



# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Pentecost** 



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

#### This week:

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

Church open for private prayer, where possible. Midweek Mass: Weds 10 a.m, St Peter's Chapel Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church

#### Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Pat P, David D, Denise H, Mike, Jean & Geoff, and Pat.

#### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Kath Quigley and Cindy Lewis,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time:
Dennis Rodd, and Joyce Fentiman,

... and all who mourn.



Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

THIS AFTERNOON AT 2 p.m: Outdoor Service to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, in the Church grounds on the Pevensey Road side of the building, by the foundation stone. Followed by strawberries & cream and fizz in the Rectory garden.

#### Are you organised, conscientious and helpful?

We are looking for a new PCC secretary.

This voluntary post involves attending 7 or so PCC meetings a year (mainly on Zoom at present), taking minutes and sending out emails.

It is a nice opportunity to serve the church and be more involved with St Johns. You do not need to be on the PCC. If you are interested please speak to Father David or Marion N. MC

#### Introit: Gloria (Vivaldi)

#### **Opening Hymn**

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Italian, Bianco da Siena (d.1434) tr. R.F. Littledale (1833-90)

#### 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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### **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**

Dcn The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life,

yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar,

and the empty promises of a sinful world. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God; plead there at the right hand of God for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

#### 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 sung:

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

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

#### A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

# A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 8.14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the Word of the Lord All Thanks be to God

# **Hymn** during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure; until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine; until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God: so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

#### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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 14.8-17(25-27)

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than

these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

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**

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us.

#### All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit. *Dcn* God has made us one in Christ. We ask you to make us wise to understand your He has set his seal upon us and, will.

Lord, come to bless us.

#### All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love, wherever you call us. Lord, come to bless us.

#### All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness

where there is division, sickness and sorrow... Lord, come to bless us.

#### All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us.

# All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us.

#### A// and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,

in the joy of eternal life...

Lord, come to bless us.

# All and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.

All hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.

#### The Peace is introduced

Dcn God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace

#### **Offertory Hymn**

During which the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first-begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia!

Jesu, true and living Bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for Faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia!

Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia!

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain, Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified!

#### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

G.H. Bourne (1840-1925)

Father, by your Holy Spirit you keep the Church in unity and truth. As we break bread together, may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love, now and for ever.

All Amen

The president 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you

thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,

to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your 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 Have mercy on us 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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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.

#### We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:

All Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us Jesus, bearer of our sins, Jesus, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace

#### Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is received.

Anthem: Sound ye trumpets (J. Clarke)

# Hymn

I vow to thee, my country, All earthly things above, Entire and whole and perfect, The service of my love: The love that asks no question, The love that stands the test, That lays upon the altar The dearest and the best; The love that never falters, The love that pays the price, The love that makes undaunted The final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
Most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
We may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
Her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Priest Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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.

#### The Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All* **Amen.** 

God save our gracious Queen, Long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen. Send her victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us: God save the Queen.

#### **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 those 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 shall 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)

#### **Dismissal**

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.

Deacon Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

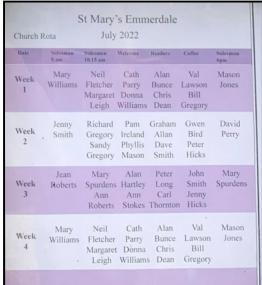
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Concluding voluntary:** Pomp and Circumstance March No.4 (Elgar)

Please do stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass

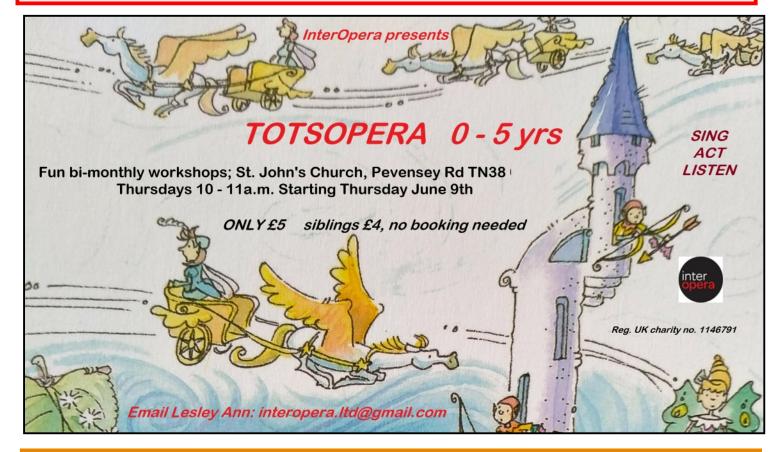




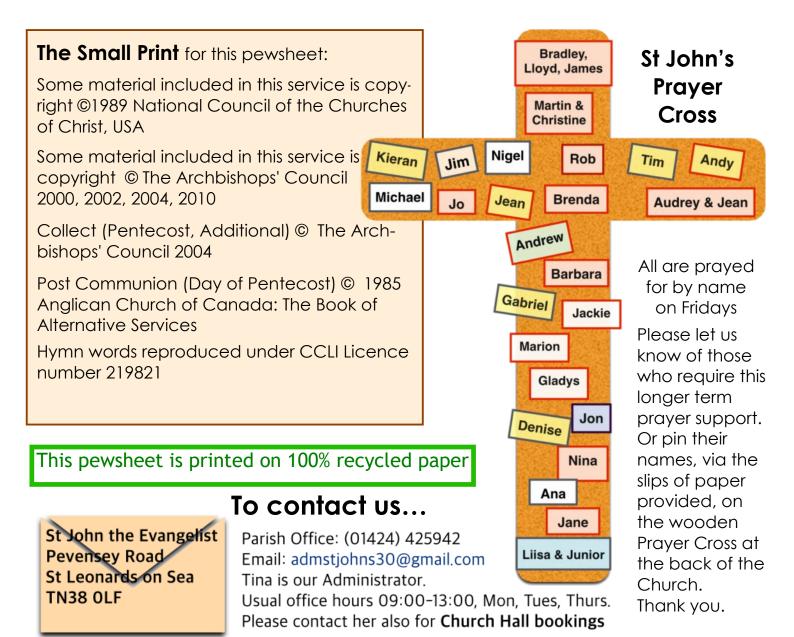


The editor visited the Emmerdale film set last week, and was fascinated to see the attention to detail - the church notice board even contained up to date rotas for sidespeople, readers, flower arrangers and coffee makers! If they can do it, so can we! Let's get volunteering, not least to get coffee going after the Parish Mass every Sunday!

The next **Godly Play** session takes place here at St John's next Sunday, 12th June, at 3 p.m. For more details please email Marion on: godlyplayonsea@yahoo.com



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