



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and service
sheet for 15th September
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 .**

**NEXT SUNDAY – 22nd
September
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Parish Mass**

*If you would like a link for the Wednesday Zoom worship, or if you have any items for the Pews News, or updates for the prayer list or prayer cross, please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 4pm on **Tuesdays**. (The print run, folding and stapling is done on Wednesdays)
Thank you.

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

This evening at Christchurch,
St Leonard's

**COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS**

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

6PM

MUSIC - SILENCE - SCRIPTURE - PRAYER
followed by refreshments



*Taizé Prayer is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell
deeply in Christ's presence around and within us.
Repeated chants and songs, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the
focus of the prayer in a candle lit space.*

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 Janie H-D, 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 & Benje
Dulcie; Zack; Natalia
Miri; Julian; Kourash

RIP: Ozar K
Geoff R; Albert A

Lori-Leigh M
Maite &
Chaz

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 young
people
starting
college,
university
or new job



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contacted on
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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.

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: *God so loved the world - Goss*

Hymn

**Praise to the Holiest
in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love!
That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh
against their foe,
should strive
and should prevail;**

**and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence
and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love!
That he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren,
and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest
in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

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 The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

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 O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 50. 4-9

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of James

James 3. 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield

olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

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

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**There's a wideness
in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place
where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place
where earth's failings
have such kindly
judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measure
of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.**

**There is grace
enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room
for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love
were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives
would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

F W Faber (1814-63)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Welcome with meekness the implanted Word that has the power to save your souls.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All and also with you;

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 8.27 -end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For

you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.*

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange,
and none
The longed-for Christ
would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these

**Themselves displease,
And 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.**

**In life no house, no home,
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.**

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

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.

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, 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,
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.

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: O praise the Lord - Goss

Hymn

Soul of my Saviour,
sanctify my breast,
body of Christ,
be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water
flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection
may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu,
hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord,
hide and shelter me,
so shall I never,
never part from thee.

Guard and defend me
from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments
make me only thine;
call me and bid me
come to thee on high
where I may praise thee
with thy saints for ay.

Latin, 14th century translation anonymous

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts: 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

'Lift up your hearts!'
We lift them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet
none other may we see:
'Lift up your hearts!'
E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up,
we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level
of the former years,
The mire of sin,
the slough of guilty fears,
The mist of doubt,
the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of Light,
lift all our hearts to-day!

Above the swamps of
subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts,
that honour may not name,
The halting tongue that dares
not tell the whole,
O Lord of Truth,
lift every Christian soul!

Lift every gift
that thou thyself hast given:
Low lies the best
till lifted up to heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart,
the teeming brain,
Till, sent from God,
they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call,
in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!'
rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts

respond, with full accord,
'We lift them up,
we lift them to the Lord!'

Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918)

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: *Festival
Voluntary – Flor Peeters*

Do stay a while



The memorial service for Vivian N
will be in St John's at 2pm on
Friday 27th September

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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



Let your creativity become part of your prayer and draw closer to God on our Prayer through Painting week at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre. Join us in our spacious and fully equipped Art Room for a creative week of art inspired by the Holy Spirit and under the prayerful guidance of artist, Jill Hartman.

30th September - 4th October: £540 en-suite room/£500 non ensuite room. Book by calling 01424 830204 or <https://www.crowhursthealing.org.uk/retreat.php?retreat=841>

VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA

The villagers of BH29 and all of us at VFA heartily thank everyone who participated or contributed to our Harvest Moon Fayre, particularly those who braved the outside! We had a great afternoon and the event had a real community feeling. We are proud to announce that a further £100 was raised last Sunday from all those sweet teeth plus some generous donations, bringing the total raised at the weekend to over £763. THANK YOU