



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the ninth Sunday
after Trinity
17th August 2025**

This afternoon at 2pm

**in Alexandra Park
by the War Memorial**

**VJ Day
Commemorative Service
Led by the Rector**

During the week

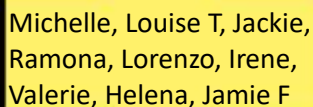
**10am Wednesday: Mass
in St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service*
Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee**

*Welcome to
Mass
this
morning*



Flowers in church today:
In loving remembrance
of Mark. xxxx

**Next Sunday 24th August
– Trinity 10
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass**



Michelle, Louise T, Jackie,
Ramona, Lorenzo, Irene,
Valerie, Helena, Jamie F

Zack;
Audrey,
Jeannie
& family

Effie, Theresa, Mercy
May their souls rest in peace

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
Carol B ...and those whose Years Minds
fall around this time, especially Mark
Smallman 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 Saviour of the world -
Somervell*

Opening Hymn

All creatures of our God
and King,
Lift up your voice
and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun
with golden beam,
Thou silver moon
with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou rushing wind
that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail
in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Thou rising morn,
in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening,
find a voice: *[Refrain]*

Thou flowing water,
pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful
and bright,
That givest us both warmth
and light: *[Refrain]*

Dear mother earth,
who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!

**The flowers and fruits
that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
*[Refrain]***

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him
in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit,
three in One: *[Refrain]*

*St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr W
Draper (1855-1933)*

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, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23. 23 - 29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!"

How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 11. 29 – 12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength
that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep
and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite
the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength
in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour,
failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

Maria Willis (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. 49 - 56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens.

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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.*

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him king of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure

we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians,
name him,
with love as strong as death;
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain,

in temptation's hour
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817 -77)

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: *Lord, for thy tender
mercy's sake – Farrant*

Hymn

Be thou my guardian
and my guide,
And hear me when I call;
Let not
my slippery footsteps slide,
And hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh,

and Satan dwell
Around the path I tread;
O, save me
from the snares of hell,
Thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
And outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord,
keep watch within,
And save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter
cross my way,
Yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams (1802-65)

Prayers after Communion

Priest Holy Father, who gathered
us here around the table of your
Son to share this meal with the
whole household of God: in that
new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace, gather
people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of
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

Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad
his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious
of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious,
and rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
almighty to save;
and still he is nigh:
his presence we have.
The great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God
who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
and honour the Son.

The praises of Jesus
the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,
and give him his right:
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing,
with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite love.

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: *Prelude and
Fugue in C major BWV 545 – J. S.
Bach*

Do stay a while!



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**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.

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on 100% recycled paper

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

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.

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.

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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

