



# St John's, Pevensey Road



## Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### 6th Sunday after Trinity



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

#### <u>This week:</u>

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

Church open weekdays, where possible. Midweek Mass: Weds 10 a.m, St Peter's Chapel Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizers for a "link" to join in 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, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, Jon W and Miya.

#### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Sally Lee, and Douglas Killian,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Jack Murrills, Robert Blankson, Anna Blankson, and Ron Usher

and all who mourn.

Sally Lee's Requiem Mass will take place in St John's on Thursday 4th August at

11 a.m. All are welcome.



Please come and join us at the Coach House, Manor Gardens, Bexhillon-Sea, TN40 2JA, on Saturday mornings as we read through the Bible together from 10:00-12:00. We are currently using the New Living Version, and reading through the Old Testament during the first hour and the New Testament in the second hour. It's been wonderful how God has been speaking through His Word each week so far, as we gather to read and listen! If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Katie on 07425 853890 or visit www.hopeastsussex.org for further information.

### An Evening with The Vocal Tones

In aid of The Blind Centre and St John's Church

Saturday 6th August at 6 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets £5, under 5's free

Tea, coffee and cake included!

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. Thank you!

#### **Opening Hymn**

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought,

restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, would furnish all we ought to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us this and every day to live more nearly as we pray. *John Keble (1792-1866)* 

#### Welcoming of the people

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

*Priest* 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**

*Dcn* 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 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'

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All* **Amen.** 

#### A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 18. 20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found

there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

For the Word of the Lord *All* Thanks be to God

# A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

#### Col. 2 . 6-15[16-19]

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of

observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

#### For the Word of the Lord <u>All</u> Thanks be to God

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

Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see; and what I do in anything to do it as for thee!

A man that looks on glass, on it may stay his eye; or, if he pleaseth, through it pass, and then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake; nothing can be so mean which, with this tincture, "for thy sake," will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause makes drudgery divine; who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold; for that which God doth touch and own cannot for less be told. *George Herbert (1593-1633)* 

#### **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 Luke *All* **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

#### Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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 with you 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

#### These responses may be used

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

Deacon Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always 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.

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 every 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, heaven 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)* 

#### Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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 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.

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 James, 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**

*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, Have mercy on us Jesus, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace

### **Giving of Communion** *The priest says the invitation to 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: O praise the Lord (Goss)

#### Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,

At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,

Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace.

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-53)

#### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us

as we go forward on our journey, 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

#### **The Blessing**

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.** 

#### Final hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *This is my story...* 

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Saviour am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *This is my story...* 

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)



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.

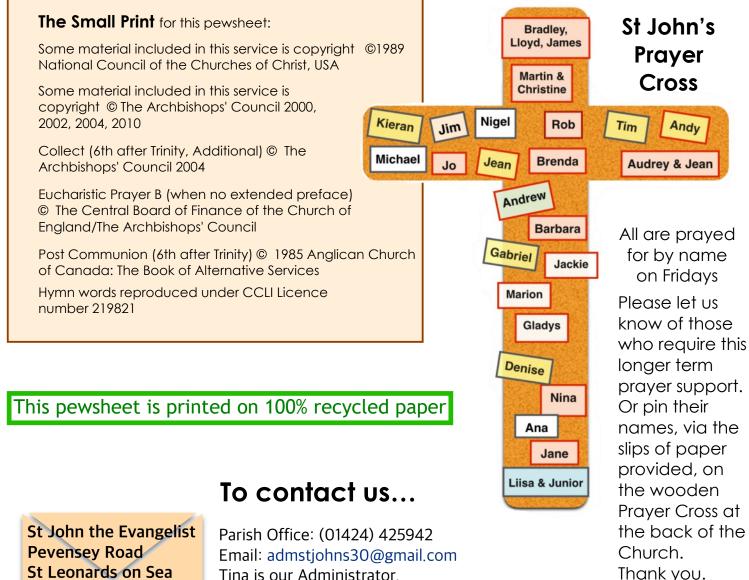
*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.



Please stay for coffee after
 today's Parísh Mass.





Tina is our Administrator. Usual office hours 09:00-13:00, Mon, Tues, Thurs.

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Please contact her also for **Church Hall bookings**