



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
29th June 2025**

During the week
10am Wednesday: Mass
in St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service*
Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee

Next Sunday 6th July –

Trinity 3

**10.30am Sung Mass
(NO 8am Mass)**

A thanksgiving service for the life of
Peter Lane will be held here
at 2pm on Friday 11th July.

*Welcome to
Mass this
morning -
on the feast
of St Peter
and St Paul*





St John's Prayer Cross



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

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

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.

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.

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: *God so loved the world - Goss*

Opening Hymn

Praise, my soul,
the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed,
restored, forgiven,
who like me
his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him
for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him
still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like,
he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon,
bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)

The 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.

**The Blessing of the Children
and Lighting of the Candle as
they go to Godly Play.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The saints were faithful
unto death and now dwell in the
heavenly kingdom for ever. As we
celebrate their joy, let us bring to
the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

Silence is kept

All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you,
our God. Amen.

Absolution

Priest The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by
his Spirit, and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Priest Almighty God, whose
blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in
their life: grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and
example, and made one by your
Spirit, may ever stand firm upon
the one foundation, Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord, who is alive

and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. *All Amen*

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 12. 1-11

About that time King Herod laid
violent hands upon some who
belonged to the church. He had
James, the brother of John, killed
with the sword. After he saw that it
pleased the Jews, he proceeded to
arrest Peter also. (This was during
the festival of Unleavened Bread.)
When he had seized him, he put
him in prison and handed him over
to four squads of soldiers to guard
him, intending to bring him out to
the people after the Passover.
While Peter was kept in prison, the
church prayed fervently to God for
him. The very night before Herod
was going to bring him out, Peter,
bound with two chains, was
sleeping between two soldiers,
while guards in front of the door
were keeping watch over the
prison. Suddenly an angel of the
Lord appeared and a light shone in
the cell. He tapped Peter on the
side and woke him, saying, "Get
up quickly." And the chains fell off
his wrists. The angel said to him,
"Fasten your belt and put on your
sandals." He did so. Then he said
to him, "Wrap your cloak around
you and follow me." Peter went
out and followed him; he did not
realise that what was happening
with the angel's help was real; he
thought he was seeing a vision.

After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy

2 Timothy 4, 6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**OFT in danger, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,
Strengthened
with the Bread of Life.**

**Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe;
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not
your Captain's power?**

**Let your drooping hearts
be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad;
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Victory soon
shall tune your song.**

**Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears
your course impede,
Great your strength,
if great your need.**

**Onward then in battle move;
More than conquerors
ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.**

Henry Kirke White (1785-1806) et al

Gospel Reading *When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16. 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

Deacon We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

**All for by his will they were
created and have their being.**

Deacon We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

Deacon We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say,
'Come!' Even so come, Lord
Jesus! Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Priest We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. 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.*

**Dear Lord
and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust
like theirs who heard,**

beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt
to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls
the strain and stress,
and let
our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through
the heats of our desires
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb
let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Whittier (1807-92)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
God of promise, you prepared a
banquet for us in your kingdom.
All Happy are those who are
called to the supper of the
Lamb!

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)
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, it is our duty
and our joy, at all times and in all
places to give you thanks and
praise, holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God, through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks that
your glory is revealed in St Peter
and St Paul and all the saints. In
their lives you have given us an
example of faithfulness to Christ. In
their holiness we find
encouragement and hope. In our
communion with them we share the
unity of your kingdom.

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, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ, and as we follow his example
and obey his command, grant that
by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may
be to us his body and his blood;
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. 🍷

Therefore, heavenly Father, we
remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension; we look for
the coming of your kingdom, and
with this bread and this cup we
make the memorial of Christ your
Son our Lord.

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 Accept through him, our great
high priest, this our sacrifice of
thanks and praise, and as we eat
and drink these holy gifts in the
presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us
with your love and unite us in the
body of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Through him, and with him,
and in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven, we worship
you, Father almighty, in songs of
everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory
and power be yours for ever and
ever. 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us 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: *My eyes for beauty pine*
- Howells

Hymn

Soul of my Saviour,
sanctify my breast,
body of Christ,
be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water
flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection
may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu,
hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord,
hide and shelter me,
so shall I never,
never part from thee.

Guard and defend me
from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments
make me only thine;
call me and bid me
come to thee on high
where I may praise thee
with thy saints for ay.

Latin, 14th century translation anonymous

Prayers after Communion

Priest Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all
throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh,
a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious
Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power
of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign
at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit
on his Church
to live for him,
the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice
to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel message
we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Burns (b 1938)

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 Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

**Organ voluntary: *Allegro from
Suite in D – John Stanley***

Do stay a while!



Flowers in
church
today –
In loving
memory
of our
mother,
Kathleen
Veness.





The St John's LGBT+ group will be meeting after Mass on Sunday 6th July. Further details from Clare C or Barbara M. Please bring a packed lunch.

VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA need a new enthusiastic member of their team to take on the role of Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Alan Privett, retires from his post after two illustrious years, in August. If anyone feels they would like to join this exciting forward-looking team, please contact Lesley Ann on admin@villageforceafrica.org

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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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Chichester Diocese has a newly updated Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) elective prospectus, effective from September 2025. This edition features an expanded selection of courses, including two exciting new electives: *Catechists* and *Traditional Church Music*. See the Diocesan website.

For queries regarding applications, please contact **Samantha Grennan** at Samantha.Grennan@chichester.anglican.org.

For questions related to ALM electives, please contact **Greg Moore** at greg.moore@chichester.anglican.org.

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Lucy is our Administrator. Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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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.

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.

If you can donate anything for the Tombola these can be left in a box at the back of the church. Plants to be left at The Rectory whenever is convenient for you.

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