store my crops?'  
Then he said, 'I will do this: I will  
pull down my barns and build  
larger ones, and there I will store  
all my grain and my goods. And I  
will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have

ample goods laid up for many  
years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

But God said to him, 'You fool!  
This very night your life is being  
demanded of you. And the things  
you have prepared, whose will  
they be?'

So it is with those who store up  
treasures for themselves but are  
not rich toward God." He said to  
his disciples, "Therefore I tell you,  
do not worry about your life, what  
you will eat, or about your body,  
what you will wear. For life is more  
than food, and the body more than  
clothing. Consider the ravens: they  
neither sow nor reap, they have  
neither storehouse nor barn, and  
yet God feeds them. Of how much  
more value are you than the birds!  
And can any of you by worrying  
add a single hour to your span of  
life? If then you are not able to do  
so small a thing as that, why do  
you worry about the rest?"

Consider the lilies, how they grow:  
they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell  
you, even Solomon in all his glory  
was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of  
the field, which is alive today and  
tomorrow is thrown into the oven,  
how much more will he clothe you-  
- you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what  
you are to eat and what you are to  
drink, and do not keep worrying.  
For it is the nations of the world  
that strive after all these things,  
and your Father knows that you  
need them.

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 ...*

Creation groans with pain like the pain of childbirth, and longs to share the freedom of the children of God, so we offer you our prayers for the healing of all creation. Let us pray.

Lord of creation

**All hear the cry of our hearts**

Let us pray to God, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

Father, Lord of creation,

**All in your mercy, hear us.**

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another.

Father, Lord of creation,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

You have given the human race a rich land, a land of streams and springs, wheat and barley, vines and oil and honey. We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow. We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

Father, Lord of creation,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

In Christ you call us to a new way of life, loving our neighbours before ourselves. Help us to treat with care and respect the world as

it is as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be when your kingdom comes and your will is done.

Thank you for those, living and departed, who have shown a true respect for your creation ... Help us to follow in their footsteps, until, with them, we see you face to face, where all is made new in Christ our Lord. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

#### *Deacon*

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* and also with you.

*Deacon* 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.*

**To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
in hymns of adoration,  
to thee bring sacrifice of praise  
with shouts of exultation.  
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,  
the hills with joy are ringing,  
the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that even they are singing.**

**And now, on this our festal day,  
thy bounteous hand confessing,  
upon thine altar, Lord, we lay  
the first-fruits of thy blessing;  
by thee the souls of folk are fed**

**with gifts of grace supernal;  
thou who dost give us daily  
bread,  
give us the bread eternal.**

**We bear the burden of the day,  
and often toil seems dreary;  
but labour ends with sunset ray,  
and rest is for the weary:  
may we, the angel-reaping o'er,  
stand at the last accepted,  
Christ's golden sheaves for  
evermore  
to garner bright elected.**

**O blessed is that land of God,  
where saints abide for ever;  
where golden fields spread fair  
and broad,  
where flows the crystal river:  
the strains of all its holy throng  
with ours today are blending;  
thrice blessed is that harvest  
song  
which never hath an ending.**

*W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

### **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 (E)**

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 for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation. He created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers, all things were created through him and for him.

Lord of all creation

**All We worship and adore you.**

He is the radiant light of your glory: he holds all creation together by his word of power.

Lord of all creation

**All We worship and adore you.**

He is first to be born from the dead. All perfection is found in him, and all things were reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. Lord of all creation

**All We worship and adore you.**

The Church is his body, he is its head. He takes his place in heaven at your right hand, where we worship you with all of your creation, 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*Dcn* Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with St. John the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of God and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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:*

*Fear not, O land – William H Harris*

### **Hymn**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and brain's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends  
above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,

graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of  
heaven:

For thy Church that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
this pure sacrifice of love:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*F. S Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* Lord of the harvest, with joy  
we have offered thanksgiving for  
your love in creation and have  
shared in the bread and wine of  
the kingdom: by your grace plant  
within us a reverence for all that  
you give us, and make us  
generous and wise stewards of the  
good things we enjoy; 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* May God who clothes the  
lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture  
and the deer to water, who  
multiplied loaves and fishes and  
changed water into wine, lead us,  
feed us, multiply us, and change  
us to reflect the glory of our  
Creator through all eternity; 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**

And did those feet in ancient  
time  
walk upon England's mountains  
green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures  
seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded  
hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning  
gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds,  
unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I shall not cease from mental  
fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my  
hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant  
land.

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

## 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 the light and peace of Christ

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Organ voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott – S. Karg-Eiert*

*Do stay for coffee!*



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## Dates for your diaries:



## Women's Second-hand clothes sale

**Friday 13 October 5-7pm.**

Save the planet - Get a new outfit  
Raise money for St Michael's hospice and St John's church.

St John's Church Hall, Brittany Road. TN380RD  
Donations of clothes to 53 Brittany Road.

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.

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

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