

# St John's, Pevensey Road



**Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

Harvest Thanksgiving



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**, daily 9 - 5. **EXCEPT THIS FRIDAY**

**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".

### **Our prayers are asked for:**

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Andy, Dawn, Frances K, Alison N, Peter S, Janet H, and Sally L.

### **Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Valerie Bishop,  
... those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Mike Heasman, Samantha Loweth, Agnes Thomas, Jane Anderson, Peter Storey, Jeremy Forty, and Doris Phelps,  
... and all who mourn.

Please note that the church will not be open for private prayer this Friday, due to preparations for The Big Sing

Today we celebrate our



## **Thanksgiving**

As usual we will be welcoming gifts for the **Seaview Project** - a local open access wellbeing centre, offering help and inspiration for people living on society's margins. Gifts of the following foods would be much appreciated:

**Cereals, Biscuits, Long life milk, Instant coffee, Hot chocolate, Tea bags, Pasta**

**RING PULL CANS of Baked beans, Chopped tomatoes, Tuna, Meals, Meats, Hot dogs, and "Big Soups".**

**Other items such as Clothing, Blankets, Towels, Bedding, and Toiletries are always welcome too.**

St Michael's Hospice

### **THE BIG SING**

Here at St John's,  
next Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October,  
3 - 9 p.m.

Free entry, All welcome.  
[stmichaelshospice.com](http://stmichaelshospice.com)

**Drop in for  
Morning  
Coffee**



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

**Regret, cancelled this week, due to preparations for The Big Sing**

**Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00**



Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

# Mass for Harvest Thanksgiving

**Introit:** *Thou visiteth the earth*  
(M. Greene)

## Opening hymn

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
*Lord of all...*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and brain's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
*Lord of all...*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
*Lord of all...*

For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
*Lord of all...*

For thy Church that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
this pure sacrifice of love,  
*Lord of all...*

*F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

## The Greeting

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness  
thereof. *Psalm 24.1*

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 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

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 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**

**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:

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 Joel**

*Joel 2.21-27*

Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the LORD has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness  
are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine  
give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for  
your vindication,  
he has poured down for you  
abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as  
before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of  
grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD  
your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put  
to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst  
of Israel,

and that I, the LORD, am your God  
and there is no other.

And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy**

*1 Timothy 2.1-7*

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplica-  
tions, prayers, intercessions, and thanks-  
givings be made for everyone, for kings  
and all who are in high positions, so that  
we may lead a quiet and peaceable life  
in all godliness and dignity. This is right  
and is acceptable in the sight of God our  
Saviour, who desires everyone to be  
saved and to come to the knowledge of  
the truth. For there is one God; there is  
also one mediator between God and  
humankind, Christ Jesus, himself  
human, who gave himself a ransom for  
all - this was attested at the right time.  
For this I was appointed a herald and an  
apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not  
lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith  
and truth.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn**

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.

*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.

*All good gifts ...*

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.

*All good gifts ...*

*German, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)  
tr. Jane Campbell (1817-78)*

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields  
are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

**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 6.25-33*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" Or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

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.** 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 hungry souls are fed  
with gifts of grace supernal;  
Thou who dost give us daily bread,  
give us the bread eternal.

### **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 may be:*

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.  
*cf Galatians 5.22,23*

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*

### **Offertory hymn**

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.

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**

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

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 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.

And now we give you thanks because you make us stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power.

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**

**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: Praise, O praise (M. Howe)*

### **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

### Final hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth:  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so  
gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily  
attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
all the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me  
adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with  
praises before him!  
Let the "Amen"  
Sound from his people again;  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

*German, Joachim Neander (1650-80)  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) & others*

### The Blessing

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

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.**

### The Dismissal

Freely you have received, freely give.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Concluding Voluntary: Tuba tune (C.S. Lang)**

Please note that **The Tuesday Group** is currently becoming oversubscribed, and unfortunately is unable to accept any more new members at the present time.



Don't forget that if you do your online shopping via the "Easyfundraising"

website/app, you can raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!

