



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the seventh
Sunday after Trinity
3rd August 2025**

During the week
10am Wednesday:
Mass for the Feast of the
Transfiguration
in St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service*
Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee

Next Sunday 10th August
– Trinity 8
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass

*Welcome to
Mass
this
morning*



The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated on 6th August, which is also Hiroshima Day – the 80th ANNIVERSARY of ATOMIC BOMBINGS of HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI. 8:30pm Alexandra Park, Hastings Boating Pond - Lantern ceremony.

St John's Prayer Cross



Our prayers are asked for: Fr Andrew;
Helena O; Gillian; Sue and Ken; Jenny;

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 Lord, my God, to thee -
Arcadelt*

Opening Hymn

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet
lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart
he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps
as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts
in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings
to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept
for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy
give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

J. S. B. Monsell. (1811-75)

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 Lord of all power and
might, the author and giver of all

good things: graft in our hearts the
love of your name, increase in us
true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy
keep us in the same; 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 Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14

Vanity of vanities, says the
Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is
vanity.¹² I, the Teacher, when
king over Israel in Jerusalem,
applied my mind to seek and to
search out by wisdom all that is
done under heaven; it is an
unhappy business that God has
given to human beings to be busy
with. I saw all the deeds that are
done under the sun; and see, all is
vanity and a chasing after wind.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3. 1-11

So if you have been raised with
Christ, seek the things that are
above, where Christ is, seated at
the right hand of God. Set your
minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is
hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is
revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory. Put to
death, therefore, whatever in you

is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

For the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest -
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish -
but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.**

W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

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 12. 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man

produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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: *God is a spirit –
Sterndale Bennett*

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands
were skilled at the plane
and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,

and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther

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Prayers after Communion

Priest Lord God, whose Son is
the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world
may live: may we so receive within
ourselves the power of his death
and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be
made perfect in his love; for he is
alive and reigns, now and 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

O PRAISE ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom you were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him on the earth,
In tuneful accord,
All you of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be out-poured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,

For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

H. W. Baker (1821-77)

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: *The Road to Glory – Shuko Sakamoto*

Do stay a while!



The St Johns LGBT+ Group will be meeting after Mass 12.30 to 2pm in the All Saints Room, TODAY.



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**80th ANNIVERSARY of
US ATOMIC BOMBINGS of
HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI**

**Wednesday 6th August 2025, 8:30pm Alexandra
Park, Hastings Boating Pond**

**Come to the Hastings ceremony to remember
the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
The lantern ceremony is held by people of
peace all over the world, with the pledge:
Never Again!**

**R Peace Hastings
and St Leonards
formerly Hastings
Against
War) Contact
07512009281**

***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***

**Village
Force
Africa**

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

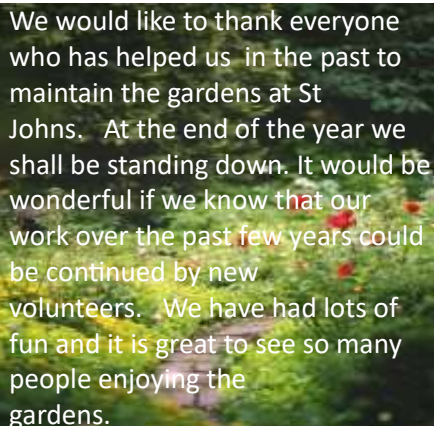
Please do talk to Fr David if you
are considering asking for this
sacrament or would like to know
more.

Notice about the card machine.

Many of you give generously to St John's using the card reader on the welcome desk. Thank you for this and apologies if you have had some issues with it recently.

For a few weeks the card reader has not been connected to the internet meaning that although you have made a donation it was not processed by your bank until recently when a catch up has occurred. We apologise for this inconvenience and have put measures in place to ensure it does not happen again.

If you have questions about this please speak to Alan Privett, our treasurer, or one of the churchwardens - Ed or Patina.



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

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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.

The Big St John's Raffle.

We have launched the raffle in aid of the Organ Fund which features lovely earrings. Tickets are £5 each and available from the Parish Office or in Church after Mass.