



**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday 8th October
– Trinity 18**



If prayer truly works, if our weak human rambling to God actually changes things, then we must call believing people to pray, and together we must pray for change where change is needed most."



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Welcome to Mass
this morning.**

This week:

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, Margaret, Julia, John and Teresa, John and Robert S, Holly H, Bostik, Dianne, 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 Andy, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Agnes Thomas, Jane Anderson and Peter Storey, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

James
and
Damien

Peter
and Jean

Rob
Della

Jean &
Geoff

Evangeline, Hope
and Patricia

Benedict,
Savannah
baby StJohn

Ramona
Beverly
Helena

Audrey
and
Jeannie

Rachel and Mene
Maite and Chaz

Sue T
Don F
John H
Nanny C

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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Introit: Thou knowest, Lord - Purcell

Opening Hymn

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**The sacred minster bell
it peals o'er hill and dell,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
O hark to what it sings,
as joyously it rings,
may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**My tongue shall never tire
of chanting in the choir,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
the fairest graces spring
in hearts that ever sing
may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
the powers of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they
hear,
may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
let air, and sea, and sky
from depth to height reply,
may Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
be this the eternal song
through all the ages on,
may Jesus Christ be praised.**

*German, 19th century, Tr Edward Caswall
(1814-79)*

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, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain

no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of
hosts is the house of Israel, and
the people of Judah are his
pleasant planting; he expected
justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!
For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 3. 4b -14

.....even though I, too, have
reason for confidence in the flesh.
If anyone else has reason to be
confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a
member of the people of Israel, of
the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew
born of Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor
of the church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless.
Yet whatever gains I had, these I
have come to regard as loss
because of Christ. More than that,
I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
his sake I have suffered the loss of
all things, and I regard them as
rubbish, in order that I may gain
Christ and be found in him, not
having a righteousness of my own
that comes from the law, but one
that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based
on faith.

I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the
sharing of his sufferings by
becoming like him in his death,
if somehow I may attain the
resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained
this or have already reached the
goal; but I press on to make it my
own, because Christ Jesus has
made me his own. Beloved, I do
not consider that I have made it my
own; but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies
ahead, I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the heavenly call of
God in Christ Jesus.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

**Jesus shall reign
where'er the sun
does his successive
journeys run;
his kingdom stretch
from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane
no more.**

**People and realms
of every tongue
dwell on his love
with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his
name.**

**Blessings abound
where'er he reigns;
the prisoner
leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are
blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs**

**again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls

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. 21.33 - end

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a

miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is
named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts
through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy
Spirit,**

who strengthens us
with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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.*

In Christ alone
my hope is found,
he is my light,
my strength, my song;
this cornerstone,
this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all-in-all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—
who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and
righteousness,
scorned by the ones
he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied—
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground
his body lay,
light of the world

by darkness slain:
then bursting forth
in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on
me,
for I am his and he is mine—
bought with the precious blood
of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final
breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell,
no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his
hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll
stand!

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Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

The priest takes the bread and wine.

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 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, 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: Holy is the true light - Harris

Hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high

where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Latin, 14th century translation anonymous

Prayer after Communion

Priest We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints 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 Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love,

and raise you up at the last day;
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 temple 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)

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 Final –
Albert Renaud (1855-1924)*

Do stay for coffee!



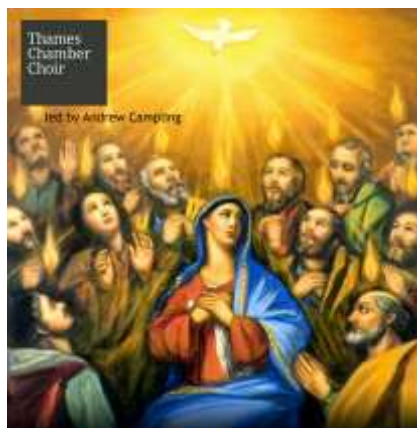
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today: to celebrate
Tony and Veronica's
Wedding Anniversary
and Tony's 80th
Birthday**



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St John's Church Hall, Brittany
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Veni Creator Spiritus

music by Tallis, Ford, Weelkes, Bruckner, Bachmann, Host, Schreibe
and Macmillan

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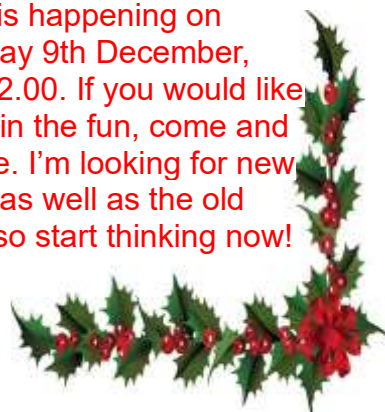


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The St John's Christmas
Fayre is happening on
Saturday 9th December,
10.00-2.00. If you would like
to join in the fun, come and
see me. I'm looking for new
ideas, as well as the old
ones, so start thinking now!
Katy



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