



**During the
week**

**Tuesday 2.30pm Explore
the Faith with Bishop
Laurie in the All Saints
Room**

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 – 5th
October – HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

8am Said Mass

**10.30am Sung Parish
Mass**

**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News
and service sheet
for 28th September 2025**

*Welcome to
Mass this
morning.*

*The Feast of St
Michael and All
Angels*



**Harvest Lunch,
share the bounty**

Sunday October 5th after church.

A shared meal to celebrate all that we have.

Sign up at the back for offers of food
**Please bring you own plate, bowl and
cutlery!**

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

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

All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

Zack;
Michelle;
Liisa;
Don;
Sue; Pat;

Ramona ; John ; Valerie
Louise ; Jackie ; Jamie
Helena ; Lorenzo

Jeannie
&
Audrey
&
family

*If you
would like a
link for the
Wednesday
Zoom
worship, or if
you have any
items for the
Pews News,
or updates
for the
prayer list or
prayer cross,
please **send
this week
only** to
[admstjohns
@gmail.com](mailto:admstjohns@gmail.com)
**by 4pm on
Tuesday.**
(The print
run, folding
and stapling
is done on
Wednesdays)
Thank you.



**NEXT SUNDAY
is HARVEST FESTIVAL**
supporting



*Please bring, if you can, as your
harvest gifts something from
their suggestion list :*

*Beans, tinned meat (chicken in
white sauce, chilli, spag bol,
ham, corn beef, meat balls,
curries, anything like that) tinned
fish, hearty soups and ordinary
soups, pasta sauces, curry
sauces, pasta, pot noodles,
noodles, microwave rice, tinned
spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned
custard, rice pudding, long-life
milk, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits,
Fray Bentos pie, tinned potatoes,
tinned vegetables. Toilet paper,
toiletries, washing up liquid.
Please only include if
appropriate: Socks, men's
pants/briefs, jumpers, jogging
bottoms or casual trousers, t-
shirts.*



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

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim,
and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions,
princedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels,
angels' choirs,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious
than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious,
magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

Respond, ye souls
in endless rest,
ye patriarchs
and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve,
ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant,
raise the song,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

O friends, in gladness
let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,

Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit,
Three in One,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

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 We have come to Mount
Zion, the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of
angels, to God the judge of all, and
to Jesus the mediator of a new
covenant. Let us confess our sins
in penitence and faith.

All Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate
fault.

We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
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 Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 book of Genesis

Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I

have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!"

And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 1. 5 - end

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my

right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Around the throne of God
a band
Of glorious angels ever stand;
Bright things they see,
sweet harps they hold,
And on their heads
are crowns of gold.**

**Some wait around him,
ready still
To sing his praise
and do his will;
And some
when he commands them, go
To guard his servants
here below.**

**Lord, give thy angels every day
Command to guide us
on our way,
And bid them every evening
keep
Their watch around us
while we sleep.**

**So shall no evil thing draw near,
To do us harm or cause us fear;
And we shall dwell,
when life is past,
With angels round thy throne
at last.**

J. M Neale (1818 -66)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules; my soul, give thanks to the Lord. For he commands his angels to keep you in all your ways **All 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 1.47 - end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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 Hear again the song of the
angels: Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth 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.*

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless
thee and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the
farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near
us, and wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and
voices for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's

measure for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God,
we offer of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds
and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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 (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

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.

Through him the archangels sing your praise, the angels fulfil your commands, the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness; the whole company of heaven glorifies your name and rejoices to do your will. Therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs, 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.

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 stand 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 and angels, 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, 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.

God rains down manna for us to eat and gives us the grain of heaven. *All* So on earth we share the bread of angels.

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: Lord I trust thee - Handel

Hymn

Soul of my Saviour,
sanctify my breast,
body of Christ,
be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water
flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection
may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu,
hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord,
hide and shelter me,
so shall I never,
never part from thee.

Guard and defend me
from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments
make me only thine;
call me and bid me
come to thee on high
where I may praise thee
with thy saints for ay.

Latin, 14th century translation anonymous

Prayers after Communion

Priest Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven;

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 God keep you in the fellowship of his saints. Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels. The Spirit make you holy in God's service:

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 holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light

fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Richard

Baxter (1615-91) 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...

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: *Toccata in D minor (Dorian) BWV 538 – J. S. Bach*

Do stay a while



EXPLORE THE FAITH with BISHOP LAURIE

**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**

Fr David writes: As most of you know, our previous Rector the lovely Fr Andrew died very peacefully on the morning of Wednesday 3rd September. We now have details of his funeral services.

There will be a Requiem Mass at 6pm on Wednesday 1st October.

The funeral itself will take place on Thursday 2nd October at Midday.

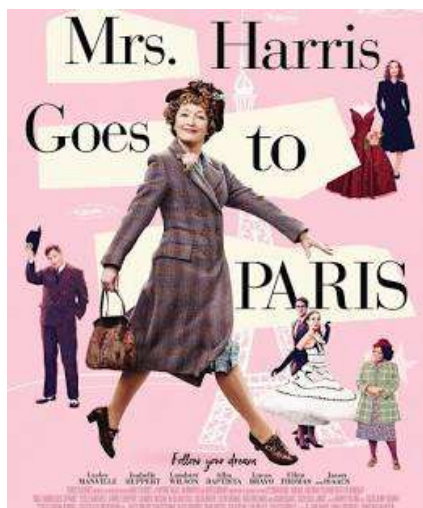
As these services are taking place in St Mary's East Preston which only seats about 120 people we will not be organising a coach.

If people wish to attend they are most welcome, but please attend one but not both of the services.

At St John's we are planning to show both services on the big screen in the Chancel with the projector as St Mary's are live-streaming them. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

May Fr Andrew rest in peace and rise in glory.





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 Harper or on the door

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Fiona Mac writes: For one night only! I'm swapping my bed for a sleeping bag and giving a homeless person a chance of a better future.

I'm taking part in the Big Sleep 2025, organised by The Seaview Project!

The Big Sleep encourages teams and individuals to sleep out in a secured space in St Leonards and experience a little of what it's like to sleep rough.

Help me to raise awareness and vital funds for rough sleepers and homeless people locally, and be part of the solution.

Rough sleeping won't go away, today or tomorrow, but with your help we can make a difference! Forms to sponsor Fiona are in church (hopefully) or https://www.justgiving.com/page/fj-macgregor-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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