



## **Pews News and Service Sheet for 9th November 2025**

This week:

**NO Mass on Wednesday,  
but**

**Online Zoom service\* is at  
10am on Wednesday**

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

Next Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> November  
8am Said Mass  
10.30am Sung Parish Mass

**St John's,  
Pevensey Road.  
Welcome to Mass  
this morning on  
Remembrance  
Sunday**



## Our prayers are asked for:

Gillian, Sue, Jenny

## Please pray also for

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,  
especially Tim M and Sister Jean CGA ...and  
those whose Years Minds fall around this time and  
all who mourn.

## St John's

## Prayer

## Cross

Ramona

Sue

John H

Valerie

Irene

Nigel

Dan and children,

Jack and Lily,

whose Mum,

Chloe, has died,

aged 31yrs.

Rachel, my daughter.

Kiss to heaven.

Louise T

Jamie F

Jan

Rene

Don

Lorenzo

Sarah

Michelle

Zack

Jan

Pat

Jackie N

Ken

Audrey,

Jeannie

& family

Liisa

Everyone  
desperately  
seeking  
help

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



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contact her also for **Church Hall**

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[www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk](http://www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk)



*Prayer at the altar said by the choir:*

.... grant that what we sing with our lips may we believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts may we show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Introit:** *The Souls of the Righteous – Stanley Marchant*

### **Opening Hymn (Psalm 90)**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter  
from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;

under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch  
that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles  
last,  
and our eternal home.

*Isaac Watts (1647-1748)*

### **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.

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

#### **Invitation to confession**

**Deacon** Let us confess to God the  
sins and shortcomings of the  
world; its pride, its selfishness, its  
greed; its evil divisions and  
hatreds. Let us confess our share  
in what is wrong, and our failure to  
seek and establish that peace  
which God wills for his children.

**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.

**Priest** 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 Collect**

**Priest** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 book of Jonah**

*Jonah 3.1-5, 10*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they

proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

....

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*Hebrews 9.24 - end*

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**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 questions,  
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.**

*Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*

### **Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced  
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**All Alleluia.**

**Deacon** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

**Dcn** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

**Mark 1.14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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:

**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.

### **Act of Remembrance**

*The priest takes a poppy wreath to our  
War Memorial Porch*

Let us remember before God, and  
commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their

country in conflict; those whom we  
knew, and whose memory we  
treasure; and all who have lived  
and died in the service of  
humanity.

They shall grow not old  
as we that are left grow old:  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
we will remember them

**All We will remember them.**

*Here follows the Last Post, The  
Silence, the Reveille*

**Deacon** Almighty and eternal God  
from whose love in Christ we  
cannot be parted, either by death  
or life: hear our prayers and  
thanksgiving for all whom we  
remember this day; fulfil in them  
the purpose of your love; and bring  
us all, with them, to your eternal  
joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **The Peace**

**Priest** To crown all things there  
must be love, to bind all together  
and complete the whole. Let the  
peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
The peace of the Lord be always  
with you **All and also with you.**

**Deacon** Let us offer one another a  
sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

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

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm doth bind the  
restless wave,  
who bidd'st  
the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Saviour, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves  
submissive heard,  
who walkedst  
on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage  
didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bad'st  
its angry tumult cease,  
and gavest light  
and life and peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield  
in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest,  
fire and foe,  
protect them  
whereso'er they go:  
and ever let there rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise  
from land and sea.**

*W. Whiting (1825-78)*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**

As the grain once scattered in the fields, and grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. *All* **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (B)**

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.

And now we give you thanks that he is the King of glory, who overcomes the sting of death and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He is seated at your right hand in glory and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

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.**

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. 🕯️

**Dcn:** Jesus Christ is Lord

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

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 St John the Evangelist, St 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**

**Deacon** 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.*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people

**All** Jesus Christ is holy  
Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.

*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:** "God shall wipe away all  
tears" from "The Armed Man" –  
*Karl Jenkins*

### Hymn

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise

and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war  
and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care  
and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status,  
race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response  
and service  
earth its destiny may find.

