

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Sunday 2nd August:  
**8th Sunday  
after Trinity**



## Pews News & Service Sheet

**People for whom our prayers are asked:**

Arlene, Ian, Amber, Mike, Pauline, Sally, Tracy, Agatha, Jude, Diane, Clare & Luke & family, Shane, Paul, Clive & Pauline, Henry, Marylyn, Fr Ken, and Fr John.

**Please pray also for...**

...the repose of the souls of the departed,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time,  
especially Robert Blankson, Anna Blankson,  
Minnie Quartey-Cofie, Vic Barnes, and Jill,

...and all who mourn.

## **COVID-19 Advice on Face Coverings, from the House of Bishops, 21 July 2020:**

"We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing."



**The name of Saint Dominic is reflected in house and street names in our parish. He is remembered this week, on 8<sup>th</sup> August: *Dominic - the saint who believed in learning...***

If you enjoy reading the Bible and in encouraging others to have faith in God, then Dominic is the patron saint for you. His passion for helping Christians to learn and proclaim their faith led him to found the Order of Preachers, or Black Friars, because of the black cape they wore over white habits. They are also known as the Dominicans.

Dominic was born in Castile in 1170, the youngest son of the warden of the town and nephew to the archpriest of Gumiel d'Izan. Becoming an Austin canon of Osmá cathedral, Dominic spent seven years as a priest, devoted to prayer and penance. In 1201 he became sub-prior to his community.

In 1208 the Papal Legate was murdered. It sparked a crusade or 'holy war' against the Albigensian heretics. Dominic worked for reconciliation, refusing to join in the violence and massacres against them. Instead he used

instruction and prayer to woo the heretics back, which led to him playing a leading role in founding Toulouse University. That became the foundation for his work in establishing the Friars Preachers at Toulouse in 1215, which occupied the last seven years of his life. (Three times he refused a bishopric, believing that this work was more important.)

Dominic's 'order' provided communities of sacred learning, with monks devoted to study, teaching and preaching as well as the usual prayer. Dominic believed monks should do more than just commune with God; they should proclaim God's love to others. Dominic was an excellent organiser, and soon his order spread rapidly all over Italy, Spain and France. It met an acute need in the medieval church, and in time the Black Friars became a pioneering missionary force in Asia and even (much later) the Americas.

Dominic travelled widely from 1216 until his death in 1220. His simple tomb was later embellished by Michelangelo, and his usual attributes in art are a lily and a black and white dog, which is a pun (*Domini canis*) on the name of Dominic. The dog holds a torch in its mouth as a herald of the truth.

# Mass for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

## Prayer of Confession

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in  
penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## The priest 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 said:

**All 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**

## Prayer for the Day - The Collect

Let us pray:

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.**

and nations that do not know you shall  
run to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for  
that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does  
not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what  
is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a leader and commander for the  
peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you  
do not know,

## A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Romans 9:1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am  
not lying; my conscience confirms it by  
the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow  
and unceasing anguish in my heart.  
For I could wish that I myself were  
accursed and cut off from Christ for  
the sake of my own people, my  
kindred according to the flesh. They  
are Israelites, and to them belong the  
adoption, the glory, the covenants,  
the giving of the law, the worship,  
and the promises; to them belong the  
patriarchs, and from them, according  
to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who  
is over all, God blessed for ever.  
Amen.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.

**All Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew

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

*Matthew 14:13-21*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**

In the power of the Spirit and in union  
with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

For the peace that comes from God  
alone,  
for the unity of all peoples,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of Christ, for Martin  
our Bishop, [*for ...* ]  
and for the whole people of God,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, [*for ...* ,]  
for Elizabeth our Queen and for all in  
authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For this community,  
for our neighbours and our friends,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has  
given us,  
and for the wisdom and will to  
conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm,  
for the widowed and orphans,  
for the sick and suffering,  
[*for ...* ] and for all in any need,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed,  
for the unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for  
them,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying, for those who mourn,  
for the faithful whom we entrust to the  
Lord in hope...  
as we look forward to the day when we  
share the fullness of the resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of [*... and  
of all*] the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one  
another,  
and all our life, to God.

**Silence is kept.**

For yours is the majesty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory,  
now and for ever.  
**All Amen.**

## **The Peace** *is introduced*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name  
and share his peace.

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*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread  
and wine are placed upon it.*

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.  
**All 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.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

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 and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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  
Saint 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

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 said:

*All* **Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Grant us peace**

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his  
supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is received*

**Music during Communion:**  
*Sinfonia from Cantata No.156*  
(J.S.Bach)

## Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post  
Communion for the day:*

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. **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 and Dismissal

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
*All* And also with you

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you  
and remain with you always.  
*All* Amen.

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.  
*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Organ finale: Voluntary No. 9 in G  
major (J. Stanley)**



Please come in.  
It's safe, and you  
are welcome.



# CHURCH OPEN

weekday mornings, 9:30 - 12:30

## ALL WELCOME

...for private prayer,  
...to light a candle

Please sanitize your hands on entering  
and leaving, and observe "social  
distancing" and the directions inside  
the church, to help keep us all safe

The wearing of a face covering  
is also advised

### Prayer list

If you have any updates about friends  
or loved ones on the St John's prayer  
list - or additions, of course - please  
let one of the  
pastoral/clergy team know,  
so we can keep the Prayer  
List up-to-date.  
Many thanks.



You are very welcome to join in with Rev Jill and  
Rev Michael's "Zoom" service on Wednesday  
mornings at 10:00. Just send one of them an email  
(via the church office if you don't know their email  
addresses) and they will let you know how to join  
in.



## God in the Arts

*'The Transfiguration' by Fra Angelico. It is found in the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence.*

### **The Transfiguration – beholding the Glory**

TQ – Tingle Quotient – is the name given to those things that can produce a tingle down the spine or a frisson of excitement. We see a hint of glory that can even lead us to worship.

I think the monk who lived in cell no. 6 at the Dominican convent of San Marco in

Florence must have felt that when he entered his room and saw for the first time the fresco of the Transfiguration that Fra Angelico had painted. I am sure the sight would have stopped him in his tracks, just as Peter, James and John were stopped in their tracks as they beheld their Lord transfigured before them on the mount.

From 1436 Fra Angelico painted a whole series of frescoes for the convent from the High Altar to the Chapter House to the cells of the monks. Here in cell no. 6 there is a restrained simplicity and directness about the Transfiguration. One of the three disciples looks out towards us, while the other two are caught up in wonder and awe as they look on Jesus with the faces of Moses and Elijah on either side.

Here Fra Angelico is not seeking to impress a wealthy patron: he is providing a focus for devotion and prayer for the monks of his community. The scene speaks to us of that sense of awe and reverence.

On August 6 we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. The Gospel accounts relate that special moment of revelation to the inner group of disciples. The glory shown to them evoked a sense of wonder and marvel, but also a sense of loss. For the glory proved elusive and just out of human reach. The moment of revelation passed, and the disciples had to go down the mount again to meet the crying needs of the world, all but forgotten when they were with their Lord on the mountain top.

The monk in his cell would ponder the glory of Fra Angelico's fresco, knowing that he would be called from his cell to take up his monastic duties. But the painting would go with him to sustain and nurture his life. It is the same with us: we have moments of glory. But they pass, and we must return to our daily lives. As we look on this painting, we sense that glory and wonder which can sustain us through life.

*Rev Michael Burgess*

**The Small Print** for today's service

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