



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the twelfth
Sunday after Trinity
7th September 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 14th September –
Holy Cross Day
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass**



Zack;
Audrey,
Jeannie
& family

Michelle, Louise T, Jackie,
Ramona, Lorenzo, Irene,
Valerie, Helena, Jamie F

Liisa
John
Jan,
Nigel
Sarah
Don
Pat
Sue
Rene
Cody

St John's Prayer Cross



All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

Our prayers are asked for: Gillian; Sue
and Ken; Tim; Jenny;

Please pray also for the repose of the
souls of the recently departed, especially
Fr Andrew ...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.

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: O come ye servants of the Lord - Tye

Opening Hymn

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great High Priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one Body and one Head.

O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread, its hallowed token,
we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

Richard Parsons (1882-1948)

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 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 Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 30. 15 - end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them,

I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

For the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the letter to Philemon

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus,
and Timothy our brother, to
Philemon our dear friend and co-
worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to
the church in your house: Grace to
you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
When I remember you in my
prayers, I always thank my God
because I hear of your love for all
the saints and your faith toward the
Lord Jesus.

I pray that the sharing of your faith
may become effective when you
perceive all the good that we may
do for Christ. I have indeed
received much joy and
encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the saints
have been refreshed through you,
my brother. For this reason,
though I am bold enough in Christ
to command you to do your duty,
yet I would rather appeal to you on
the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do
this as an old man, and now also
as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have
become during my imprisonment.
Formerly he was useless to you,
but now he is indeed useful both to
you and to me. I am sending him,
that is, my own heart, back to you.
I wanted to keep him with me, so
that he might be of service to me in
your place during my imprisonment
for the gospel; but I preferred to
do nothing without your consent, in
order that your good deed might
be voluntary and not something

forced. Perhaps this is the reason
he was separated from you for a
while, so that you might have him
back forever, no longer as a slave
but more than a slave, a beloved
brother-- especially to me but how
much more to you, both in the
flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner,
welcome him as you would
welcome me. If he has wronged
you in any way, or owes you
anything, charge that to my
account. I, Paul, am writing this
with my own hand: I will repay it. I
say nothing about your owing me
even your own self. Yes, brother,
let me have this benefit from you in
the Lord! Refresh my heart in
Christ. Confident of your
obedience, I am writing to you,
knowing that you will do even more
than I say.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One:
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought
and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life
and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**

**Adoration ay be given,
with and through
the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

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. 25 - 33

Now large crowds were traveling
with him; and he turned and said to
them, "Whoever comes to me
and does not hate father and
mother, wife and children, brothers
and sisters, yes, and even life
itself, cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry the cross
and follow me cannot be my
disciple. For which of you,
intending to build a tower, does not
first sit down and estimate the
cost, to see whether he has
enough to complete it? Otherwise,
when he has laid a foundation and
is not able to finish, all who see it
will begin to ridicule him, saying,
'This fellow began to build and was
not able to finish.' Or what king,

going out to wage war against
another king, will not sit down first
and consider whether he is able
with ten thousand to oppose the
one who comes against him with
twenty thousand? If he cannot,
then, while the other is still far
away, he sends a delegation and
asks for the terms of peace. So
therefore, none of you can become
my disciple if you do not give up all
your possessions.

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 – led by
the intercessor in their own words
or....**

We pray to Jesus who is present
with us to eternity.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, **hear us.**

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ... Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, **hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry ... and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, **hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth, and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, **hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, **hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, **hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. 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.*

**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

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, 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 down, O love
divine - Harris

Hymn

**God be in my head,
and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
and in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
and in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
and at my departing.**

Book of Hours (1514)

Prayers after Communion

Priest God of all mercy, in this
eucharist you have set aside our
sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole
in Christ may bring that healing to
this broken world, 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

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

O for a thousand
tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus - the name
that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power

of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make
the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks;
and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful
broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf;
his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold
your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master
and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all
the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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: Toccata in G major - Dubois

Do stay a while!



St John's

LGBT+ Group

Next meeting will be

7th September after Mass

All Saints Room

TODAY



Further details from Barbara

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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.



Government Warning!

TODAY at around 3pm, mobile phones connected to 4G and 5G networks will vibrate and emit a siren sound for up to 10 seconds.

-This is an Emergency alert Drill (No action is required)

***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.

EXPLORE THE FAITH with BISHOP LAURIE

**Starting at 2:30 pm on
Tuesday 30th September in
All Saints room
(under St John's Church)**

**All welcome!
Meeting weekly to learn
about**

**Bible, Jesus, the Creeds,
the Mass, the Church,
Prayer, the Saints,
Suffering, Confirmation,
anything you want to
discuss.**

**(No 'homework', reading
aloud, etc)**

**Tea, Coffee, biscuits
provided.**

**Deanery Confirmation
will be on Monday 22nd September at
7pm at All Saints' Church, Hastings.**

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on 100% recycled paper

VILLAGE FORCE

AFRICA need a new
enthusiastic member of their
team to take on the role of
Treasurer. Our Treasurer,
Alan Privett, retired 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



Mary C writes: "This tree was taken down before I started the garden years ago. The stump looks dead, but new growth is spurting. Nature is wonderful."