Thank you to Tim, and Tina, and all involved with the renovation of the Church Notice Boards in the Entrance Porch. These are very welcoming and informative. If anyone wishes to add any notices, please can they consult Tina the Administrator, or the Churchwardens, first. Thank you!

### Some quotations...

*The purpose of all the major religious traditions is not to construct big temples on the outside, but to create temples of goodness and compassion inside, in our hearts*

- Dalai Lama XIV

*The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer*

- Mahatma Gandhi



The PCC are hoping to reinstate **Coffee after Mass on Sundays.**

If you are interested in helping with this, please can you contact Katy Harper  
Thank you!



Church Together in  
Hastings & St Leonards

### LOAF First Sunday Walk

TODAY, October 3rd.

Anyone from any of the churches in Hastings and St Leonards is most welcome to join this monthly fellowship walk.

Meet at St John the Baptist Church, Westfield, at 2.30 p.m. for a 4 Mile country footpath circuit of Westfield.

This will be the last walk of the year starting at 2.30 p.m. During winter months walks will start at 2 p.m. to accommodate the fading of the light.



### A date for your diary!

#### St John's Christmas Fayre

We are hoping to hold a shortened version of our Christmas Fayre this year, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, in the Church Hall.

We would welcome:

- support for stalls
- practical help with setting up and clearing away
- financial donations
- donations of items for the Tombola and for the Hamper Raffle.

Please contact Katy Harper

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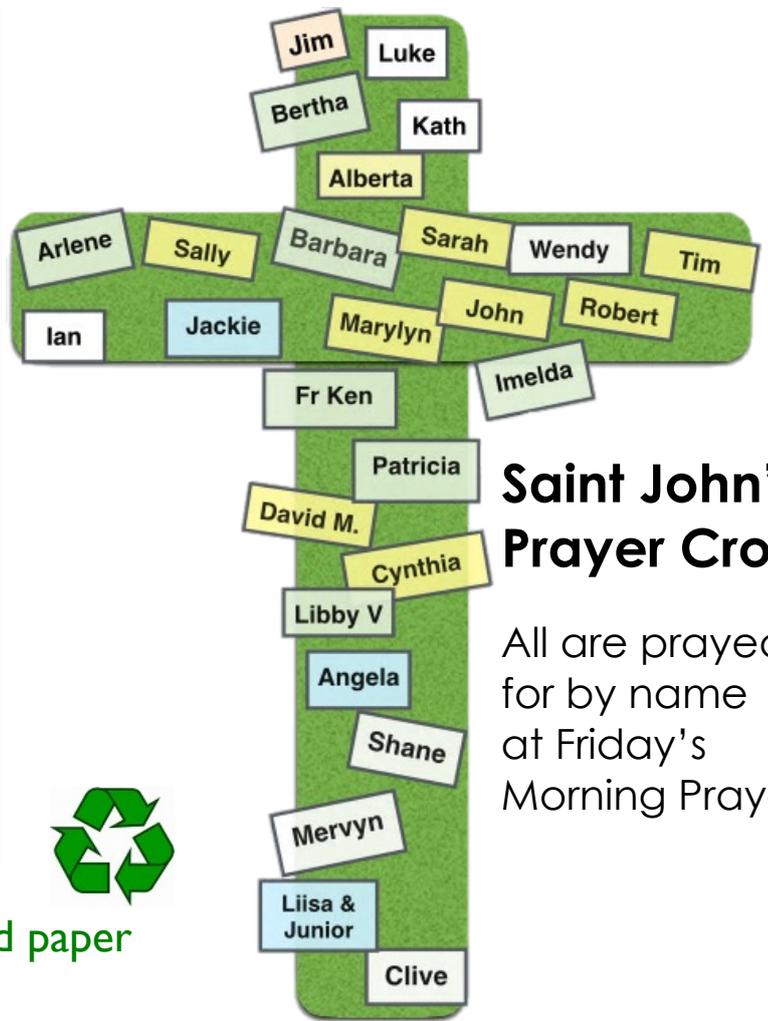
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All are prayed for by name at Friday's Morning Prayer



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