

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 2nd October 2022

16th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, in Saint Peter's Chapel. Friday in Church.

Church open weekdays, where possible.

Midweek Mass: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizer for a "link" to join in

Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church



Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, David D, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, Jon W, Ted G, Jude, and Jamie F.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

...those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Agnes Thomas, Jane Anderson, Peter Storey, Doris Phelps, Jeremy Forty, Clem Burgess, and John & Annette Loveday-Waters,

...and all who mourn.

Here next Saturday...

st michael's hospice
The Big Sing

Saturday 8th October 2022, 11am - 9pm
St John's Church, Brittany Road, St Leonards on Sea
Free entry but donations welcome!



The **Big Breakfast** returns on Saturday 22nd October. Please join us for a breakfast of coffee, tea and croissants, here at Saint Johns on Saturday 22nd October at 8.30 a.m. Baroness Janet Fookes will talk about her life in politics and her Christian faith. All welcome. *MC*

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays

Introit: *Thou visitest the earth*
(Maurice Greene)

Opening Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant,
come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-71)

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.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Deacon Let us confess our forgetfulness of the
needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we
waste the resources of the world.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used
your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have
given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full
and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the
world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We store up goods
for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God
and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

The priest then says the Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung:

**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.
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.
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. Amen.**

The Collect

*The priest introduces the Collect
with the words 'Let us pray'.*

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**A reading from the Book of
Deuteronomy**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that
the Lord your God is giving you as an
inheritance to possess, and you
possess it, and settle in it, you shall
take some of the first of all the fruit of
the ground, which you harvest from the
land that the Lord your God is giving
you, and you shall put it in a basket and
go to the place that the Lord your God
will choose as a dwelling for his name.
You shall go to the priest who is in
office at that time, and say to him,
'Today I declare to the Lord your God
that I have come into the land that the
Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'
When the priest takes the basket from
your hand and sets it down before the
altar of the Lord your God, you shall

make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Refrain...

We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
no gifts have we to offer,
for all thy love imparts,
but, that which thou desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain...

German, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)

Gospel Reading

Dcn Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the
fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Dcn The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 6:25-35

When they found him on the other side
of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi,
when did you come here?' Jesus
answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
you are looking for me, not because you
saw signs, but because you ate your fill
of the loaves. Do not work for the food
that perishes, but for the food that
endures for eternal life, which the Son of
Man will give you. For it is on him that
God the Father has set his seal.' Then
they said to him, 'What must we do to
perform the works of God?' Jesus
answered them, 'This is the work of God,
that you believe in him whom he has
sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are
you going to give us then, so that we

may see it and believe you? What work
are you performing? Our ancestors ate the
manna in the wilderness; as it is written,
"He gave them bread from heaven to eat."
Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell
you, it was not Moses who gave you the
bread from heaven, but it is my Father
who gives you the true bread from heaven.
For the bread of God is that which comes
down from heaven and gives life to the
world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this
bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be
hungry, and whoever believes in me will
never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the
harvest,
that he will bring to fruition all that he
desires for his creation.

*The intercessions may include the
response:*

Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Merciful Father

**All Accept these prayers, for the sake
of your Son, Our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *is introduced*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace, with
those around us.*

Offertory Hymn

*During which the table is prepared and
bread and wine are placed upon it.*

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
in hymns of adoration,
to thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation:
bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
the valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
thy bounteous hand confessing,
upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
the first-fruits of thy blessing:
by thee the souls of men are fed
with gifts of grace supernal;
thou who dost give us daily bread,
give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,
and often toil seems dreary;
but labour ends with sunset ray,
and rest is for the weary:
may we, the angel-reaping o'er,
stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
to garner bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God,
where saints abide for ever;
where golden fields spread fair and
broad,
where flows the crystal river:
the strains of all its holy throng
with ours today are blending;
thrice blessèd is that harvest song
which never hath an ending.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation: through your goodness we
have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation: through your goodness we
have this wine to set before you, fruit
of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of
salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

*The president takes the bread and
wine.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in
your own image,
and made us stewards of your good
creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the
birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and
life-giving crops of the earth.
Through him you free us from the
slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.
Through him, you begin your work of
new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new
earth
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and
archangels,
and give voice to every creature under
heaven, 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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his
death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the
sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension,
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 stand 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, Saint 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

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

Priest 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.**

Agnus Dei is sung:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you, and his blood, which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please follow the direction of the sidesperson, and bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.

*Anthem: For the beauty of the earth
(Rutter)*

Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine
of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we enjoy;
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

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of
his creation.

All Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into
his harvest.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills
the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and
peace.

All Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

All May the Grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and the Love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Priest May the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace...

All and rise in glory. Amen.

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: Nun danket alle Gotte
(Karg-Elert)



Please stay for coffee after
today's Parish Mass

Thames
Chamber
Choir

at St John's Church,
Pevensey Rd,
St Leonards-on-Sea

Saturday 22nd
October, 7 p.m.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

...with music by *Allegri, Tallis, Palestrina,
Harris, Vaughan Williams and Campling*

Tickets £10 (concessions £7)
on the door, or via thameschamberchoir.com

Can you help us publicise the forthcoming
Thames Chamber Choir concert, by taking
some flyers to give to friends and neighbours?
The concert will help raise funds for St John's.
A stock of flyers may be found at the back of
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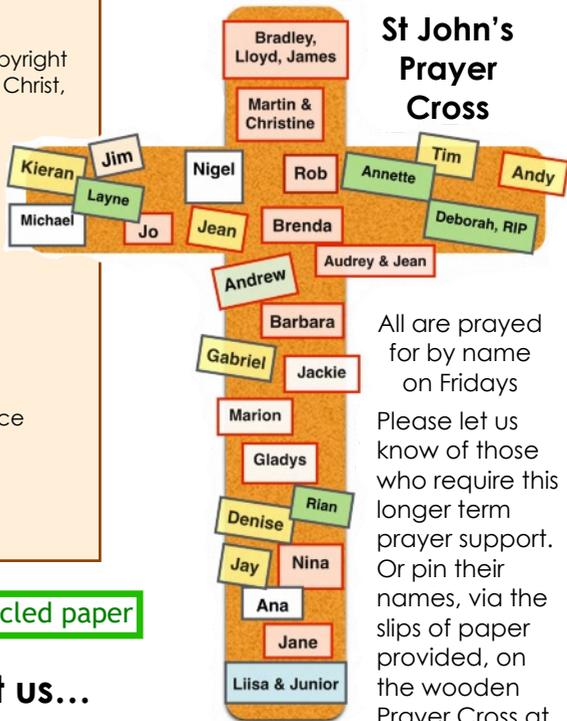
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St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays

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 Prayer Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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