



**Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
Sunday 22nd  
October – Trinity 20**

**St John's  
Pevensey Road**

**Welcome to Mass  
this morning.**

This week:

**NO Midweek Mass**

**Online Zoom service\*:**

**Wednesdays at 10am**

**Morning Coffee: Fridays**



**Flowers in church today  
are in loving memory  
of DON TIDEY**

**10 – 12 noon in Church**



## Our prayers are asked for:

Rachel T, Vivian, Julia, Teresa, John and Robert S, Holly H, Samantha B, 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 John and Margaret, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time including Betty Harvey and Derek Bramwell, and all who mourn.

## St John's

## Prayer

## Cross

James &  
Damien  
Jackie N  
Deborah

Peter & Jean

Jean &  
Geoff  
Tom  
Nicola

Benedict,  
Savannah &  
baby StJohn

Rachel and Mene  
Maite and Chaz  
Jamie F.  
Barbara

Krystyna  
Ramona  
Beverly  
Helena  
Sue T  
Don F  
John H

Rob  
Della

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  
Tina  
Dulcie  
Aspen  
Gabriel  
Anna  
Jack M  
Patrick  
Xander  
Eve &  
Paul  
RIP  
Harvey  
Avril  
June  
Nanny P  
Mum  
Barbara

All are  
regularly  
prayed  
for by  
name



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*Introit: Lead me, Lord – S. S. Wesley*

## Opening Hymn

City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered  
freemen are  
of every age and clime:

One holy Church, one army  
strong,  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band,  
one harvest-song,  
one King omnipotent.

How purely hath  
thy speech come down  
from man's primeval youth!  
How grandly  
hath thine empire grown  
of freedom, love, and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires  
through the night  
with never-fainting ray!  
how rise thy towers,  
serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands:  
unharm'd upon the eternal rock  
the eternal city stands.

*Samuel Johnson (1822-82)*

## 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:  
cleans 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, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within  
your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live  
the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,

that we may share with the whole  
creation the joys of eternal life;  
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 prophet  
Isaiah**

*Isaiah 45. 1-7*

Thus says the LORD to his  
anointed, to Cyrus, whose right  
hand I have grasped to subdue  
nations before him and strip kings  
of their robes, to open doors  
before him-- and the gates shall  
not be closed:

I will go before you and level the  
mountains, I will break in pieces  
the doors of bronze and cut  
through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of  
darkness and riches hidden in  
secret places, so that you may  
know that it is I, the LORD, the  
God of Israel, who call you by your  
name. For the sake of my servant  
Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call  
you by your name, I surname you,  
though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no  
other; besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know  
me, so that they may know, from  
the rising of the sun and from the  
west, that there is no one besides  
me; I am the LORD, and there is  
no other. I form light and create  
darkness, I make weal and create  
woe; I the LORD do all these  
things.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians**

*1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--

Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

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

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

*Philip. Doddridge (1702-51)*

## **Gospel Reading**

**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. 22. 15 - 22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 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.*

**Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; Our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least; they bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life. Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown? Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one Faith,  
one Lord.

*Edward Plumptre (1821-91)*

### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**

As the grain once scattered in the fields, and grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**All Amen.**

### **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, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.**

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.*

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: O Saviour of the world - Goss*

### **Hymn**

**Once, only once,  
and once for all,  
his precious life he gave;  
before the Cross in faith we fall,  
and own it strong to save.**

**`One offering, single and complete`,  
with lips and heart we say;  
but what he never can repeat  
he shows forth day by day.**

**For as the priest of Aaron's line  
within the holiest stood,  
and sprinkled  
all the mercy-shrine  
with sacrificial blood;**

so he, who once atonement  
wrought,  
our Priest of endless power,  
presents himself  
for those he bought  
in that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads  
where now it lives  
on heaven's eternal throne,  
and where in mystic rite  
he gives  
its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death,  
O Lord,  
till thou again appear;  
and feel,  
when we approach thy board,  
we have an altar here.

*William Bright (1824-1901)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver  
the world from the darkness of  
ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the  
eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
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**

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**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay  
down  
thy head upon my breast:'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink, and live:'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my  
soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say  
 'I am this dark world's Light;  
 look unto me, thy morn shall  
 rise,  
 and all thy day be bright:'  
 I looked to Jesus, and I found  
 in him my Star, my Sun;  
 and in that light of life I'll walk  
 till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar (1808-89)*

### 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 alla*

*Marcia – A.L. Peace (1844-1912)*

*Do stay for coffee!*



*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(BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)**
  - **TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)**
  - **TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)**
  - **TINNED FRUIT**
- 
- **COFFEE**

**ORGANSTOPS 2023**  
**STEPHEN PAGE**

Short organ concert -  
followed by refreshments  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm  
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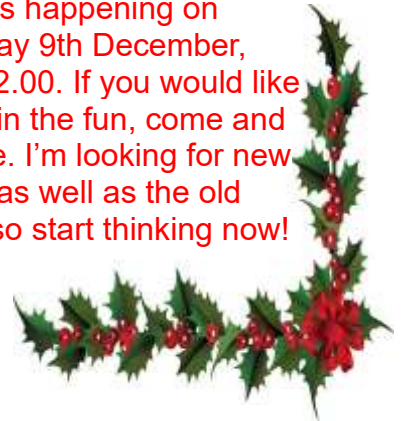


suggested £5  
donation towards Christian Aid.



Kate writes: thank you for the wonderful clothes donated for the sale. There were some beautiful clothes. What a stylish group of women St John's has. We raised £100 for St John's and £100 for St Michaels Hospice and I hope to raise some more by selling some of the remaining clothes online.

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

A poster for a bookstall event. It features the Christian Aid logo at the top left, followed by the text "St John's, Pevensey Road". The main title is "Bring and Buy Bookstall" in large, bold letters. Below the title is a photograph of a bookshelf filled with various books. At the bottom, it says "50p per book" and "... please put your donation money in the Christian Aid collection slot in the wall - thank you!".

**50p per book**  
... please put your donation money in the Christian Aid collection slot in the wall - thank you!

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