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

### Prayer after Communion

**Priest** God of peace, whose Son  
Jesus Christ proclaimed the  
kingdom and restored the broken  
to wholeness of life: look with  
compassion on the anguish of the  
world, and by your healing power  
make whole both people and  
nations; through our Lord and  
Saviour Jesus Christ. **All Amen.**

*We stand for*  
**An Act of Commitment**

**Deacon** Let us pledge ourselves  
anew to the service of God and our  
fellow men and women: that we  
may help, encourage and comfort

others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All** Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve  
you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace, for the  
relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit; give us  
wisdom; give us courage; give  
us hope; and keep us faithful  
now and always.

### **The National Anthem**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.

### **Notices**

#### **The Blessing**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you

*Priest* God grant to the living  
grace, to the departed rest, to the  
Church, the King, the  
Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord, and to  
us and all God's servants, life  
everlasting; 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**

Christ triumphant, ever-reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives  
sustaining, hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown,  
the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Chorus:*

Suffering servant,  
scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross  
defeated, sinners justified:  
*Chorus:*

Priestly king, enthroned for  
ever, high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall  
never stifle hymns of love:  
*Chorus:*

So, our hearts and voices  
raising, through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Chorus:*

*Michael Seward (b. 1932)*

#### **The priest says The Kohima Epitaph**

When you go home tell them of us  
and say, for your tomorrow  
we gave our today.

### **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 faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace...

*All* and rise in glory. Amen.

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

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary:** *"Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations – Elgar.*

*Do stay for coffee!*



**EXPLORE THE FAITH**  
**with BISHOP LAURIE**

**NEXT MEETING IS**

**2:30 pm Tuesday**

**18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**All Saints room**  
**(under St John's Church)**

**All welcome!**

**"Wear a White Poppy for Peace to remember all victims of war, of all nationalities, both civilian and military; to challenge militarism; to build a culture of peace"**

White poppies are available at the back of church in exchange for a donation to The Mission to Seafarers. Please put your money in an MtS envelope and place in the big round collection box. There are also a few leaflets for more information about the history of white poppies. Note: these poppies need to be attached with a safety pin, - in the box too."

### **HASTINGS AND ROTHER INTERFAITH FORUM**

November 15th, 2025

Saturday 2-5pm

**Interfaith Week**

Multi-cultural Performance & Presentations promoting community cohesion at St Johns Church Hall, 53, Brittany Rd, TN38 0RD.

Experience performances featuring Indian Dancers, a Ukrainian Choir, and singers from Filipino, and Christian traditions.

**The Bishop's Certificate** is being piloted from January 2026 in various locations.

The Bishop's Certificate is an exciting opportunity for lay people across the diocese to deepen and grow in their understanding of Christian faith.

Whether you're exploring lay ministry or seeking to enrich your discipleship, this course is designed to support and inspire you.

**Course Overview** : Duration: 20 weeks + 3 study days, over three terms. Local to us: Ss Peter & Paul Church Hall, Parkstone Rd, Hastings TN34 2NT. Start date, Monday 26th January 7.30pm – 9pm

Joint study days for all participants at a central location, location TBC:

Term 1, Saturday March 14th; Term 2, Saturday June 6th ; Term 3, Saturday 14th November

Further details and an application form can be found on the diocesan website -

[Bishop's Certificate - Diocese of Chichester](#)



**VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA** is still in urgent need of a treasurer. The treasurer does not need to become a trustee, the position can be a very simple one, but keeping the accounts' record independent of Alistair and myself is necessary for good practice within the charity. The task is not complicated or onerous. Please do speak to Alistair or Lesley Ann or contact us on [villageforceafrica@gmail.com](mailto:villageforceafrica@gmail.com) and we shall be delighted to answer any of your questions.

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