



**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Pews News  
and Service sheet  
for 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 Twentieth  
Sunday after  
Trinity*



**NEXT SUNDAY – 20<sup>th</sup>  
October  
NO 8am Said Mass  
10.30am Sung Parish Mass**



**Our prayers are asked for:** David S, Pat, Bobby, Molly, Shirley K, Holly, Ken, Rachel T, Patrick N, Rose T, Amy, Amera 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 Middle East 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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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:** *Blest are the pure in heart - Walford*

## **Hymn**

**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God  
encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.**

**O make but trial of his love:  
experience will decide  
how blest are they,  
and only they,  
who in his truth confide.**

**Fear him, ye saints,  
and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service  
your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

*Tate and Brady New version 1696*

## **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* God, the giver of life, whose  
Holy Spirit wells up within your  
Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip  
us to live the gospel of Christ and  
make us eager to do your will, that  
we may share with the whole  
creation the joys of eternal life;  
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  
Amos**

*Amos 5.6-7, 10-15*

Seek the LORD and live, or he will  
break out against the house of  
Joseph like fire, and it will devour  
Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to  
wormwood, and bring  
righteousness to the ground!

...

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who  
reproves in the gate, and they  
abhor the one who speaks the  
truth. Therefore because you  
trample on the poor and take from  
them levies of grain, you have built  
houses of hewn stone, but you  
shall not live in them; you have  
planted pleasant vineyards, but  
you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your  
transgressions, and how great are  
your sins-- you who afflict the  
righteous, who take a bribe, and  
push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep  
silent in such a time; for it is an evil  
time.

Seek good and not evil, that you  
may live; and so the LORD, the  
God of hosts, will be with you, just  
as you have said. Hate evil and  
love good, and establish justice in  
the gate; it may be that the LORD,  
the God of hosts, will be gracious  
to the remnant of Joseph.

For the Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Hebrews 4. 12-end*

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**Lord, thy word abideth,  
And our footsteps guideth;  
Who its truth believeth,  
Light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us,  
Then thy word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
Message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us,  
And dark clouds before us,  
Then its light directeth,**

**And our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,  
Who recount the treasure  
By thy word imparted  
To the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving  
Succour to the living;  
Word of life, supplying  
Comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning  
Its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
Evermore be near thee!**

*H. W Baker (1821-77)*

**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 10.17 -31*

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-- houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions-- and in the age to come eternal life.

But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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.*

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy  
goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith,  
one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade us rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,

in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one Faith,  
one Lord.

Through many a day of  
darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, all restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith,  
one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail,  
hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith,  
one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
by mortals and by angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be our anthem:  
one Church, one Faith,  
one Lord.

*Edward Plumptre (1821-91)*

**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 (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 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*: Christ is the bread of life

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

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: Fear not, O land – William H. Harris**

## **Hymn**

**Strengthen for service,  
Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now  
have heard thy songs  
to clamour never waken.**

**Lord, may the tongues  
which 'holy' sang  
keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw  
thy love be bright,  
thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread  
thy holy courts  
from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy Body fed  
with thy new life replenish.**

*Syrian, 4<sup>th</sup> century Tr C W Humphreys (1840-1921) and Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God our Father, whose Son, the light un failing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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 the Father from whom  
every family in earth and heaven  
receives its name strengthen you  
with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your  
hearts by 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

Ye servants of God,  
your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad  
his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious  
of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious,  
and rules over all.

God ruleth on high,  
almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh:

his presence we have.  
The great congregation  
his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation  
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God  
who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud,  
and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus  
the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces,  
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,  
and give him his right:  
all glory and power,  
all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing,  
with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing,  
and infinite love.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

### 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:** *Ceremonial  
March - Sumsion*


*Do stay a while*



**Anti-Slavery Day in Chichester Diocese with Together in Sussex** on Friday 18th October - a day of events in Chichester raising awareness of Modern Day Slavery. With presentations from our partner agencies, including Sussex Police, and Bishop Alastair Redfern (former Bishop of Derby) . All welcome.

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## Cups on a String

The Hastings Centre, East Sussex,  
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Fri 18th October 2024 7:30PM

### AGE GUIDANCE: 14+

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