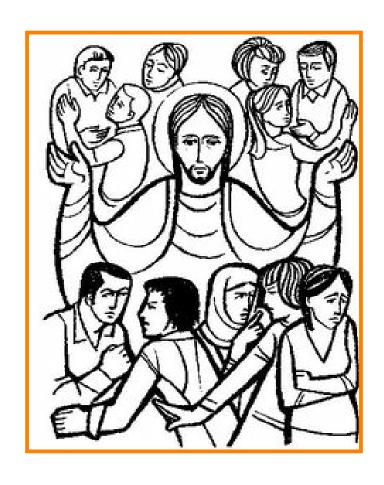




# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 14th August 2022

9th Sunday after Trinity

## Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

#### This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Friday in Church.

Church open weekdays, if possible.

Please note: NO Midweek Mass

**Online "Zoom" service**: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizers 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, Pat P, David D, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, and Jon W.

#### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Billy Allen, John McConnell, and Mark Smallman,

and all who mourn.

Please note that there will be NO SUNDAY 8 a.m. or Wednesday 10 a.m. Masses from now, until September

Do you have any spare boxes? Tuesday Group need some for storing their equipment whilst work is carried out in the Hall.

## New home groups starting.

At St John's we are planning a number of small groups to meet regularly in homes around the parish and beyond. Perhaps groups of 6-8 people who you can get to know and hopefully feel able to ask those questions that you wouldn't ask in church. These groups are ideal places to get to know others and deepen our faith. We will adapt groups to what people need and to when and where they want to meet. Suggestions so far have included a bible study group meeting in the evening, a book group meeting once a month, a Christian Basics group, a zoom group for those not able to go out and a group meeting in Bexhill.

We will need hosts to simply provide somewhere to meet with no obligation to organise things. Any costs for teas or coffees would be reimbursed. A number of people have offered to lead/coordinate groups but more would be welcome.

How to find out more:

On Saturday morning 3rd September there will be a coffee morning at the church from 10-12. We can find out who is interested in which group and answer questions about how they will work. Please put that date in your diary and in the meantime speak to Fr David, Deacon Mike or myself. *Mike C, Churchwarden* 

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

Introit: Cantate Domino (Pitoni)

## **Opening Hymn**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them his glory also show: O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr. William

Draper (1855-1933)

Welcoming of the people

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

All Amen.

Bishop 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 Bishop 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:

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, 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 Bishop introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray'

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## A reading from the book of 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? savs 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 we worship you, we give you thanks, 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 of Israel 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.

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

O Lord, all the world belongs to You and You are always making all things new.

What is wrong, You forgive, and the new life You give is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends, but You have brought us love that never ends,

loving enemies too; and this loving with You is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart, You draw all men together, and we start in your body to see that in fellowship we can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state,

but You show us a new way to be great: like a servant You came, and if we do the same, we'll be turning the world upside down.

O Lord, all the world belongs to You and You are always making all things new.

Send your spirit on all, In your Church whom you call To be turning the world upside down.

Patrick Appleford

## **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 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: '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

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

Bishop 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.

**Bishop** 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.

God is love: his the care, tending each, everywhere, God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him, that we all might know him!

Sing aloud, loud, loud! sing aloud, loud, loud! God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above; Humankind we can love; thus may we Godward move, finding God in others, Sisters all, and brothers: Sing aloud, loud, loud...

Jesus lived here for all, Strove and died, rose once more, Rules our hearts evermore; for he came to save us by the truth he gave us. Sing aloud, loud, loud... To our Lord praise we sing, light and life, friend and King, coming down, love to bring, pattern for our duty, showing God in beauty.

Sing aloud, loud, loud...

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) alt.

## 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.

A// We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine.

he gave you thanks, and said: 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.

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

with all who stand before you in earth and

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,

and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,

## The Lord's Prayer

of everlasting praise:

heaven,

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**

Bishop 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 Bishop 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.

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood)

## **Communion Hymn**

Sent by the Lord am I
My hands are ready now
To make the earth the place
In which the kingdom comes.
Sent by the Lord am I
My hands are ready now
To make the earth the place
In which the Kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change A world of hurt and pain Into a world of love, Of justice and of peace. The task is mine to do
To set it really free.
O help me to obey,
Help me to do your will

Nicaraguan traditional, tr. Jorge Maldonado

### **Prayer after Communion**

Bishop 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

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

One more step along the world I go, One more step along the world I go; From the old things to the new, Keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new: Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn. More and more about the world I learn: All the new things that I see You'll be looking at along with me. And it's from the old I travel to the new; Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good, Keep me travelling the way I should. Where I see no way to go, You'll be telling me the way, I know. And it's from the old I travel to the new: Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough, Keep me loving though the world is tough; Leap and sing in all I do, Keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new: Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be, You are younger than the life in me; Ever old and ever new, Keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new: Keep me travelling along with you.

#### **Dismissal**

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

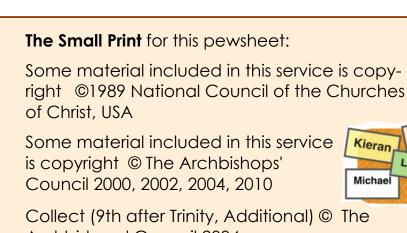
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Concluding voluntary: Marche Militaire (Schubert)



Please stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass.

Two host families are needed for some Ukrainian refugees from the group who meet here at St John's. One is a Mum and ten year old daughter, the other a Mum with a three year old son. Can you help, or know someone who can? Please get in touch with our church administrator, who can put you in touch with the relevant people. Contact details on the back of this Pews News. Thank you.



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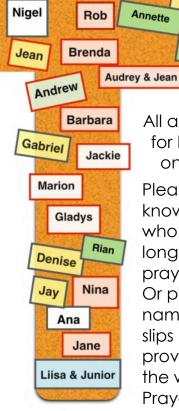
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Bradley, Lloyd, James

Martin &

Christine

Jim

Jo

Layne

All are prayed for by name on Fridays

Deborah, RIP

St John's

**Prayer** 

Cross

Tim

Andy

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.

