

St John's, Pevensey Road



Ancient synagogue ruins, Capernaum, Israel

Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 22nd August 2021

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m. (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, weekday mornings

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, Alison N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Sally L, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Luke, Roy, Andy, and Dawn, and staff and residents of Ridge House.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of those whose Years Minds fall around this time:

John McConnell, Mark Smallman, and Terri Danes,

... and all who mourn.



As it's holiday season the editor is taking a short break from

producing the usual full version of the Pews News.

Thank you for understanding!

Some quotations:

Sympathy is two hearts tugging at the same load. - *Anon*

If you have half a mind to turn on the television, it is all you will need for many programmes! - *M De Haan*

A closed mouth gathers no foot. - *Anon*

It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are. - *Anon*

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

*Introit: Blest are the pure in heart -
Walford Davies*

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 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:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people,

‘Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’

Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the

peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.’

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of

the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight
received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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 John
All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6.56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life;

the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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:

God of love

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*

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: *Chorale Prelude - J.G. Walther*

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,
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

Anthems:

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake -
Farrant*

O Saviour of the world - Somervell

Prayer after Communion

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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist
you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ
may bring that healing to this broken
world,
in the name of 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

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of wordly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look
And hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Dear Father God,

In this strangest of summers, with its traffic-light travel restrictions and ongoing concerns about Covid-19, help us to remember that You never change. Your light is constant. Your love continues. Your presence is assured, whether we stay at home, or travel within the UK, or further afield. There are no restrictions on Your Holy Spirit.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of each new day, wherever we may be. Thank You that by Your grace, we share all our days with You, secure in all circumstances, when we put our trust in Your precious son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray.
Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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:
Toccata in G major - Dubois



Fr David mentioned this recently. "Easyfundraising" provides us with a simple way to generate additional income for our church, simply by doing our normal online shopping! Register on easyfundraising.org.uk and select the cause "St John the Evangelist - Upper St Leonards" from the search list on their website, before doing your online shopping!

Our friends at St Ethelburga's have raised an amazing £2315 so far, and PCC treasurer Janet said: *'We have been promoting easyfundraising for some time and really benefited from the donations. It's good to be able to get something for the church when shopping online and at no extra cost.'*

Nominations are now open for candidates to put themselves forward for a place on General Synod for the next five-year term 2021-2026.

Gabrielle Higgins, our diocesan secretary, is encouraging people to seriously consider this important role.

She said: "Our diocese has eight lay places to fill on General Synod for the next five-year term and it is vital that our diocese is appropriately represented in General Synod by a full complement of members, of all ages and backgrounds, who represent the rich diversity of our communities and church traditions."

The closing date for nominations is 5 p.m. on 8th September 2021. All you need to know for nominations can be found on the diocesan website.



Will you stand for the Church of England General Synod Elections?

Standing for General Synod, the legislative body of the Church of England, is an opportunity to represent the concerns of your community and your diocese at a national level. As an elected member of Synod, you will have a say in national legislation that affects all parts of the Church of England. Together with Westminster Parliament, it is the only body in the land which is entitled to make national law for England. In addition to legislation, you can also raise issues and contribute to debates on a wide range of social and policy matters – of national and international significance.



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General Synod is made up of three Houses: Bishops, Clergy, and Laity. For more information about how you can stand for the Synod Elections, please visit:

www.churchofengland.org/synodelections

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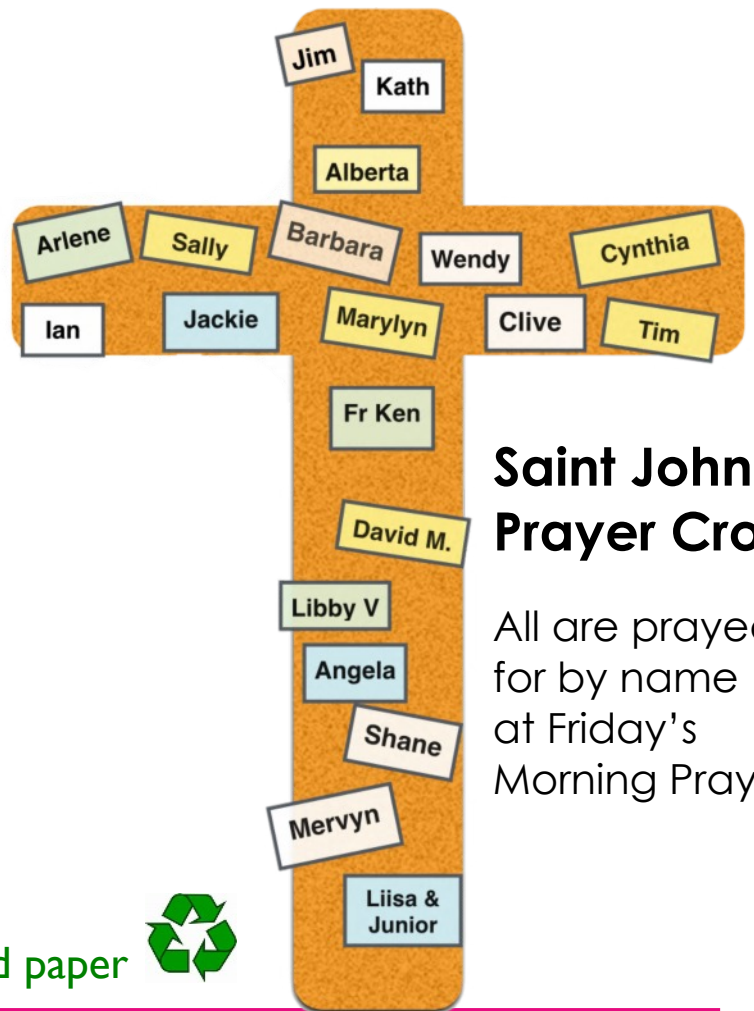
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Saint John's Prayer Cross

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



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