

St John's, Pevensey Road



**Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 29th August 2021**

The 13th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m.
(The 10:30 service is recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day)

This week:

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, at 9 a.m.

Church open for private prayer, during weekdays nominally 9 - 5.

Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will send you the necessary "link".

Coffee Morning every Friday 10 - 12, in church

Our prayers are asked for:

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Alison N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Sally L, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Roy, Andy, Dawn, Glenda G, and staff and residents of Ridge House.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Valerie Mallett,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time: John Cain and Les Gordon,

... and all who mourn.

A new venture ...

Drop in for Morning Coffee



**... and to spend some time in this
beautiful church**

All welcome



Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

The latest updated edition of the **St John's Prayer Calendar** is now available. Please pick up a copy if you would like one, to help focus your daily prayers on people and organisations connected with St John's and the wider community.

Safeguarding is about protecting the health, well-being and human rights of vulnerable children and adults. This is a reminder for all those who need to update their training, including the PCC, to please let Jenny or Tina know. Many thanks to those who have already actioned this.

JB



If you need a face mask to wear in church, please can you now bring your own, as the current stock in church is nearly all gone, and will not be renewed. Thank you! *TG*

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. Thanks!

Mass for the 13th Sunday after Trinity

Introit:

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace (Tye)

The priest says the Absolution

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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.

Prayer of Confession

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.**

The Gloria *sung by the choir*

**All 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

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Deut. 4.1-2,6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said:
So now, Israel, give heed to the
statutes and ordinances that I am
teaching you to observe, so that you
may live to enter and occupy the land
that the LORD, the God of your
ancestors, is giving you. You must
neither add anything to what I
command you nor take away anything
from it, but keep the commandments
of the LORD your God with which I am
charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for
this will show your wisdom and
discernment to the peoples, who,
when they hear all these statutes, will
say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise
and discerning people!' For what other
great nation has a god so near to it as
the LORD our God is whenever we
call to him? And what other great
nation has statutes and ordinances as
just as this entire law that I am setting
before you today? But take care and
watch yourselves closely, so as
neither to forget the things that your
eyes have seen nor to let them slip

from your mind all the days of your life;
make them known to your children and
your children's children.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of James

James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with
every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation or
shadow due to change. In fulfilment of
his own purpose he gave us birth by
the word of truth, so that we would
become a kind of first fruits of his
creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved:
let everyone be quick to listen, slow to
speak, slow to anger; for your anger
does not produce God's righteous-
ness. Therefore rid yourselves of all
sordidness and rank growth of wicked-
ness, and welcome with meekness the
implanted word that has the power to
save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not
merely hearers who deceive them-
selves. For if any are hearers of the
word and not doers, they are like those
who look at themselves in a mirror; for
they look at themselves and, on going
away, immediately forget what they
were like. But those who look into the
perfect law, the law of liberty, and
persevere, being not hearers who
forget but doers who act – they will be
blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm
has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His Holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and Dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to
flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord,
To children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

The response to the petitions is:

Thy Kingdom come

All Thy will be done

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

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for
peace
and builds up our common life.

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

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Music: Impromptu (John E. West)

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 priest takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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 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 Saint 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

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 by the choir:

All 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

Communion is received

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus (Elgar)

Prayer after Communion

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

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earth-
ly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
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

Final hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Concluding Voluntary: *Prelude and fugue in
A minor BWV 569 (J.S. Bach)*

A Prayer for Afghanistan...

All-loving God, your hands have fashioned every lovely corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place your children call 'home'. By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We grieve today with those who grieve over Afghanistan, the people who call it home indeed, the people exiled or suddenly having to leave, and the men and women from other countries who have made sacrifices in recent years in the cause of that country's future.

We remember with renewed sadness the loss of lives of military personnel during the years of this country's involvement in Afghanistan, conscious of the questions that must today be troubling the minds of those who were bereaved, those who were wounded on operations, and those who were forever changed by experiences suffered there.

We pray for peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to such need; and for tranquillity of mind amongst our own Service community and its wider family.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the peace-giver, we pray.

AMEN.



The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is one of Jesus' best-known stories. It beautifully presents the good news of the gospel: the story of God's generous and undeserved love towards us. It's the story of us being lost yet also found by Him.

