



**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Pews News and service  
sheet for 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

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

*Welcome to  
Mass this  
morning.  
The Thirteenth  
Sunday after  
Trinity*



**NEXT SUNDAY – 1<sup>st</sup>  
September**  
**8am Said Mass**  
**10.30am Sung Parish Mass**



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

**Please pray also for** the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Vivian N and Sally ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Mark Smallman, 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 & Benje  
Dulcie; Zack; Natalia  
Miri; Julian; Kourash

RIP: Ozar K  
Geoff R; Albert A

Lori-Leigh M  
Maite &  
Chaz  
Janie H-D

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

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.

For all those making decisions after exam results



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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:** *Teach me thy way, O Lord*  
- Fox

### **Hymn**

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim,  
and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions,  
princedom, 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)*

### **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* 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 Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly  
with you, our God. 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* Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the

world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 Joshua**

*Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors-- Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor-- lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ....<sup>14</sup> "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God

who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A reading from the letter to the Ephesians**

*Ephesians 6. 10 -20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.*

**OFT in danger, oft in woe,  
Onward, Christians, onward go;  
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,  
Strengthened with the Bread of Life.**

**Onward, Christians, onward go,  
Join the war, and face the foe;  
Will ye flee in danger's hour?  
Know ye not your Captain's power?**

**Let your drooping hearts be glad;  
March in heavenly armour clad;  
Fight, nor think the battle long,  
Victory soon shall tune your song.**

**Let not sorrow dim your eye,  
Soon shall every tear be dry;  
Let not fears your course impede,  
Great your strength, if great your need.**

**Onward then in battle move;  
More than conquerors ye shall  
prove;  
Though opposed by many a foe,  
Christian soldiers, onward go.**

*Henry Kirke White (1785-1806) et al*

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

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 John

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

*John 6.56-69*

Jesus said: Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood abide in  
me, and I in them. Just as the  
living Father sent me, and I live  
because of the Father, so whoever  
eats me will live because of me.  
This is the bread that came down  
from heaven, not like that which  
your ancestors ate, and they died.  
But the one who eats this bread  
will live forever."

He said these things while he was  
teaching in the synagogue at  
Capernaum. When many of his  
disciples heard it, they said, "This  
teaching is difficult; who can  
accept it?" But Jesus, being  
aware that his disciples were  
complaining about it, said to them,  
"Does this offend you? Then what  
if you were to see the Son of Man  
ascending to where he was  
before?"

It is the spirit that gives life; the  
flesh is useless. The words that I

have spoken to you are spirit and  
life. But among you there are  
some who do not believe." For  
Jesus knew from the first who  
were the ones that did not believe,  
and who was the one that would  
betray him. And he said, "For this  
reason I have told you that no one  
can come to me unless it is  
granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his  
disciples turned back and no  
longer went about with him.

So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do  
you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord,  
to whom can we go? You have the  
words of eternal life. We have  
come to believe and know that you  
are the Holy One of God."

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* 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.*

*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.*

All hail the power  
of Jesu's name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.  
Crown him,  
ye morning stars of light,  
who fixed this floating ball;  
now hail the Strength  
of Israel's might,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him,  
ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain  
ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you  
by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call;  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love  
can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,



**go spread your trophies  
at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue  
to him their hearts enthrall,  
lift high the universal song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

*Edward Perronet (1726-92) et al*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**

Blessed be God, by whose grace  
creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our  
sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

*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, you made the world and  
love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us  
free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels 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.**

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* 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.*

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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is  
sacrificed for us

**All Therefore let us keep the  
feast. 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: Come, Holy Ghost -  
Attwood**

### **Hymn**

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood  
was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me  
come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am,  
though tossed about  
With many a conflict,  
many a doubt,  
Fightings within,  
and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor,  
wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches,  
healing of the mind,**

Yea all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon,  
cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth  
and height to prove,  
Here for a season then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

### 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

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you

*Priest* The God of all grace, who  
called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen  
and settle you in the faith; 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

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note  
my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins  
against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days,  
not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart,  
though not in heaven,

I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.

*George Herbert (1593-1632)*

### **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:** *Fanfare -  
Lemmens*

*Do stay a while*



Please note: St John's Church  
building will not be open during the  
weekday while the Rector is on  
leave.



Church Together in  
Hastings & St Leonards



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pastoral and spiritual support to  
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A poster for a Christian Aid bookstall. At the top left is the 'christian aid' logo. To the right, it says 'St John's, Pevensey Road'. The main text reads 'Bring and Buy Bookstall'. Below this is a photograph of a bookstall filled with books. At the bottom, it says '50p per book' and '... please put your donation money in the Christian Aid collection slot in the wall - thank you!'.

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**Looking forward to the Deanery  
Confirmation Service on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September at Blacklands Church:**

'Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. The local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.'



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**HARVEST MOON FAYRE SEPT 7TH 2-5pm AND ANNUAL ESSENDEN ROAD SCARECROW FESTIVAL BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND - So many fun things to do!**

We have left a couple of sheets at the back of the church for volunteers to sign up who would like to help out our villagers by coming along on Saturday September 7th and supporting us in various roles at the HARVEST MOON FAYRE. Even if you can only manage the afternoon itself, (2-5pm) that'd be wonderful, or bring along a cake/savoury for our stall on any of the days, that'd be lovely. We shall also pick up from church on Friday morning, 23rd August. There are containers for you to leave any unwanted items for the **Tombola, Raffle and Bran Tub**, at the back of the church. THANK YOU.

**SCARECROW BANK HOLIDAY**

**weekend** - Leaflets inviting people to participate in making scarecrows ( or in our case, animals...) have been distributed to the following roads: Essenden Rd; Welbeck Ave, Cavendish Avenue, Knoll Rise; Tudor Avenue; Boscobel Road. We shall be providing refreshments between 3-5pm on Friday - Monday 23rd/24th/25th/26th August at **14 KNOLL RISE**. Anyone who would like to bring along a cake/savoury to help out with the mammoth bake-in would be very welcome!! **Update:-** This month sees our 6th Food Aid delivery to BH29 in NW Zimbabwe!

<https://villageforceafrica.org>