

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

16th Sunday after Trinity



## Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

### This week:

**Morning Prayer**, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, in Saint Peter's Chapel. Friday in Church.

**Church open weekdays**, where possible.

**Midweek Mass:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizer for a "link" to join in

**Morning Coffee:** Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church



### Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, David D, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, Jon W, Ted G, Jude, and Jamie F.

### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

...those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Agnes Thomas, Jane Anderson, Peter Storey, Doris Phelps, Jeremy Forty, Clem Burgess, and John & Annette Loveday-Waters,

...and all who mourn.

Here next Saturday...

st michael's hospice  
**The Big Sing**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 11am - 9pm  
St John's Church, Brittany Road, St Leonards on Sea  
Free entry but donations welcome!



The **Big Breakfast** returns on Saturday 22nd October. Please join us for a breakfast of coffee, tea and croissants, here at Saint Johns on Saturday 22nd October at 8.30 a.m. Baroness Janet Fookes will talk about her life in politics and her Christian faith. All welcome. *MC*

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays

Introit: *Thou visitest the earth*  
(Maurice 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, doth 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)*

## 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

*All* 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.

## Prayer of 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.

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used  
your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

*All* forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have  
given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

*All* forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full  
and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the  
world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods  
for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God  
and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

*The priest then says the Absolution*

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 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.**

**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.  
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. Amen.**

**The Collect**

*The priest introduces the Collect  
with the words 'Let us pray'.*

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.**

**A reading from the Book of  
Deuteronomy**

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that  
the Lord your God is giving you as an  
inheritance to possess, and you  
possess it, and settle in it, you shall  
take some of the first of all the fruit of  
the ground, which you harvest from the  
land that the Lord your God is giving  
you, and you shall put it in a basket and  
go to the place that the Lord your God  
will choose as a dwelling for his name.  
You shall go to the priest who is in  
office at that time, and say to him,  
'Today I declare to the Lord your God  
that I have come into the land that the  
Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'  
When the priest takes the basket from  
your hand and sets it down before the  
altar of the Lord your God, you shall

make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

#### *Philippians 4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

*Refrain:*  
*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.  
*Refrain...*

We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
no gifts have we to offer,  
for all thy love imparts,  
but, that which thou desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*Refrain...*

*German, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Dcn* Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*All* Alleluia.

*Dcn* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

*Dcn* Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John

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

*John 6:25-35*

When they found him on the other side  
of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi,  
when did you come here?' Jesus  
answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you,  
you are looking for me, not because you  
saw signs, but because you ate your fill  
of the loaves. Do not work for the food  
that perishes, but for the food that  
endures for eternal life, which the Son of  
Man will give you. For it is on him that  
God the Father has set his seal.' Then  
they said to him, 'What must we do to  
perform the works of God?' Jesus  
answered them, 'This is the work of God,  
that you believe in him whom he has  
sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are  
you going to give us then, so that we

may see it and believe you? What work  
are you performing? Our ancestors ate the  
manna in the wilderness; as it is written,  
"He gave them bread from heaven to eat."  
Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell  
you, it was not Moses who gave you the  
bread from heaven, but it is my Father  
who gives you the true bread from heaven.  
For the bread of God is that which comes  
down from heaven and gives life to the  
world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this  
bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be  
hungry, and whoever believes in me will  
never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **The Creed**

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

*All* **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

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

*The intercessions may include the  
response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father

**All Accept these prayers, for the sake  
of your Son, Our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Peace *is introduced*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace, with  
those around us.*

### Offertory Hymn

*During which the table 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 men 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 blessèd 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 blessèd is that harvest song  
which never hath an ending.

*W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

### **Preparation of the Table**

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.

**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.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president takes the bread and  
wine.*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
Through him you have created us in  
your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good  
creation.  
Through him you teach us to exult in the  
birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and  
life-giving crops of the earth.  
Through him you free us from the  
slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.  
Through him, you begin your work of  
new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new  
earth  
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and  
archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under  
heaven, 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 in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
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.

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,  
Saint Peter, 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**

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**

**Priest** 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.**

**Agnus Dei is sung:**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**

**Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,**

**Give us your peace**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

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.

*Please follow the direction of the sidesperson, and bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.*

*Anthem: For the beauty of the earth  
(Rutter)*

### **Hymn**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows for our play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:*

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

God the Father, who created the world,  
give you grace to be wise stewards of  
his creation.

**All Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,  
inspire you to go out as labourers into  
his harvest.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills  
the whole of creation,  
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and  
peace.

**All Amen.**

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 these 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 will 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)

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you

**All** May the Grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and the 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: Nun danket alle Gotte  
(Karg-Elert)



Please stay for coffee after  
today's Parish Mass

Thames  
Chamber  
Choir

at St John's Church,  
Pevensey Rd,  
St Leonards-on-Sea

Saturday 22nd  
October, 7 p.m.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo**

...with music by *Allegri, Tallis, Palestrina,  
Harris, Vaughan Williams and Campling*

**Tickets £10 (concessions £7)**  
on the door, or via [thameschamberchoir.com](http://thameschamberchoir.com)

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The concert will help raise funds for St John's.  
A stock of flyers may be found at the back of  
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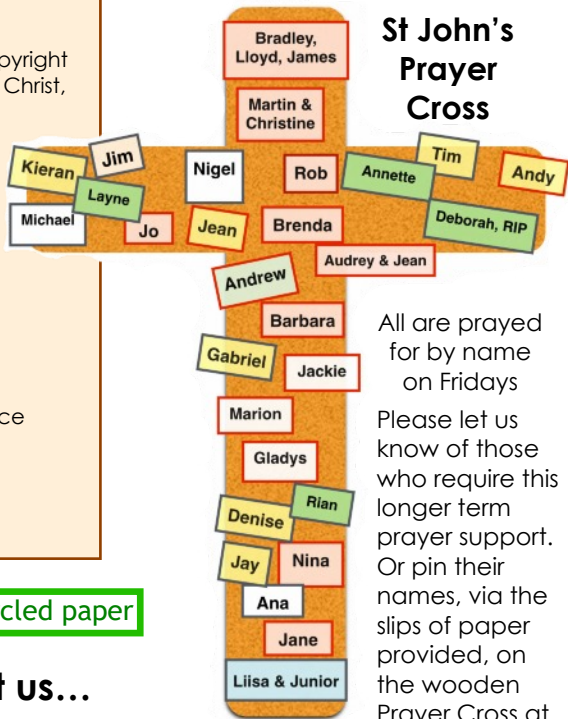
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## St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays

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 Prayer Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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