



OneBodyOneFaith



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the eighteenth
Sunday after Trinity
19th October 2025**

*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning*

During the week
Tuesday – 2.30pm Explore
the Faith with Bishop
Laurie

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

Next Sunday 26th October –
10.30am Sung Mass
(NO 8am Said Mass)

St John's Prayer Cross



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

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.

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All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

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: Drop, drop, slow tears –
Orlando Gibbons

Opening Hymn

'Lift up your hearts!'
We lift them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet
none other may we see:
'Lift up your hearts!'
E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up,
we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level
of the former years,
The mire of sin,
the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt,
the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of Light,
lift all our hearts to-day!

Above the swamps of
subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts,
that honour may not name,
The halting tongue that
dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of Truth,
lift every Christian soul!

Lift every gift that thou thyself
hast given:
Low lies the best
till lifted up to heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart,
the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God,
they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call,
in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!'
rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts
respond, with full accord,
'We lift them up,
we lift them to the Lord!'

Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918)

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*

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all
hearts are open, all desires
known and from whom no
secrets are hidden: cleanse the
thought 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

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, increase in us your gift of
faith that, forsaking what lies
behind and reaching out to that
which is before, we may run the
way of your commandments and
win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Genesis

Genesis 32. 22 -31

The same night Jacob got up and
took his two wives, his two maids,
and his eleven children, and
crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
He took them and sent them
across the stream, and likewise
everything that he had. Jacob
was left alone; and a man wrestled
with him until daybreak.
When the man saw that he did not
prevail against Jacob, he struck
him on the hip socket; and Jacob's
hip was put out of joint as he

wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy

2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**O God of Bethel,
by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary
pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:**

**our vows, our prayers,
we now present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing
path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day
our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.**

**O spread
thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,**

**and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.**

Philip. Doddridge (1702-51)

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 18.1 - 8

Then Jesus told them a parable
about their need to pray always
and not to lose heart. He said, "In
a certain city there was a judge
who neither feared God nor had
respect for people. In that city
there was a widow who kept
coming to him and saying, 'Grant
me justice against my opponent.'
For a while he refused; but later he
said to himself, 'Though I have no
fear of God and no respect for
anyone, yet because this widow
keeps bothering me, I will grant her
justice, so that she may not wear
me out by continually coming.'
"And the Lord said, "Listen to what
the unjust judge says. And will not
God grant justice to his chosen
ones who cry to him day and
night? Will he delay long in helping
them? I tell you, he will quickly
grant justice to them. And yet,
when the Son of Man comes, will
he find faith on earth?"

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

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.*

**God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer
draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,**

when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east
to utmost west
wherever foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many
messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do
to work God's work,
how prosper and increase
harmony in the human race,
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do
to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth
in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ
unfurled,
that the light of the glorious
gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight
with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope
for the harvest-tide

till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer
draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

A. C. Ainger (1841-1919)

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: Praise, O praise –
Martin How

Hymn

Once, only once,
and once for all,
his precious life he gave;
before the Cross in faith we fall,
and own it strong to save.

‘One offering, single and
complete’,
with lips and heart we say;
but what he never can repeat
he shows forth day by day.

For as the priest of Aaron’s line
within the holiest stood,
and sprinkled all the mercy-
shrine
with sacrificial blood;

so he, who once atonement
wrought,
our Priest of endless power,
presents himself
for those he bought
in that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads
where now it lives
on heaven’s eternal throne,
and where in mystic rite
he gives
its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death,
O Lord,
till thou again appear;
and feel,
when we approach thy board,
we have an altar here.

William Bright (1824-1901)

Prayers after Communion

Priest We praise and thank you,
O Christ, for this sacred feast: for
here we receive you, here the
memory of your passion is
renewed, here our minds are filled
with grace, and here a pledge of
future glory is given, when we shall
feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find:

raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace
with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

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.

Concluding voluntary: Postlude
in D – Healey Willan

Do stay a while!





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 and we shall be delighted to answer any of your questions.

**Village
Force
Africa**

Archdeacon welcome

The Welcome and Collation of the Revd Russell Dewhurst, as Archdeacon of Hastings, will take place in the context of Choral Evensong at St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, on Sunday 23 November at 4.00pm. This will be a significant moment in the life of



our diocese, as we welcome him into this new ministry. Refreshments will be served following the service.



*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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