



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and Service Sheet**

16th November 2025

During the week



**10am Wednesday: Mass
in St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service*
Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee**

*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning -
the Second Sunday
before Advent*



Tammam Azzam:

'Klimt, Freedom Graffiti', from the Syrian Museum series, 2013, Photomontage (?).
Azzam superimposes *The Kiss* onto the façade of a ruined building in his native Syria, layering the familiar and the romantic onto the abhorrent and the tragic. The contents of flats and the everyday existences they once housed spill out through bombed-out walls like entrails...

**Next Sunday 23rd November –
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass**

Our prayers are asked for: Gillian; Sue; Jenny;
Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed,
especially Tim M, Sister Jean CGA, the Revd Charlie Hill...and those
whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross



Dan and children,
Jack and Lily,
whose Mum,
Chloe, has died,
aged 31yrs.

Rachel, my daughter.
Kiss to heaven.

Michelle, Louise T, Jackie, Ramona,
Lorenzo, Irene, Valerie, Helena,
Jamie F, Audrey, Jeannie & family

Zack
Liisa
John
Jan,
Nigel
Sarah
Don
Pat
Sue
Rene
Ken

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.

All
desperately
needing
help

All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name



St John's Personnel

Rector: Fr David Hill;

rectorstjohns30@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officer: 07340

268598 safestjohns40@gmail.com

Parish Administrator and PCC

Secretary: Lucy W

admstjohns30@gmail.com;

Parish Office: 07831904321

Please contact Lucy also for **Church
Hall Bookings**. Website:

www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk

Postal Address: St John the
Evangelist, Pevensey Road,

St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LF

*Prayer said by the choir: grant that
what we sing with our lips we may believe
in our hearts and what we believe in our
hearts we may show forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Introit: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
- Tye

Opening Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change
and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown
betray his trust;
what with care and toil
he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness
aye endureth,
deep his wisdom,
passing thought:
splendour, light
and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;**

joy doth wait on his command.

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the German of J Neander (1650-
80)*

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.

The Blessing of the Children and Lighting of the Candle as they go to Godly Play

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all
hearts are open, all desires
known and from whom no
secrets are hidden: cleanse the
thought of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon We come to God as one
from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and
peace.

Silence is kept

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.

Absolution

Priest God, who loved the world
so much that he sent his Son to be
our Saviour, forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in
the world, 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, Heavenly 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 on 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 Heavenly Lord, you long
for the world's salvation: stir us
from apathy, restrain us from
excess and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be
healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

Malachi 4. 1-2

See, the day is coming, burning
like an oven, when all the arrogant
and all evildoers will be stubble;
the day that comes shall burn them
up, says the LORD of hosts, so
that it will leave them neither root
nor branch. But for you who
revere my name the sun of
righteousness shall rise, with
healing in its wings. You shall go
out leaping like calves from the
stall.

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

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 3. 6 -13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**In Christ there is
no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole
wide earth.**

Join hands, then,

**people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father
as his child
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet
both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls
are one in him,
throughout the whole
wide earth.**

John Oxenham (1852-1941)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 21. 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place

first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Dcn 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 We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of 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.*

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
be thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord;
thou my great Father,
and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.**

**Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;**

**be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor all the world's praise:
be thou mine inheritance
now and always;
be thou and thou only
the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys
after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

*Irish c8th century tr. Mary Byrne
(1880-1931)*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Holy God, holy and strong, holy
and immortal, give us the bread of
everlasting life, and make us
branches of the true vine.

All Amen.

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, 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.

Priest And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; 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, 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, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. 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

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

T. B. Pollock (1836-96)

Prayers after Communion

Priest Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation!
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near;
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
All that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth
 prosper thy work
 and defend thee;
 surely his goodness and mercy
 here daily attend thee.
 Ponder anew -
 all the Almighty can do,
 He who with love
 doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
 O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath,
 come now with praises
 before him.
 Let the Amen
 sound from his people again,
 gladly for ay we adore him.

*German, Joachim Neander (1650-80); Tr
 Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) et al*

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 and rise in
 glory. **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and
 serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Concluding voluntary: Postlude
 in the style of Bach - Guilman

*Do stay a
 while!*



POSADA

Can you give shelter to Mary and Joseph this
 Advent? Posada is a Mexican tradition where
 Mary and Joseph figures make their journey
 to Bethlehem taking shelter at different
 houses throughout Advent until they arrive at
 church on Christmas Eve. A candle is lit and
 a prayer said at each house.

