



**St John's  
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News  
and Service Sheet  
for the fifth Sunday  
after Trinity  
20<sup>th</sup> 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***

**Next Sunday 27th July –  
Trinity 5  
10.30am Sung Mass  
(NO Said 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  
Vera F and Brian P ...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.



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: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*  
- Tye

## Opening Hymn

Here in this place,  
new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness  
vanished away,  
see, in this space,  
our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you  
in the light of this day.

Gather us in,  
the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in,  
the blind and the lame;  
call to us now,  
and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise  
at the sound of our name.

We are the young –  
our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old –  
who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung  
throughout all of history,  
called to be light  
to the whole human race.

Gather us in  
the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in  
the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart  
so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage  
to enter the song.

Here we will take  
the wine and the water,  
here we will take  
the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call  
your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew  
to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink  
the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat  
the bread that is you;  
nourish us well,  
and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy  
and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark  
of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven,  
light years away,  
but here in this place,  
the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom,  
now is the day.

Gather us in  
and hold us for ever,  
gather us in  
and make us your own;  
gather us in  
all peoples together,  
fire of love  
in our flesh and our bone.

*Marty Haugen (b.1950)*

## 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* Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All* Amen

## **The Liturgy of the Word *all sit***

### **A reading from Genesis**

*Genesis 18. 1-10a*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread,

that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from the letter to the Colossians**

*Colossians 1. 15 - 28*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in

everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**We sing a love  
that sets all people free,**

.....

**Come joyful love,  
live in our hearts today.**

*June Boyce-Tillman (b 1943)*

**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. 38 -end*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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.*

**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)*

**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. Martha, St Mary, St Peter 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: O Saviour of the world - Goss**

## **Hymn**

**Spirit of Justice,  
move in the world's heart, .....**

**dance liberation's  
powerful song.**

*June Boyce-Tillman (b1943 ) ©  
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## **Prayers after Communion**

**Priest** Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; 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**

**We shall go out  
with hope of resurrection,  
.....**

**Including all  
within the circles of our love.**

*June Boyce-Tillman (b 1943 )*

## **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:** *Toccata from 'Gothic Suite' - Boellmann*

*Do stay a while!*



**Deanery Confirmation  
will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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.

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#### **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.

#### **The Big St John's Raffle.**

**We have launched the raffle in aid of the Organ Fund which features  
these lovely earrings.**



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

\*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto: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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***VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA need a new enthusiastic member of their team to take on the role of Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Alan P, 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](mailto:admin@villageforceafrica.org)***

**Village  
Force  
Africa**

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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

