



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the third Sunday
after Trinity
6th July 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*



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

**Next Sunday 13th July –
Trinity 4
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass**



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 H and Peter L ...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: *Teach me, O Lord - Attwood*

Opening Hymn

**My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy-seat,
in depths of burning light!**

**How dread
are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits
day and night
Incessantly adored!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom,
boundless power,
and awful purity!**

**O, how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship thee
with trembling hope,
and penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped
to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears
as thou hast done
with me thy sinful child.**

**Father of Jesus, love's reward,
what rapture will it be
prostrate
before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee.**

F. W. Faber (1814-63)

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 Youth Choir – Young
Voices for God.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer:

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 God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in

power; hold us fast to your promises of peace, won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *All Amen*

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 66. 10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-- that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Galatians

Galatians 6. [1-6] 7-16

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.]

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised--only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule--peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**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***

**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)

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 Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to

our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

....

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"

He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written 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 Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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.*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven,
to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always
blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;

pray, and praise thee, without
ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns
before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 (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.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you

raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. 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: *O praise the Lord - Goss*

Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood
was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me
come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am,
though tossed about
With many a conflict,
many a doubt,
Fightings within,
and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor,
wretched, blind;
Sight, riches,
healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length,
depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Prayers after Communion

Priest O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

Guide me,
O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream
doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength
and shield.

When I tread
the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death,
and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Welsh, William Williams (1717-91) Tr Peter Williams (1727-96) et al

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: Processional -
Mathias**

Do stay a while!



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.

*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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Tina is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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**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

The Big St John's Raffle. We have launched the raffle in aid of the Organ Fund which features these lovely earrings.



A brief description.

A pair of pinky-lavender and purplish-blue brilliant cut spinel, diamond and silvery white Southsea baroque pearl ear drops. Spinel is probably most gemmologists' favourite gemstone. It has a wonderful history- much feted and revered and then pushed aside and hugely undervalued only to have come through again to regain its highly coveted status. As sapphire is assumed to be blue but actually comes in a rainbow of colours, so spinel is generally recognised as the red gem that for centuries was thought to be a ruby - like the Black Prince's Ruby in the British Crown Jewels -which isn't a ruby. It's a spinel. But spinel comes in a range of other colours too - pink, blue, green, orange, grey, purple, lavender and violet and may range from softest pastel in tone to hot, vivid, neon hues. Recommended Retail Price: - GBP1,100. Designed Anne Carroll Marshall (To whom enormous thanks are due) Goldsmith IP Chun Mau 葉春茂 The gems' weights are as follows: -Spinel 0.96cts; Pearls 12.098 cts (9.3/8.7mm); Diamonds 0.13 cts; Spinel - the gemmology: $MgAl_2O_4$; SG 3.60; RI 1.718; Hardness 8. White metal with Au750 stamp. According to British Hallmarking laws, metal not hallmarked here must be classified as white metal or yellow metal. These earrings were made overseas where the stamp Au750 signifies 18 carat gold - in this case white gold that has also been rhodium plated for extra whiteness and durability. Rhodium is one of the platinum metals.

**Tickets are £5 each
and available from the
Parish Office or in
Church after Mass.**

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St Augustine as the Preeminent Western Theologian, Thursday 10 Jul 2025



Led by The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins. Western theology has often been described as a 'footnote to St. Augustine.' Building on the foundations of Nicene faith, he was the preeminent Church Father for all later western traditions, Catholic and Protestant. Yet such a towering figure cast a very big shadow. This seminar will look at the highs and lows of Augustine's influential theology, from the Trinity to predestination. It will aim to show that while Augustine's reputation is justly deserved, the Church has always received his insights critically. **Zoom detail will be confirmed nearer the event.** For more information and/or to book -

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Date and time:

Thu 10 Jul 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM