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**Pews News and
Service Sheet
for Sunday 5th
October 2025
HARVEST FESTIVAL
supporting:**



**Blessed are you, Lord
our God, King of the
universe, creator of light
and giver of life, to you
be glory and praise for
ever.**



OneBodyOneFaith



**St
John's
Pevensey Road
Welcome to Mass
and Harvest
Festival**

This
week:

10am

Midweek

Mass in

St Peter's Chapel

Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee: Fridays

10 – 12 noon in Church



**Next Sunday: 12th October
10.30am Parish Sung Mass
(NO 8am Said Mass)**

Our prayers are asked for: Tim, Ken, Gillian, Sue;

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

St John's Prayer Cross

Ramona
John H
Lorenzo
Zack
Jamie
Louise

Liisa;
Michelle
Jackie
Don
Helena

Jeannie
& Audrey
& family

Valerie
Jan
Rene
Irene
Pat

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 are
regularly
prayed
for by
name



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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: O praise the Lord - Goss

Opening Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come, to God's own temple,
come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant,
come:
raise the song of harvest home!
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified,

in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels,
come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Henry Alford (1810-71)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit. *All* Amen.

Priest 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 thoughts 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 Let us confess our
forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we
waste the resources of the world.

Lord God, our maker and our
redeemer, this is your world and
we are your people: come among
us and save us. We have wilfully
misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

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, 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 Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word all sit

A reading from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your

God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Philippians 4. 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**We plough the fields,
and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord, for all his love.*

**He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
All good gifts...**

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,**

**the seed-time and the
harvest, our life, our
health, our food.
Accept the gifts
we offer for all thy
love imparts,
and, what thou most
desirest, our humble,
thankful hearts. All
good gifts...**

*German, Matthias
Claudius (1740- 1815) Tr Jane
Campbell (1817-78)*

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is
announced the
Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your
eyes, and see that the fields
are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal
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 John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6. 25 - 35

When they found him on the other
side of the sea, they said to him,
"Rabbi, when did you come here?"
Jesus answered them, "Very truly,
I tell you, you are looking for me,
not because you saw signs, but
because you ate your fill of the
loaves. Do not work for the food
that perishes, but for the food that
endures for eternal life, which the
Son of Man will give you. For it is
on him that God the Father has
set his seal." Then they said to
him, "What must we do to perform
the works of God?" Jesus
answered them, "This is the work

of God, that you believe in him whom he
has sent." So they said to him, "What sign
are you going to give us then, so that we
may see it and believe you? What work are
you performing? Our ancestors ate the
manna in the wilderness; as it is written,
'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell
you, it was not Moses who gave you the
bread from heaven, but it is my Father who
gives you the true bread from heaven. For
the bread of God is that which comes down
from heaven and gives life to the world."
They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread
always." Jesus said to them, "I am the
bread of life. Whoever comes to me will
never be hungry, and whoever believes in
me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

Deacon

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn *during which*

the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise in hymns of adoration, to thee bring sacrifice of praise with shouts of exultation. Bright robes of gold the fields adorn, the hills with joy are ringing, the valleys stand so thick with corn that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day, thy bounteous hand confessing, upon thine altar, Lord, we lay the first-fruits of thy blessing; by thee the souls of folk are fed with gifts of grace supernal; thou who dost give us daily bread, give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day, and often toil seems dreary; but labour ends with sunset ray, and rest is for the weary: may we, the angel-reaping o'er, stand at the last accepted, Christ's golden sheaves for evermore to garner bright elected.

O blessed is that land of God, where saints abide for ever; where golden fields spread fair and broad, where flows the crystal river: the strains of all its holy throng with ours today are blending; thrice blessed is that harvest song which never hath an ending.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

The priest takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord
God of all creation; you
bring forth bread from
the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord
God of all creation;
you create the fruit of
the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God.

**All It is right to give
thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks
and praise for your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. He is the
image of the unseen God, the
firstborn of all creation. He
created all things in heaven
and on earth: everything
visible and everything
invisible, thrones, dominions,
sovereignities, powers, all
things were created through
him and for him.

Lord of all creation

All We worship and adore you.

He is the radiant light of your glory:
he holds all creation together by
his word of power.

Lord of all creation

All We worship and adore you.

He is first to be born from the
dead. All perfection is found in him,
and all things were reconciled
through him and for him,
everything in heaven and
everything on earth, when he

made peace by his
death on the cross. Lord of all creation

All We worship and adore you.

The Church is his body, he is its head.
He takes his place in heaven at your
right hand, where we worship you
with all of your creation, 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.**

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 Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 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.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord
Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that
he died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

*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

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise**

*this our sacrifice of
praise.*

For the beauty of
each hour of the day
and of the night,
hill and vale and tree
and flower, sun and
moon and stars of light:
Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's
delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to
sound and sight:
Refrain

For the joy of
human love,
brother, sister,
parent, child,
friends on earth
and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts
and mild: *Refrain*

For each perfect gift
of thine, to our race
so freely given,
graces human
and divine,
flowers of earth
and buds of heaven:
Refrain

For thy Church that
evermore lifteth holy
hands above, offering up
on every shore this pure
sacrifice of love: *Lord of
all, to thee we raise this
our sacrifice of praise.*

F. S Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Prayers after Communion

Priest Lord of the harvest, with joy
we have offered thanksgiving for
your love in creation and have
shared in the bread and wine of the
kingdom: by your grace plant within
us a reverence for all that you give
us, and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we
enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Priest May God who clothes the lilies
and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the
deer to water, who multiplied
loaves and fishes and changed water
into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our
Creator through all eternity; 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

And did those feet in
ancient time
walk upon England's
mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb
of God on England's
pleasant pastures
seen?

And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem
builded here among those
dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of
burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear!
O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I shall not cease
from mental fight,
nor shall my sword
sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and
pleasant land.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Organ voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott – Karg-Elert*

*Do stay to share in
Harvest Lunch*



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.



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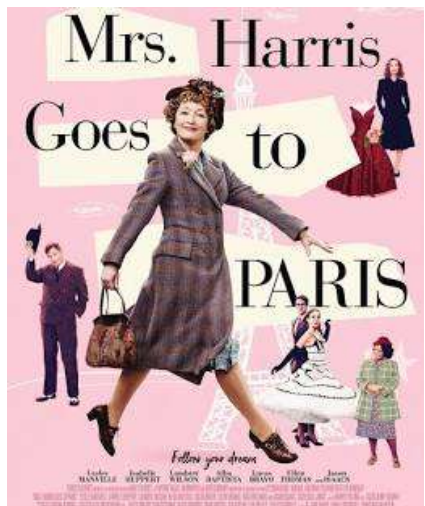
Starting at 2:30 pm on
Tuesday 30th September in
All Saints room
(under St John's Church)

All welcome!
**Meeting weekly to learn
about**
**Bible, Jesus, the Creeds,
the Mass, the Church,
Prayer, the Saints,
Suffering, Confirmation,
anything you want to
discuss.**

**Tea, Coffee, biscuits
provided.**



*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com; Also to this address any updates for the prayer list or pew sheet, by 4pm on Tuesdays, please.



Film night is back!

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris
Friday October 10th
6pm for 6:30pm start
in St Johns Hall

**Small plates of French cheese, meats
and baguette available to buy to create
the atmosphere.**
**And of course, teas, coffee, cakes and
popcorn !**
Bring your own bottle .

**Admission £5.00, tickets from Katy H
or on the door**

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