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Pews News and Service Sheet for Sunday 30th July – Trinity 8

This week:

Church open Mon. 10-12.30pm

Morning Prayer: 9am

Friday

in St Peter's Chapel

NO Midweek Mass

Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee: Fridays

10 – 12 noon in Church

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

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com

Also, just this week, please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news by 11am **Tuesday** – apologies for early deadline.



St John's
Pevensey Road
Welcome to Mass
this morning.

Next Sunday 6th August :

8am Said Mass

**10.30am Sung Mass for
the Feast of the
Transfiguration**

**8:30pm, Alexandra Park
Hastings, Boating Pond**

**Remember 1945
ATOMIC BOMBINGS OF
HIROSHIMA AND
NAGASAKI**

Make a peace lantern in memory of the victims of the atomic bombs and bring to the park. The lantern ceremony is held by people of peace all over the world, with the pledge: NEVER AGAIN!"

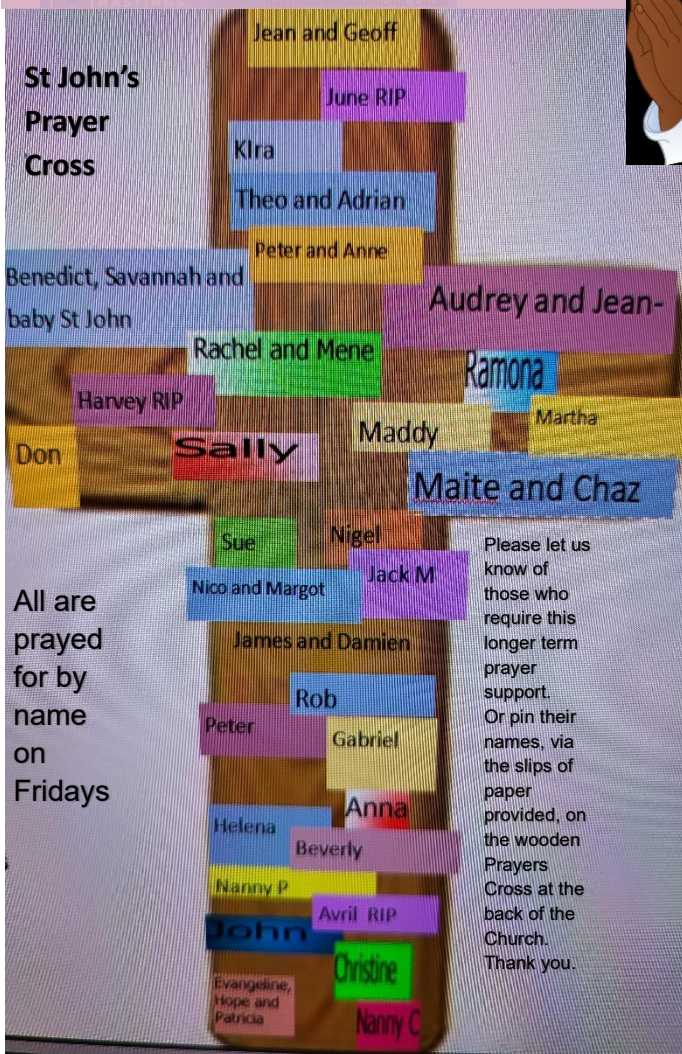
Our prayers are asked for:

Holly H, Arlene, Andy, Gladys, Marie N, John T, Nigel and Carrie, Geraldine, Della, The Rev Lizzie G, Clare, Janet F, Tim, Basia S, Kathryn, Gill T, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Anna.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Jill, Ron Usher, Minnie Quartey-Cofie, Pauline Peacock, and Anna Blankson, and all who mourn.



Hastings Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra plus visiting choirs from Freiburg perform MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH at the DE LA WARR PAVILION. TODAY 7 pm. Tickets available online from hastingsphilorchestra.co.uk free tickets available for Students, Under 18's, Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Recipients.

*Introit: Teach me thy way, O
Lord - Fox*

Opening Hymn

The kingdom of God
is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory
to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-83)

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.

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

The priest introduces the Collect of the day with the words, `Let us pray`

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the first book of Kings

1 Kings. 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said

to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 8. 26 -end

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.**

P. Doddridge (1702-51)

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. 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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.*

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him king of glory now;

'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

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

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

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

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

Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire

meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Noel (1817 -77)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

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 (A)

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and
our joy, at all times and in all
places to give you thanks and
praise, holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God, through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word; through
him you have created all things
from the beginning, and formed us
in your own image. Through him
you have freed us from the slavery
of sin, giving him to be born of a
woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead and
exalted him to your right hand on
high. Through him you have sent
upon us your holy and life-giving
Spirit, and made us a people for
your own possession. 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our

Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. 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 president 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: O Saviour of the world –
Somervell*

Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and
His righteousness;

and all these things shall be added
unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto

you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

**Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds out from the mouth of
God.**

Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find; knock and the
door shall be opened up to you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

Karen Lafferty; © 1972 Maranatha Music

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy
things; may the ears which have
heard your word be deaf to
clamour and dispute; may the
tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit; may the
eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of
hope; and may the bodies which
have been fed with your body be
refreshed with the fullness of your
life; glory to you 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 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

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless
thee and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the
farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near
us, and wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and
voices for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's
measure for thy pleasure

all combine.
In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthy
hearts and minds and hands
and voices in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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: Carillon – Herbert
Murrill*

Do stay for coffee!





Some photos from St John's dedicated gardeners, including a female stag beetle



*Look out soon for
news about
memorial flowers!*

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