



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the eleventh
Sunday after Trinity
31st August 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



*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning*



Next Sunday 7th
September – Trinity 12
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass



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

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

YUM!

Tea

Pasta

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: God so loved the world -
Goss

Opening Hymn

Welcome
all ye noble saints of old,
as now
before your very eyes unfold
the wonders all so long ago
foretold.
*God with us at table
has sat down.*

Elders, martyrs,
all are falling down,
prophets, patriarchs are
gath'ring round,
what angels longed to see,
now we have found.
*God with us at table
has sat down.*

Who is this who spreads
the vict'ry feast?
Who is this who makes
our warring cease?
Jesus risen, Saviour,
Prince of Peace.
*God with us at table
has sat down.*

Beggars, lame,
and harlots also here;
repentant publicans
are drawing near,
wayward sons
come home without a fear.
*God with us at table
has sat down.*

Worship in the presence
of the Lord,
with joyful songs,
and hearts in one accord,
and let our host at table
be adored.
*God with us at table
has sat down.*

When at last this earth
shall pass away,
when Jesus and his bride
are one to stay,
the feast of love
is just begun that day.
*God with us at table
has sat down.*

Robert J Stamps (d. 2022)

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon We come to God as one
from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and
peace.

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 God, who loved the world
so much that he sent his Son to be
our Saviour, forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in
the world, through Jesus 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 O God, you declare your
almighty power most chiefly in
showing mercy and pity: mercifully
grant to us such a measure of your
grace, that we, running the way of
your commandments, may receive
your gracious promises, and be
made partakers of your heavenly
treasure; through 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 book of Proverbs

Proverbs 25.6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the
king's presence or stand in the
place of the great; for it is better to
be told, "Come up here," than to
be put lower in the presence of a
noble.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 13. 1 -8, 15 - 16

Let mutual love continue. Do not
neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for by doing that some
have entertained angels without
knowing it. Remember those who
are in prison, as though you were
in prison with them; those who are
being tortured, as though you
yourselves were being tortured.
Let marriage be held in honour by
all, and let the marriage bed be
kept undefiled; for God will judge

fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song
and prayer,
we affirm God's promised
presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God
who keeps his promise;
praise the Son
who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness

saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly diff'rent though we are;
race and colour,
class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand
of friend and stranger,
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common
search for truth.

Jesus call us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church
in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine,
his body,
share the love of which we sing,
share the feast
for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

*John Bell (b 1949) and
Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

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

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 14. 1, 7 -14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ... ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Dcn Let us declare our faith in God

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession – ending with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Priest We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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.*

Thou didst leave thy throne
and thy kingly crown
when thou camest
to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home
was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:

Refrain:
*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room
in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang
when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth
didst thou come to earth,
and in great humility: **Refrain**

Though the fox found rest,
and the bird its nest
in the shade of the cedar tree,
yet the world found no bed
for the Saviour's head
in the desert of Galilee. **Refrain**

Thou camest, O Lord,
with the living word
that should set thy people free;
but with mocking scorn
and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:
Refrain

When all heaven shall ring,
and her choirs shall sing,

at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home,
saying, Yet there is room,
there is room
at my side for thee: **Refrain**

Emily Elliott (1836-97)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Holy God, holy and strong, holy
and immortal, give us the bread of
everlasting life, and make us
branches of the true vine.
All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)
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 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, 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.

Priest And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; 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 be 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, St Raymond Nonatus, 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 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: Come, Holy Ghost -
Attwood

Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul,
with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts
of sadness,
Come into
the daylight's splendour,
There with joy
thy praises render
Unto him
whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous
banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens
he reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee

he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life
dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul
enlighten;
Joy, the sweetest
we e'er knoweth;
Fount, whence
all my being floweth;
At thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food
from heaven,
For our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
Let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited,
Be thy love with love requited:
From this banquet
let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep
its treasure;
Through the gifts
thou here dost give me,
As thy guest in heaven
receive me.

*German, Johann Franck (1618-77) tr.
Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

Prayers after Communion

Priest Lord of all mercy, we your
faithful people have celebrated that
one true sacrifice which takes
away our sins and brings pardon
and peace: by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of
the gospel and preserve us from
all sin; 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 May the Father from whom
every family in earth and heaven
receives its name strengthen you
with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts by faith; and the blessing of
God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit be amongst you and
remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him
and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise*

*and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him
and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.
(*Chorus*)

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.
(*Chorus*)

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God
with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.
(*Chorus*)

Ernest Sands (b. 1949)

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 **and rise in glory. Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: Grand Choeur – William R. Spence

Do stay a while!



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St Johns

LGBT+ Group

Next meeting will be

7th September after Mass

All Saints Room

Please bring a packed lunch.

Further details from:

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The Big Breakfast is back

**Saturday 20th September
8.30am St Johns Church**

All are welcome to enjoy
croissants and coffee and then
hear our very own Dr Patrick R-O
talk about his early experiences
in General Practice.



**Deanery Confirmation
will be on Monday 22nd September at
All Saints' Church, Hastings.**

*Here - 4th
September 2025*



barefoot opera

*Join the first
performance of*

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Lammermoor

*Doors open - 19:00
Performance starts
- 19:30*