



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the eighth
Sunday after Trinity
10th August 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 17th August
– Trinity 9
10.30am Sung Mass
(NO 8am Said Mass)**

*Welcome to
Mass
this
morning*



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 Christ we hail thee
glorified – David Harrison*

Opening Hymn

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless
thee and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art
beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Can we know that thou art near
us, and wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears
and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's
measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds
and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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 God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake; when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from Genesis

Genesis 15.1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8 - 16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

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⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments,
like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold
the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bidst us
leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.**

J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

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. 32 - 40

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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.*

**We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great High Priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.
Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion**

**the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one Body and one Head.**

**O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread, its hallowed token,
we break in thy dear name.**

**O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.**

Richard Parsons (1882-1948)

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: Turn thy face from my
sins - Attwood

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ
you have come to us
You are one with us, Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls
from all their sin,
pouring your love
and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance,
Lord, of you:
Into our lives
your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us
Born as one of us, Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands
I know are true,
your many gifts
will make me new,
into my life
your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (b.1924)

Prayers after Communion

Priest Strengthen for service,
Lord, the hands that have taken
holy things;
may the ears which have heard
your word be deaf to clamour and
dispute;
may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the
tokens of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have
been fed with your body be
refreshed with the fullness of your
life; glory to you 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

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)

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.**

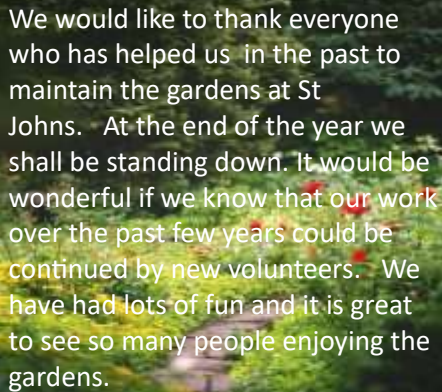
Organ voluntary: *War March of
the priests – Mendelssohn*

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.



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

Help needed with banking cash.

We continue to need to pay in cash to the St Johns bank account. The money comes from donations, coffee money and events such as the summer fayre. It needs to be done at a Post Office about once every three weeks or so. It is all already counted and prepared. We would like to share this with some others and if you could help do this even a few times a year it would be really helpful.

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

St John's Personnel

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Notice about the card machine.

Many of you give generously to St Johns 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 P, our treasurer, or one of the churchwardens - Ed or Patina.

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.

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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.

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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