The younger son is lost when he demands his inheritance early, deliberately making himself independent and treating his father as dead! This reflects our own lostness as human beings, when we are cut off from the presence and grace of a loving heavenly Father.

After squandering his wealth, he finally comes to his senses: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' (Luke 15:18-19). However, even before he arrives home, his father sees him, runs to greet him, and welcomes his son back home. The celebrations for the son reflect the 'rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents' (Luke 15:7) for our own homecoming.

This story graphically demonstrates the amazing grace of God for each one of us. The older son's misunderstanding of the father's actions is a warning not to harden our hearts to the work of God's grace in ourselves and others. *'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* (Philip Yancey).

The story is told of a father and son who had become estranged, and the father searched for him to no avail. In desperation, he put an advert in a local newspaper: 'Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father.' On the Saturday 800 Pacos showed up!!

Canon Paul Hardingham

The Tuesday Group will resume on Tuesday 7th September - please remember them in your prayers. There will be a **toy cleaning party** on the 31st August in the hall at 9:00 a.m. in readiness if you would like to help. Many thanks. *Jenny B*



Out of the mouths of babes, when they pray...

"Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses"

"Hail, Mary, full of grapes"

"He suffered under a bunch of violets" (*Pontius Pilate*)



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

Hastings and St Leonards Church Together are looking for a new chairperson, and also new committee members. We believe that Christian churches and other groups are called to communicate, worship, pray and learn together, and serve others in our town-wide community, and hope that fresh

vision from new personnel will help to take this forward. Do you think God could be calling you for this? Please contact: info@hastingschurches.org.uk if you would like to know more. *John Lyttle, Secretary*

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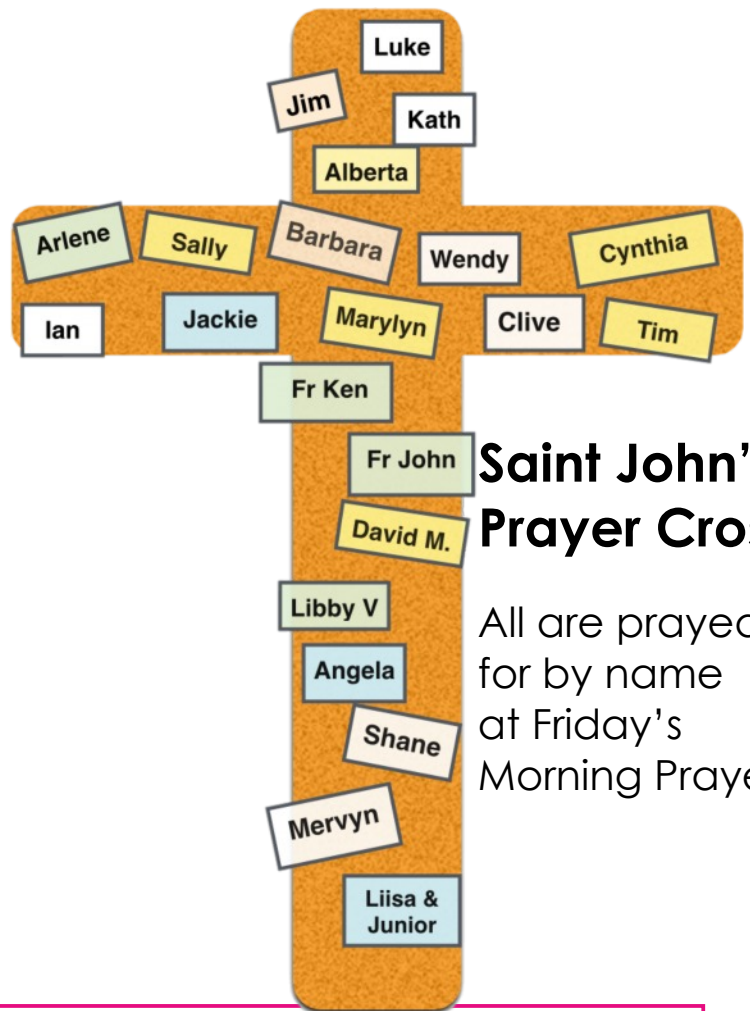
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