





Welcome to Mass this morning.

St John's Pevensey Road

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Pews News and service sheet for 28th July 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 – 4th August 8am <u>Said Mass</u> 10.30am Sung Parish Mass **Our prayers are asked for:** David S, Pat, Bobby, Molly, Shirley K, Holly, Ken, Rachel T and Patrick N and Janet.

Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Vivian N, Sally and Anthony Harvey ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.



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: O Saviour of the world - Somervell

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him! Alleluya! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice: [Refrain]

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful
and bright,
That givest us both warmth
and light: [Refrain]

Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluya! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them his glory also show: [Refrain]

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluya! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One: [Refrain]

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr W Draper (1855-1933)

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 sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 second book of Kings

2 Kings 4.42-end A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate. and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth. and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

Father, hear the prayer we offer: not for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be; but the steep and rugged pathway may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters would we idly rest and stay;

but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

Maria Willis (1824-1908)

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.

A// 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 6.1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,

said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them. "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. 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

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.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him king of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Christians, this Lord Jesus

shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline Noel (1817 -77)

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 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: Turn thy face from my sins - Attwood

Hymn

Be thou my guardian and my guide, And hear me when I call; Let not my slippery footsteps slide, And hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell Around the path I tread; O, save me from the snares of hell, Thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin, And outward things are strong, Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within, And save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray, And feel that I am frail; That if the tempter cross my way, Yet he may not prevail. Isaac Williams (1802-65)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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

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: War March of the priests - Mendelssohn





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

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com

(Print date is usually Wednesday, so by 4pm on Tuesday please)

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



When the rep from the Food Bank came to collect our offerings recently there was very little in the basket at the back of church. If you are able to donate, you will be helping the Hastings Foodbank, run by the Trussell trust, to provide individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, nonperishable food.

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)
TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)
TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)

TINNED FRUIT

COFFEE

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS; TOILETRIES

(SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE) TOILET ROLLS, TINNED FISH, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED RICE PUDDING, JAM, FRUIT JUICE

<u>Hope Kitchen</u> Volunteers needed!

Could you give up a Thursday evening once a month to help us prepare nourishing food and drink for homeless and disadvantaged people? We are a multi-church local charity operating out of Wellington Square Church. We urgently need more volunteers behind the scenes. The commitment is from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. one Thursday a month. St John's is well represented on the team so there would be friendly faces to work alongside. Please contact Ed Towner

at <u>admin@hopekitchenhasting</u> s.org.uk

THIS AFTERNOON



Presents

The 20th Century Guitar

e a recital exploring the music, innomations and artists that conduct a non-guitar tradition in the 20th century

Sunday 28th July 2024, 3 p.m. Blacklands Church, Laton Road, Hastings, TN34 2ES

Hastings Deanery confirmation service.

This September there will be an opportunity for anyone to be baptised and/or confirmed as a public profession of their Christian faith.

All baptism and confirmations will take place with Bishop Will at Christ Church, Blacklands on Monday 23 September in the evening. If you are interested in either being baptised or confirmed, please speak to Fr David by the end of July.

VFA HARVEST MOON FAYRE, SCARECROWS AND WEBSITE

Village Force Africa is delighted to announce the new website is now LIVE and can be found at

:- https://villageforceafrica.org We are also on Facebook and Instagram, these thanks to our new board member - Julie Mary Cozens Hammonds (whom you will have known as Julie Harrison). On our website you will find all the updates and information on our projects plus details of how much we have raised so far along with many pictures and videos of 'our' village BH29.

Please save September 7th to come along and support our big fundraiser 'Harvest Moon Fayre'. We are planning many fun events and will issue more details as we get nearer to the date. We expect the event to start at 2.30 pm and run until 5pm in the Rectory Gardens/Church Hall, depending on the vagaries of the weather. We have decided to depart a little from the scarecrow theme and make animal scarecrows instead! Don't miss seeing everyone's efforts in our nearby streets August 23rd-26th. VFA will be providing tea and cakes as a fundraiser at the event and would be very grateful if anyone felt able to support the efforts of our team with a little baking please. We shall be serving EVERY DAY between 3pm and 5pm, with Alistair as Kettle-Master!! Anyone willing to get involved in either of these events please contact Lesley Ann on villageforceafrica@gmail.com, or in church. thank you.