

St John's, Pevensey Road

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Pews News for Sunday 25th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

People for whom our prayers are asked:

Arlene, Ian, Amber, Sally, Tracy, Agatha, Shane, Clive, Henry, Marylyn, Fr Ken, Fr John, Alberta, Wendy, Tracey, Marion, Jackie, Mary, Grace, Angela and Jean.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Mike Heasman

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Don Tidey, Betty Harvey and Derek Bramwell,

...and all who mourn.

Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - to those in Church in person, and also those following the service on screen at home.

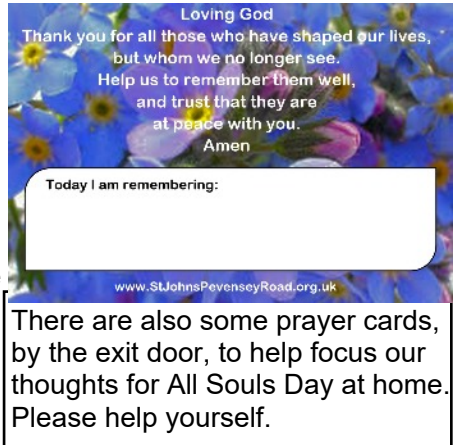
This week:

Morning Prayer: weekday mornings in the main church at 9:00.

The church is open for private prayer weekday mornings 9:30 - 12:30.

“Zoom” service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will let you know how to join in.

Next Sunday is **All Saints’ Day**. Followed on Monday by **All Souls**. Usually today we would be writing names of our departed loved ones on a list, to be read out at a special All Souls service, but unfortunately we are unable to do that at this time. However, if you would like to give those names verbally to Rev Rosemary, on your way out through the Exit door this morning, we will ensure they are remembered and prayed for next week. [Or email names to rev.murrills@btinternet.com]




Loving God
Thank you for all those who have shaped our lives,
but whom we no longer see.
Help us to remember them well,
and trust that they are
at peace with you.
Amen

Today I am remembering:

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There are also some prayer cards, by the exit door, to help focus our thoughts for All Souls Day at home. Please help yourself.



Currently most-required items:

- Tins of: potatoes, meat, vegetables, spaghetti, potatoes, rice pudding, fish, custard, and fruit. [NB: they currently have plenty of baked beans, rice and pasta].
- Boxes of 40 or 80 teabags
- Long-life cartons of milk & fruit juice.
- Toiletries
- Nappies in sizes 4, 5 or 6.

Thank you...

White poppies, to remember all victims of all wars, are available at the back of church in exchange for a donation to the Peace Pledge Union. *FM*

Don't forget we are interested to have your choice for **Hymn of the Week**, and perhaps a line or two explaining why you like it. Please contact Rev Rosemary or Fr David, or Richard our organist.



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Hymn of the Week

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are
stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah!

Glory, glory hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires
of a hundred circling camps.
They have gilded him an altar
in the evening dews and damps.
I can read his righteous sentence
by the dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on.

Glory, glory...

He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never sound retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all
before his judgement-seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer
him, be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory...

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me,
as he died to make us holy,
let us make all people free,
whilst God is marching on.
Glory, glory...

Today's Hymn has been chosen for us by Mary, from the St Johns Gardening Team.

The rousing "Glory glory hallelujah" theme started life as a folk hymn sung in the southern United States in the early 1800's. It was adapted by Union soldiers in the American Civil War to form the basis of the coarse marching song "John Brown's body" – referring to a radical abolitionist who was executed in 1859 – and glorified the righteous fight against slavery, and of course, the Confederates.

Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) was an American poet and author, advocate for abolitionism, and a social activist, particularly for women's suffrage. She heard the soldiers singing the "John Brown" song during a public review of troops at Washington DC in 1861. A fellow guest at the review, the Rev'd James Freeman Clarke, suggested that Howe might write new, more acceptable, words for the soldiers' song, which she duly did whilst staying overnight at a local hotel. And so the hymn known as the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" came into being.

On the surface, it describes Christ's judgement of the wicked at the end of time, but also served as a pro-Union, anti-slavery anthem.

The rousing tune and lyrics have meant that the hymn has been used for all sorts of causes, marches and protests down the years. Evangelist Billy Graham helped to popularize the song amongst Christians. Martin Luther King Jr used the first line of the hymn to conclude his famous "I've been to the Mountaintop" speech, the day before he was killed in 1968. It then became an anthem to him and the civil rights movement.

As Johnny Cash said in 1969, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic is an anthem that belongs to everybody. But what really matters is what they're singing it for."



Julia Ward Howe

Mass for the Last Sunday after Trinity

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.

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 priest 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 said:

**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:

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of Leviticus

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with

the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord (*sung as a solo, by Nicola Bewes*)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 22.34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under
your feet’”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Martin, Will and Ruth, our bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ... ; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ... ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [*N and of*] all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

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.

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 saying:

**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 said:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Grant us 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

Music during Communion:

*Siciliana from Music for the Royal
Fireworks (Handel)*

Prayer after Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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 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.**

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

Concluding voluntary:
Grand March from 'Aida' (Verdi)

Tomorrow, 26th October, we remember **Alfred the Great** - King of the West Saxons

Can you think of a politician who deserves to be called a saint? If no currently living politician comes to mind, never mind – there is always King Alfred of Wessex (871-899).

This remarkable and best known of all the Anglo-Saxon rulers may have dozed off and let some cakes burn while a peasant woman was hiding him from the Vikings, but he did so much else which was of lasting good for the Anglo-Saxon people.

It was a desperate time for the Anglo-Saxons – the kingdoms of Northumbria, East Anglia and Mercia had fallen to the Vikings. Only Alfred's province remained free. Through some inspired military manoeuvring, Alfred managed to keep them at bay. As a Christian, he became the defender of all Christian Anglo-Saxons against the pagan Vikings. (His son and grandsons went on to conquer the Vikings, and thus ensured the future unity of England.)

Alfred was also a scholar, and admired certain writings which had laid down models of ideal Christian kingship. He tried to put these principles into practise, such as producing a law-code.

Alfred was never canonised by the Church, but his translation of *Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius is often thought to be a fitting epitaph: *I desired to live worthily as long as I lived, and to leave after my life, to the men who should come after me, the memory of me in good works.*



Share a little light this Hallowe'en

Many of us aren't quite sure what to feel about Hallowe'en – is it just harmless fun, or are there aspects of it that don't fit in with how we want to see the world?

The word “Hallowe'en” actually means “the eve of All Hallows' Day” – in other words, the night before the Church's festival celebrating All Saints. A Saint is sometimes thought to be an exceptionally holy person. But in the Bible, St Paul calls all Christians saints – a saint is simply a friend of God, who seeks to live their life according to God's purposes.

Carved pumpkins - Gargoyles (the scary looking faces carved in stone on churches) were originally made in medieval times to scare away evil spirits. The pumpkins with scary faces carved into them at Hallowe'en are a bit like that. But nowadays most people believe that you can't fight evil with evil – you can only fight evil by doing good, and that good will always win in the end. So why not carve a friendly looking pumpkin, as a sign that you and your household are a force for good this Hallowe'en?



Say a goodnight prayer - It can be reassuring to have a goodnight prayer that reminds us that love, and light, and good, are always going to be stronger than fear and evil. The ancient service of Compline (Night Prayer) has been used as this reminder for centuries, and many of its prayers are still well known today: *'Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'*

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