



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the fourth
Sunday after Trinity
13th 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**

Next Sunday 20th July –

Trinity 5

8.00am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

*Welcome to
Mass
this
morning -
Sea Sunday*



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
Vera F and Brian P ...and those whose
Years Minds fall around this time,
especially Scott MacGregor and Peggy
Gick, and all who mourn.

"Today is Sea Sunday,
when we celebrate the
work of the 1.9 million
men and women who
bring us 90% of
everything we consume,
enduring months away
from home in isolated,
often dangerous
conditions. On Sea
Sunday, churches
worldwide unite to pray
for and support them as
they navigate life's
challenging storms.

There are copies of the
Mission to Seafarer'
magazine FAN, plus gift
aid envelopes at the back
of church for those with
cash to donate, as well as
leaflets to set up a regular
donation. Simply place
the envelope in our
wooden donation box.
Alternatively, you can use
the card reader beside
the box to donate
digitally.

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.

All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name



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: Blest are the pure in heart
– *Walford Davies*

Opening 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 Saward (1932 -2015)

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 O God, the protector of all
who trust in you, without whom
nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your
mercy; that with you as our ruler
and guide we may so pass through
things temporal that we lose not
our hold on things eternal; grant

this, heavenly Father, for our Lord
Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *All* **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 30. 9-14

....
and the LORD your God will make
you abundantly prosperous in all
your undertakings, in the fruit of
your body, in the fruit of your
livestock, and in the fruit of your
soil. For the LORD will again take
delight in prospering you, just as
he delighted in prospering your
ancestors, when you obey the
LORD your God by observing his
commandments and decrees that
are written in this book of the law,
because you turn to the LORD
your God with all your heart and
with all your soul. Surely, this
commandment that I am
commanding you today is not too
hard for you, nor is it too far away.
It is not in heaven, that you should
say, "Who will go up to heaven for
us, and get it for us so that we may
hear it and observe it?"
Neither is it beyond the sea, that
you should say, "Who will cross to
the other side of the sea for us,
and get it for us so that we may
hear it and observe it?" No, the
word is very near to you; it is in
your mouth and in your heart for
you to observe.

For the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the letter to the Colossians

Colossians 1. 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the

inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

**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)

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 10. 25 - 37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to

the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling
in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people
in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain.

Daniel L. Schutte, SJ (b. 1947)

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: *Never weather-beaten
sail – Charles Wood*

Hymn

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured,
boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love
Leading onward,
leading homeward
to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise
from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches
o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them
from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean full of blessing,
'tis a haven giving rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee!

Samuel T. Francis (1875)

Prayers after Communion

Priest Eternal God, comfort of the
afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life
and hope: teach us the ways of
gentleness and peace, that all the
world may acknowledge the
kingdom of your Son 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

Will your anchor hold
in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold
their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift,
and the cables strain,

Will your anchor drift,
or firm remain?

Refrain:

*We have an anchor
that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure
while the billows roll;
fastened to the rock
which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold
in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar
and the reef is near?
While the surges rage,
and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves
then your bark o'erflow?
Refrain.

Will your anchor hold
in the floods of death,
when the waters cold
chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide
you can never fail,
while your anchor holds
within the veil. **Refrain.**

Will your eyes behold
through the morning light,
the city of gold
and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the
heav'nly shore,
when life's storms are past
for evermore? **Refrain.**

Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-99)

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: *Line Dance from Dance Suite – Noel Rawsthorne*

Do stay a while!



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

Please do talk to Fr David if you are considering asking for this sacrament or would like to know more.

*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.

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.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us in the past to maintain the gardens at St Johns. At the end of the year we shall be standing down. It would be wonderful if we know that our work over the past few years could be continued by new volunteers. We have had lots of fun and it is great to see so many people enjoying the gardens.

Sally and Libby

**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

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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 trilliant 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.