



St John's, Pevensey Road



Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 11th September 2022

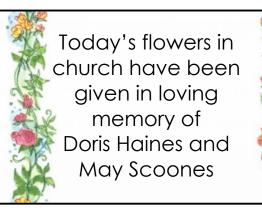
13th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

<u>This week:</u>

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, and Jude.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

...those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Doris Haines, May Scoones, Dinah Giddings, Rene Carter, Phyllis Simpson, and Clive Frost,

...and all who mourn.

The Church hall is currently closed until Monday 3rd October for necessary maintenance works. The Church has been offered as an alternative space which several hirers have taken up. The Church will be open for all services, morning prayer, Friday coffee morning and the Ukrainian language group. *All hall* groups will access the Church via the organ door using the top lock only. *Please do not lock the bottom lock during this time.* Thank you for your help. *Tina, Church Administrator.*



LOAF Second Sunday Walks

We will resume our monthly walks TODAY Sunday, September 11th. Meet at 2:30 p.m. at the car park for the Rye Harbour Nature

Reserve. Kim Warren will lead a walk of about 3 miles around the Reserve. You may like to have binoculars with you for the bird life.

Roger Mitchell

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

Opening Hymn

Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; The wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; Our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness; one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least; they bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life. Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown? Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, thy victory shall be won; and then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord. *Edward Plumptre (1821-91)*

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

Dcn 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 Peruvian Gloria is sung:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father *All* Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father

To him be glory forever
All To him be glory forever

Alleluia, Amen <u>All</u> Alleluia, Amen Alleluia, Amen Alleluia, Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father All Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father

To him be glory forever <u>All</u> To him be glory forever

Alleluia, Amen <u>A//</u> Alleluia, Amen Alleluia, Amen Alleluia, Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit *All* Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit To him be glory forever *All* **To him be glory forever**

Alleluia, Amen *All* Alleluia, Amen Alleluia, Amen Alleluia, Amen

The Collect *The Priest introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray'*

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All* **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Immortal Love for ever full, for ever flowing free, for ever shared, for ever whole, a never-ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name all other names above; love only knoweth whence it came and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps to bring the Lord Christ down; in vain we search the lowest deeps, for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet a present help is he; and faith has still its Olivet, and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress is by our beds of pain; we touch him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said our lips of childhood frame; the last low whispers of our dead are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable, thy saving name is given; to turn aside from thee is hell, to walk with thee is heaven. John Whittier (1807-92)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. *All* **Alleluia**

The Lord be with you *All* **And also with you** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninetynine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

These responses may be used

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

Priest 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

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

From heaven you came, helpless babe, Entered our world, Your Glory veiled, Not to be served but to serve And give Your life that we might live. This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears My heavy load He chose to bear; His heart with sorrow was torn Yet "Not my will but Yours", He said. *This is our God...*

Come see His hands and His feet -The scars that speak of sacrifice. Hands that flung stars into space To cruel nails surrendered. *This is our God...*

So let us learn how to serve And in our lives enthrone Him. Each other's needs to prefer For it is Christ we're serving. *This is our God...*

Graham Kendrick

Prayer at the 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. *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 president 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 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 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

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.

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:

All 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 Priest says the invitation to 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.

Communion 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

Prayer after Communion

Priest God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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

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.**

Final hymn

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son Who yielded His life in atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus his Son, And give Him the glory; great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood. To every believer the promise of God! And every offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. *Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)*

Dismissal

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.

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

Some dates for your diary...

The **Big Breakfast** returns on Saturday 22nd October. Please join us for breakfast - coffee, tea and croissants - at St Johns on Saturday 22nd October at 8.30 a.m. We will hear our friend Janet F talk about her life in politics and her Christian faith. All welcome. MC





Our friends the **Thames Chamber Choir** will be performing here at St John's on Saturday 22nd October. Further details when we have them...

Christmas is coming! Well not quite yet, but we do have the Hall booked for a **Christmas Fair** on Sat 10th December. If you would like to be involved, then please let me know. New ideas are always welcome too. *Katy H*



Please note that the old paper £20 and £50 notes will no longer be legal tender after 30th September, so will not be able to be banked after this date. Thank you. Tina, Church Administrator



An **emergency defibrillator** is a wonderful device which can help to save lives - it could be yours!

The PCC has agreed to purchase one to serve the church and church hall users as well as anyone who may happen to be in the area who has a heart attack and needs their heart re-starting.

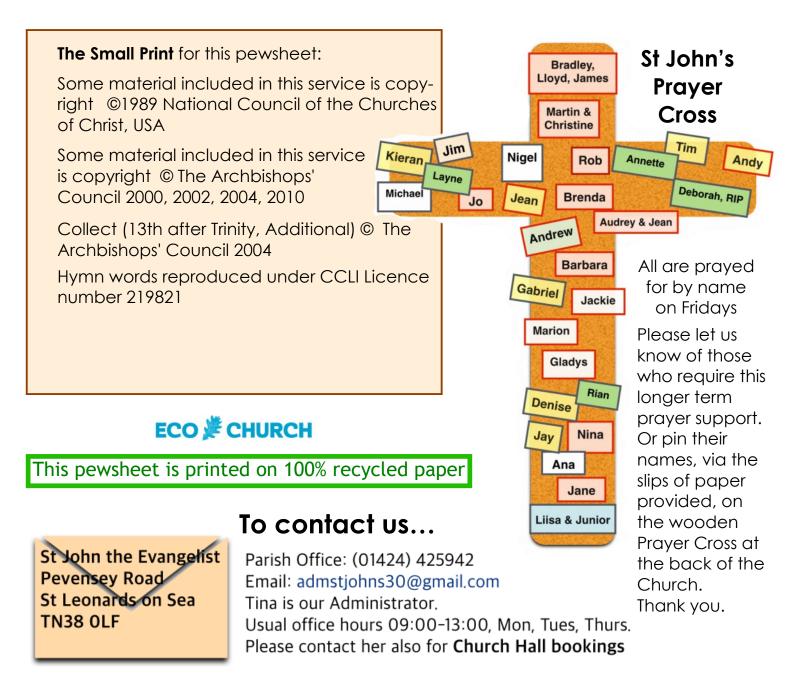
It will be installed in a cabinet on the outside wall of the entrance to the hall.

Its location will be registered so anyone calling for an ambulance could be directed to the machine and help save a life as the modern technology in these machines means that anyone can administer first aid before an ambulance arrives.

The cost of this device and cabinet is approximately £1,900. The PCC would welcome donations towards this very worthwhile cause.

Donations can be made electronically in the church or via St Johns website. Please let the Parish Administrator know that you intend this to be for the Defibrillator. If paying by cheque please make it payable to "St Johns PCC", and mark the back "Defibrillator".

For more information please ask Mike C



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