



During the
week

**10am Wednesday
Midweek Mass in
St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am
Online Zoom service*;
Fridays 10am – 12 noon
Morning Coffee in
Church .**



**NEXT SUNDAY – 6th
October – HARVEST
FESTIVAL
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Parish
Mass**

**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and service sheet
for 29th September 2024**

*Welcome to
Mass this
morning.
The Feast of St
Michael and All
Angels*



Next week we are having a shared lunch for Harvest on Sunday 6th October following the morning service. This is a lovely social occasion for the church, do please plan to stay and join in. Please bring your own plate and cutlery. There is a sheet to sign up to bring items for the lunch at the back. Do chat with Katy Harper or Kate Hill if you need any further information. Details about Harvest gift donations are at the back of this Pew sheet.

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

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

All are regularly prayed for by name

Ramona
John H
Bostik
Diane
Goldie
Lorenzo
Arta X

William & Benjie
Dulcie; Zack; Natalia
Miri; Julian; Kourash

RIP: Ozar K
Geoff R; Albert A

Lori-Leigh M
Maite &
Chaz
Glenys J

Lisa; Don
Benji &
Dada
Anna
Helen C
Arthur H

Jeannie
& Audrey
& family
Terry S
Xander
Nigel D
Thomas
Tia K
Nichola
Olli
Della
Everyone
in the
Holy
Land
under
duress

All sorting,
storing and
distributing
harvest gifts



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.

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Lucy is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on
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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: *Lead me, Lord - Wesley*

Hymn

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless
thee and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the
farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near
us, and wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.**

**For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and
voices for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's
measure for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God,
we offer of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds
and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The 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.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate
fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Prayer of Absolution

Priest 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, 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 Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this

land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!"

And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the book of Revelation

Revelation 12. 7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world-- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**How sweet the name
of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows,
heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit
whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock
on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd,
Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life,
my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would
thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

John Newton (1725 – 1807)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules; my soul, give thanks to the Lord. For he commands his angels to keep you in all your ways **All Alleluia**
The Lord be with you
All and also with you;
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.47 - end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

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

Priest Hear again the song of the angels: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. *All* and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn *during which the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim,
and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions,
princedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels,
angels' choirs,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious
than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious,
magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

Respond, ye souls

in endless rest,
ye patriarchs
and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve,
ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant,
raise the song,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

O friends, in gladness
let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit,
Three in One,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest 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.

Through him the archangels sing your praise, the angels fulfil your commands, the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness; the whole company of heaven glorifies your name and rejoices to do your will. Therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs, 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, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
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. 🕯️

Dcn: Jesus Christ is Lord

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

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, St Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints and angels, 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

Deacon Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

God rains down manna for us to eat and gives us the grain of heaven.

All So on earth we share the bread of angels.

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.

I heard the voice of a great

multitude crying, Alleluia! The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

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: O Saviour of the world - Goss

Hymn

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God:
For his mercies ay endure...

He with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies ay endure...

He the golden-tressed sun caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies ay endure...

And the horned moon by night, mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies ay endure...

All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies ay endure...

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure...

John Milton (1608-74)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; 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 God keep you in the fellowship of his saints. Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels. The Spirit make you holy in God's service: 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

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

Richard

Baxter (1615-91) et al

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 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.

Organ voluntary

We are most grateful to
Mr Nigel Howard
for playing the organ today.



Do stay a while



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NEXT SUNDAY is HARVEST FESTIVAL

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Please bring, if you can, as your harvest gifts something from their suggestion list :

Beans, tinned meat (chicken in white sauce, chilli, spag bol, ham, corn beef, meat balls, curries, anything like that) tinned fish, hearty soups and ordinary soups, pasta sauces, curry sauces, pasta, pot noodles, noodles, microwave rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned custard, rice pudding, long-life milk, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, Fray Bentos pie, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables. Toilet paper, toiletries, washing up liquid. Please only include if appropriate: Socks, men's pants/briefs, jumpers, jogging bottoms or casual trousers, t-shirts.



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)

Mike Cooper

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