



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service
Sheet**

**for Pentecost Sunday
8th June 2025**

During the week

**10am Wednesday (St
Barnabas): Mass in St
Peter's Chapel**

**Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service***

**Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee**

Next Sunday 15th June

– Trinity Sunday
(NO 8am Mass)

10.30am Sung Mass



*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning -
The Feast
of
Pentecost*





St John's Prayer Cross



Our prayers are asked for: Fr Andrew; Cody; Helena O; John T; Gillian; Sue and Ken;

Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

Please let us know of those who require this longer-term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

All are regularly prayed for by name



Urgently needed items for the foodbank include:

Toilet Rolls, UHT Milk, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables.

Other needed items include: Tinned fish, tinned potatoes, tinned rice pudding, toiletries.

If you are able to donate, please leave items in the container at the back of church and they will be collected by the Food Bank rep. Thank you.

Prayer said by the choir: grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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 s/he become the place

Wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

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

The Welcoming of the People

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

The Blessing of the Children and Lighting of the Candle as they go to Youth Choir - Young Voices for God.

Introduction

Priest 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.

Responsory

Deacon As we wait in silence,
All fill us with your Spirit.

Deacon As we listen to your word,
All fill us with your Spirit.

Deacon As we worship you in
majesty
All fill us with your Spirit.

Deacon As we long for your
refreshing,
All fill us with your Spirit.

Deacon As we long for your
renewing,
All fill us with your Spirit.

Deacon As we long for your
equipping,
All fill us with your Spirit.

Deacon As we long for your
empowering,
All fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Christ has gone up on
high, leading captivity captive and
bringing gifts for all. As we
prepare ourselves to meet him
here in the courts of heaven let us
call to mind our many failures and
sins.

Silence is kept

**All O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak
your word, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Priest The Father forgive you by
the death of his Son, and
strengthen you to live in the power
of the Spirit all your days.
All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung

**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

Priest Let us pray that the Spirit
will work through our lives to bring
Christ to the world.

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**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the 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 the letter to the Romans

Romans 8. 14-17

For 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 *When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

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

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Dcn 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 him, "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 forever. 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.

.....²⁵ "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

Deacon Let us declare our faith
using the words of the Nicene
Creed:

**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

The Peace

Priest 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.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you **All and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a
sign of God's peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn *during which the
altar is prepared, and bread and wine
are placed upon it.*

**Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
and from thy celestial home
shed thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near,
giver of all gifts, be here,
come, the soul's true radiancy.**

**Come, of comforters the best,
of the soul the sweetest guest,
come in toil refreshingly;
thou in labour rest most sweet,
thou art shadow from the heat,
comfort in adversity.**

**O thou Light
most pure and blest,
shine within the inmost breast,
of thy faithful company:
where thou art not,
we have naught,
every holy deed and thought,
comes from thy divinity.**

**Sinful hearts
do thou make whole,
bring to life the arid soul,
guide the feet that go astray:
make the stubborn heart
unbend,
to the faint, new hope extend,
wounded souls, their hurt allay.**

**Fill the faithful, who confide
in thy power to guard and guide,
with thy sevenfold mystery:
here thy grace and virtue send,
grant salvation in the end,
and in heaven felicity.**

*Latin, Stephen Langton (d. 1228)
Tr J M Neale (1818-66)*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Blessed be God, who feeds the
hungry, who raises the poor, who
fills our praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and
praise**

Priest It is indeed right, 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving
Father, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord; and as we obey his
command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine
outpoured may be for us the body
and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had
supper with his friends and, taking
bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them

and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me. 

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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. 

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Dcn Jesus Christ is Lord

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Priest Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist, St Peter, Mary the Mother of God and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon 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

The priest breaks the consecrated 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.

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung by all.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy upon us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy upon us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: *Come down, O love
divine - Harris*

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost,
our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost
thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness
of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance
of thy grace:
Keep far our foes,
give peace at home;
Where thou art guide
no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father,
Son,
And thee, of Both,
to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. Amen.

*John Cosin (1594-1672) based on
Veni, creator Spiritus*

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 Almighty God, we thank you
for feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest May the Spirit, who hovered
over the waters when the world
was created, breathe into you the
life he gives. **All Amen.**

Priest May the Spirit, who
overshadowed the Virgin when the
eternal Son came among us, make
you joyful in the service of the
Lord. **All Amen.**

Priest May the Spirit, who set the
Church on fire upon the Day of
Pentecost, bring the world alive
with the love of the risen Christ.
All Amen.

Priest And the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you
always. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by thee, we covet most
Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
Holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
Love is meek,
and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself
more strong;
Therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay;
Therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
Hope be emptied in delight;
Love in heaven
will shine more bright;
Therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
Of thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, heavenly love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

The Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

All May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, and love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit, be with us all, evermore.
Amen.

Priest May the souls of the
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.

Organ voluntary: *Toccata in G
major - Dubois*



*Do stay
a while!*

WELCOMERS TEAM

We need 2 or 3 new members to
join the Welcomers Team to give
those on the team some
flexibility, helping to cover every
5th Sunday in the month and
also when we have extra services
at Easter and Christmas. Please
speak to the Churchwardens if
you would like to know more, or
to volunteer.

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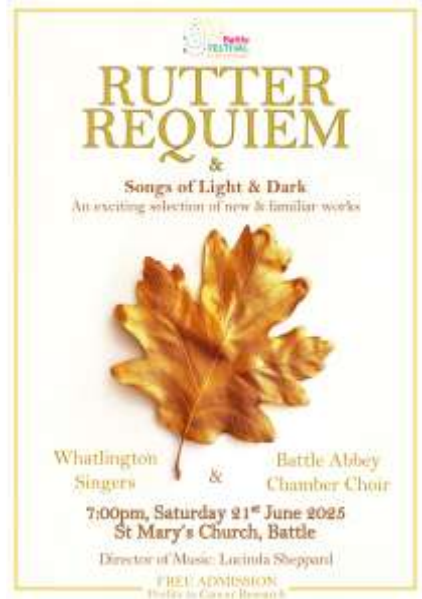
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Lucy is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for
Church Hall bookings.



Put the date in the diary. The church summer garden party will be held at The Rectory Gardens on Saturday 5th July starting at 2pm featuring Morris dancing from 2pm to 2:15pm then 2:45-3pm. Make sure you don't miss it. Prosecco and strawberries, plant stall, craft stall and tombola all to delight you.

*Please request a link to the Wednesday

Zoom service by emailing

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com

Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet by 4pm on Tuesdays. (Printing, folding and stapling is done on Wednesdays) Thank you.

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