



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the last Sunday
after Trinity
26th October 2025**

During the week
NO 10am Mass on
Wednesday:
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service*
Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee

*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning -
Bible
Sunday*



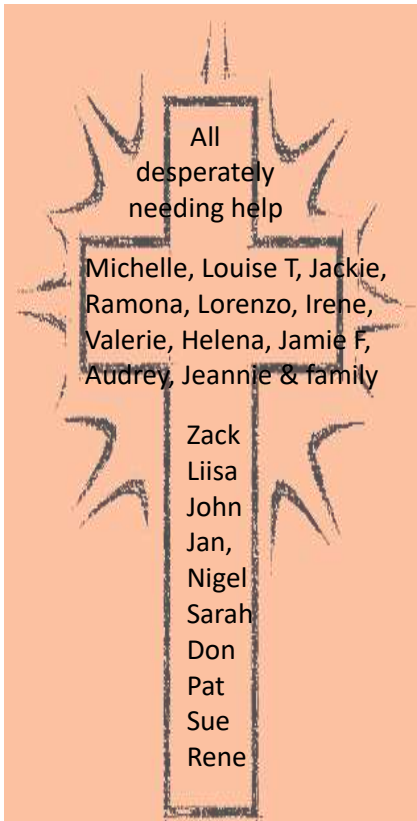
**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**

**... and to spend some time in this
beautiful church**



Next Sunday 2nd November –
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
Monday 3rd All Souls Day –
7pm Mass at the High Altar

St John's Prayer Cross



All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

Our prayers are asked for: Gillian; Sue and Ken; Tim; Jenny;

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

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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 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 Lord, my God, to thee - Arcadelt

Opening 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 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.

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 The word of God is living
and active. It judges the thoughts
and intentions of the heart. All is
open and laid bare before the eyes
of him to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

Silence is kept

Dcn Your word convicts us: all
have sinned and fallen short of the
glory of God. Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy

Dcn Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the good news.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Your word assures us: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

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, 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 Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 book of Isaiah

Isaiah 45. 22-25

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

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

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 15. 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**There is a book that
all may read,
Which heavenly truth imparts;
And all the lore
its scholars need,
Pure eyes and loving hearts.**

**The works of God above, below,
Within us, and around,
Are pages in that book, to show
How God himself is found.**

**The glorious sky, embracing all,
Is like the Maker's love,
Wherewith encompassed,
great and small,
In peace and order move.**

**The dew of heaven
is like thy grace,
It steals in silence down;
But where it falls,
the favoured place
By richest fruits is known.**

**Thou, who has given me
eyes to see,
And love for what is fair,
Give me a heart to find out thee,
And read thee everywhere.**

John Keble (1792-1866)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

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 4. 16 -24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the

Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Dcn Let us declare our faith in God, using the words of the Nicene Creed

All 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 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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.

Name him, Christians,
name him,
with love as strong as death;

but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain,
in temptation's hour
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

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 Maria Noel (1817 -77)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word and the table of your sacrament; as we feed on you, the bread of life, may we daily grow into your likeness.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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 It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and

everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is your eternal and creative Word, through whom all things came into being; the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He fulfils the Law and the Prophets, dying for our sins and rising again in accordance with the Scriptures. He stands among us in his risen power; opening to us his living word, and making himself known in the breaking of the bread. 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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. 🕯

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**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 Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before your in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory
and power be yours for ever and
ever. 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: He that shall endure to
the end - Mendelssohn

Hymn

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found-
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace-
no work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J. Evans

Prayers after Communion

Priest God of all grace, your Son
Jesus Christ fed the hungry with
the bread of his life and the word
of his kingdom: renew your people
with your heavenly grace, and in
all our weakness sustain us by
your true and living bread; who is

alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Hear the teaching of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'

Go now to do God's will, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825)

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 now in peace, knowing that you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: *Allegro*
from Suite in D – John Stanley**

Do stay a while!



**EXPLORE THE FAITH
with BISHOP LAURIE**

NEXT MEETING IS

2:30 pm Tuesday

18th NOVEMBER

**All Saints room
(under St John's Church)**

All welcome!

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VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA is still in urgent need of a treasurer. The treasurer does not need to become a trustee, the position can be a very simple one, but keeping the accounts' record independent of Alistair and myself is necessary for good practice within the charity. The task is not complicated or onerous. Please do speak to Alistair or Lesley Ann or contact us on villageforceafrica@gmail.com and we shall be delighted to answer any of your questions.

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](#)

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. This will be a significant moment in the life of



our diocese, as we welcome him into this new ministry. Refreshments will be served following the service.



The Hastings Foodbank,

run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current 'urgent' list is show below. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

UHT Milk (full fat -blue top; and semi-green top)

Tinned Meat (but not corned beef or pork)

Tinned Vegetables (especially peas and carrots, and potatoes)

Tinned Fish

Tinned rice pudding, jam

Coffee, fruit juice,

Toilet Rolls.

THANK YOU.

*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.