For more information on this charming
 tradition and to sign up for hosting the figures
 for 1 night, contact Carole ~~Guthrie~~



100 miles in November for Fr Andy Perry

In memory of Fr Andy Perry, who recently died following a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, Joe Padfield is taking on the mighty challenge of cycling 100 miles in all weathers this

November to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK. Andy was loved by many in the diocese, as a mentor, friend and colleague. Please consider supporting Joe if you are able.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Joe1761744175601?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

The Gospel of Matthew Seminars

The next phase of the Diocesan strategy, The Mystery of Faith 2026-2030, will be unveiled at diocesan Synod, a week on Saturday (15 November).

This timely on-line seminar on the Gospel of Matthew (**Thursday 20 November 10am - noon**) is the first of two, led by Canon Peter Sills, and explores when, why and by whom the Gospel was written, the sources on which it is based, its distinctive features, and its major themes.

The second seminar on 23 April 2026, looks more closely at Matthew's teaching and his picture of Jesus.

Details and how to book are on the Diocesan website

St John's first Christmas tree festival.

November 29th, 30th and December 6th and 7th.



We are excited to be holding our first Christmas tree festival.

It will incorporate all the elements of our usual **Christmas fair on Saturday 6th** December but with the extra of beautiful and fun trees to decorate our church as people come through to see them and for carols services over the 2 weekends. There is space for a couple more trees if you would like to do one.

Speak to Lesley C or Kate H.

As usual we are looking for **donations of items** for our tombola for adults and children, items for our Christmas food and chocolate Hampers, Christmas treasures or unwanted Christmas gifts for our Christmas treasures stall and foliage for Christmas wreaths. **There will be boxes at the back of church for donations.** Please speak to Kate Hill about foliage. **We would also value offers of cakes, mince pies and soup for refreshments** for those visiting, and there is a **signup sheet** if you could spare 2 hours to sit in our beautiful church and **welcome visitors** to the festival.

Harvey Gillman will address
the **Hastings and Rye**
Interfaith Forum at their
AGM on
**'Spiritual exploration at a
time of anxiety'.**
The event will take place at
the **Unitarian Church,**
7 South Terrace, Hastings,
on **Tuesday, December 2,**
beginning at 7 p.m.

*Please request a link to the Wednesday
Zoom service by emailing
pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com
Also to this email address please send any
updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet
by 4pm on Tuesdays. (Printing, folding and
stapling is done on Wednesdays) Thank you.

Archdeacon welcome

The Welcome and Collation of the
Revd Russell Dewhurst, as
Archdeacon of Hastings, will take place
in the context of Choral Evensong at St
Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, on
Sunday 23 November at 4.00pm.

The Small Print : Some material included in this
service is copyright © The Archbishops' Council
2000; Hymn words reproduced under CCLI
Licence 219821.

Photo of hands by Milada Vigerova, photo of
Christmas tree by Bharath Kumar and
background photo by Chad Madden,
all on Unsplash. ■ On front page: Eric C. Smith.
2022. 'What Wonderful Stones!', in *The Visual
Commentary on Scripture* ed. by Ben Quash.
(London: The Visual Commentary on Scripture
Foundation). [Accessed 10.11.2025]

Special services for Advent and Christmas

Sunday 30 November:
Advent Carol Service 6.00pm
Sunday 7 December:
Lights of Love service 3.00pm
Sunday 21 December:
Christmas Carol service 6.00pm
Wednesday 24 December:
Midnight Mass 11pm
Thursday 25 December:
Christmas morning 10.30am

The Bishop's Certificate is being
piloted from January 2026 in various
locations.

The Bishop's Certificate is an exciting
opportunity for lay people across the
diocese to deepen and grow in their
understanding of Christian faith.
Whether you're exploring lay ministry
or seeking to enrich your discipleship,
this course is designed to support and
inspire you.

Course Overview : Duration: 20 weeks
+ 3 study days, over three terms. Local
to us: Ss Peter & Paul Church Hall,
Parkstone Rd, Hastings TN34
2NT. Start date, Monday 26th January
7.30pm – 9pm

Joint study days for all participants at
a central location, location TBC:
Term 1, Saturday March 14th; Term 2,
Saturday June 6th ; Term 3, Saturday
14th November. Further details and
an application form can be found on
the diocesan website -

[Bishop's Certificate - Diocese of
Chichester](#)