



St John's
Pevensey Road

*Welcome
to Mass
this morning*

**Pews News and service
sheet for 9th June 2024**

*Second Sunday
after Trinity*

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 – 16th June
NO 8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Parish Mass**

Goodbye from Tina, your Parish Administrator..... As you may know, I am retiring this month, my last working day being Thursday 13th June and then on to some time in the sun. I wanted to say "goodbye" to you all - I have truly enjoyed my time as your Parish Administrator and you have made me feel part of your Church family. I am going to really miss those of you that I have got to know well and consider friends. Bye for now, Tina.

Our prayers are asked for: David S, Katy H, Molly, Shirley K, Holly, Janet, Rachel T
Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Vivian and Tony, ...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
Don
Bostik
Diane
Goldie
Lorenzo

William & Benjie
Dulcie Zack
Miri Julian
Della Olli

Lori-Leigh M
Maite & Chaz
Janie H-D
Michelle
Helena O

Lisa
Benji &
Dada
Anna
Helen C
Arthur H
Michelle
Jeannie
& Audrey
& family
Terry S
Geoff
Xander
Nigel D
Thomas
Tia K
Nichola

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.



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Tina 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: *Teach me, O Lord - Attwood*

Opening Hymn

**Praise, my soul,
the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed,
restored, forgiven,
who like me
his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him
for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him
still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like,
he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon,
bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)

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 Faithful Creator, whose
mercy never fails: deepen our
faithfulness to you and to your
living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book of Genesis

They heard the sound of the LORD
God walking in the garden at the

time of the evening breeze, and
the man and his wife hid
themselves from the presence of
the LORD God among the trees of
the garden. But the LORD God
called to the man, and said to him,
"Where are you?"

He said, "I heard the sound of you
in the garden, and I was afraid,
because I was naked; and I hid
myself." He said, "Who told you
that you were naked? Have you
eaten from the tree of which I
commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom
you gave to be with me, she gave
me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

Then the LORD God said to the
woman, "What is this that you have
done?" The woman said, "The
serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the
serpent, "Because you have done
this, cursed are you among all
animals and among all wild
creatures; upon your belly you
shall go, and dust you shall eat all
the days of your life. I will put
enmity between you and the
woman, and between your
offspring and hers; he will strike
your head, and you will strike his
heel."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 4. 13 -5. 1

But just as we have the same spirit
of faith that is in accordance with
scripture-- "I believed, and so I
spoke"-- we also believe, and so
we speak, because we know that
the one who raised the Lord Jesus

will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 3.20 - end

...and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot

stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family

in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Martin our bishop, for the leaders of our sister Churches, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For *Charles our King*, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for every city, town and village, and for all the people who live within them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, air, or water, for the sick and the suffering, [*for ...*], for prisoners

and captives, and for their safety,
health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all
affliction, strife and need,
and for the absolution of our sins
and offences,

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Remembering [... *and*]
all who have gone before us in
faith, and in communion with [...
and] all the saints, we commit
ourselves, one another, and our
whole life to Christ our God;

All to you, O Lord.

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.*

**O for a thousand tongues to
sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus - the name that charms
our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,**

'tis life, and health, and peace.

**He breaks the power of
cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest
clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his
voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts
rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye
dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour
come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my
God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 (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

Priest 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: Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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 be 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, 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: Hymn to the Trinity - Tchaikovsky

Hymn

**Bread of heaven,
on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living bread,
Day by day
with strength supplied
Through the life
of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven,
thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds
our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live:
Thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with 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 hope fill you with
all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy
Spirit, and the blessing of God
Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and
Sanctifier, be with you today and
always. *All* Amen.

Final hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout
the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh,
a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter
morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power

of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign
at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit
on his Church
to live for him,
the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice
to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel message
we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Burns (b 1938)

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 Filled with the Spirit's
power, go in the light and peace of
Christ. *All* Thanks be to God

Organ voluntary: *Processional -
Mathias*

Do stay a while

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Sea Sunday is coming up in July. Below is part of an email Fiona received from the **Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers**.

"May we convey our profound thanks for your kindness and generosity and in recognition of the vital part you play in sustaining our transformational work.

These last years you have supported us through an historically traumatic period for seafarers. The pandemic, as you know, brought unprecedented and persistent levels of distress for so many crew. The Ukraine war posed huge challenges and led to enormous anxiety and fear. For Ukrainian seafarers and their families of course but not forgetting Russian crew, and those of other nationalities who found themselves caught up in events.

Now we are dealing with the fears and disruption brought by appalling incidents in the Red Sea. On the day I write this we have just heard of the first three seafarer deaths as a result of those attacks – so tragic but, sadly, so inevitable. Our MESA teams (Middle East and South Asia Region) are particularly engaged, tracking attacked ships and arranging visitations in the next ports of call. However, so many ships are either routed via the Suez Canal or having their itineraries altered and extended. Both bring their own stresses and all of our global teams can find themselves engaged with worried

and impacted crew. Never has your support been more necessary or more deeply appreciated.

Through all this the ordinary challenges of seafaring continue. Day in and day out our teams can be dealing with every kind of issue – mental health, emotional support and everyday friendship."



**Do you have an item,
prayer list update or info
for the Pews News?**

Please send to

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com

(Print date is usually Wed.)

If you would like to receive a link to the Wednesday zoom service, please also use this email to request it. Thank you.

We are planning the **church summer garden party on Saturday 6th July.**

We will be having a plant stall. If you are sowing seeds or splitting plants at the moment perhaps you can donate a few plants to the sale ?

In addition we will be having a "good reads book stall".

We are looking for small numbers of books that you would recommend to others, ideally with a little note saying why someone might like to read that book.

Thank you in advance for your support. All donations of plants and books to Kate H please.

We plan to have a Tombola stall at the Church Summer Garden Party on Saturday 6th July

Any prizes that you can donate would be wonderful.

I am happy to collect or you can leave them at the back of the church. You can email me, Mel, c/o admstjohns30@gmail.com



b barefoot opera

Barefoot Opera is opening their tour of Verdi's vibrant opera **La Traviata**, with outstanding international young soloists, here at St Johns on June 21st, 7:30 pm. **We will have a stage for good visibility!**

Tickets are available on the website: www.barefootopera.com

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