



**Pews News and
Service Sheet
for Sunday 6th
October
HARVEST FESTIVAL
supporting:**



**Blessed are you, Lord
our God, King of the
universe, creator of light
and giver of life, to you
be glory and praise for
ever.**



**St
John's
Pevensey Road
Welcome to Mass
and Harvest
Festival**

This
week:

10am

Midweek

Mass in

St Peter's Chapel

Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee: Fridays

10 – 12 noon in Church



Drop in for

Morning

Coffee



**... and to spend some time in this
beautiful church**

**Next Sunday: 13th October
8am Said Mass
10.30am Parish Sung Mass**

Our prayers are asked for: David S, Pat, Janet. Bobby, Molly, Shirley K, Holly, Ken, Rachel T ,Patrick N, Rose T, Amy and Amera.

Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Peggy and Sally ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

Ramona
John H
Bostik
Diane
Goldie
Lorenzo
Arta X

RIP: Ozar K
Geoff R; Albert A

William & Benjie
Dulcie; Zack;
Natalia

Lori-Leigh M
Maite & Chaz
Glenys J
Helena O
Miri
Julian

Lisa; Don
Benji &
Dada
Anna
Helen C
Arthur H
Kourash

Jeannie
& Audrey
& family
Terry S
Xander
Nigel D
Thomas
Tia K
Nichola
Olli
Della
Everyone
in the
Middle
East
under

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.

All are regularly prayed for by name



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Lucy is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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Prayer at the altar said by the choir:
.... grant that what we sing with our lips may we believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts may we show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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, will 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)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit. *All* Amen.

Priest Lord be with you.
All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to 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.

Lord God, our maker and our
redeemer, this is your world and
we are your people: come among
us and save us. We have wilfully
misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

Priest God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive *us our* sins and make *us* 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, Heav'nly 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 upon 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 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.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the Prophet Joel

Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of

grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

A Reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy

1 Timothy 6.6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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.**

**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.
All good gifts...**

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts...**

*German, Matthias Claudius
(1740- 1815) Tr Jane Campbell (1817-78)*

Gospel Reading

**When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says**

Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes,
and see that the fields are ripe for
harvesting. Gather the fruit for

eternal life. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6. 25 -33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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

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

The Peace

Deacon

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn *during which the altar 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 folk 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 blessed 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 blessed is
that harvest song
which never hath an ending.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

The priest takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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 for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the image of the

unseen God, the firstborn of all creation. He created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers, all things were created through him and for him.

Lord of all creation

All We worship and adore you.

He is the radiant light of your glory: he holds all creation together by his word of power.

Lord of all creation

All We worship and adore you.

He is first to be born from the dead. All perfection is found in him, and all things were reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. Lord of all creation

All We worship and adore you.

The Church is his body, he is its head. He takes his place in heaven at your right hand, where we worship you with all of your creation, 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

do this in remembrance of me. 🕯️

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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. 🕯️

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Dcn Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St. John the Evangelist, St Peter, Mary the Mother of God and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory

are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon 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.

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.

*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:

Fear not, O land – William H Harris

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and
sight:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends
above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of
heaven:

For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

F. S Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Prayer after Communion

Priest 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

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you**

Priest May God who clothes the
lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture
and the deer to water, who
multiplied loaves and fishes and
changed water into wine, lead us,
feed us, multiply us, and change
us to reflect the glory of our
Creator through all eternity; 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 those 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 shall 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)

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

All and rise in glory. Amen.

Dcn Go in the light and peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God.

Organ voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott – S. Karg-Elert*

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Harvest Lunch*



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*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing: pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com

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Living Faith

Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM) Course and Living Faith (online course) 2025

ALM training begins again in January. Applications are now open and the course prospectus and application paperwork can be found on the Diocesan website. Closing date is 9th December.

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/living-faith>

**Defibrillator training
opportunity Saturday
morning 12th October 11am -
noon in the church hall.**



You may have noticed this box outside the church hall in Brittany Road. This is an automatic defibrillator which was installed largely due to the generosity of the Hastings Lions. It is available for anyone in the community to use and can restart a person's heart if they have had a cardiac arrest. We have a trainer coming to show us how to use this simple piece of equipment as well as teaching basic CPR. The session is free although donations to the British Heart Foundation are welcomed. Places are limited and need to be booked through the church parish office (07831904321 or admstjohns30@gmail.com)

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