



**St John's  
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News  
and Service Sheet  
for the first Sunday  
after Trinity  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 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**

**Next Sunday 29th June –  
St Peter and St Paul  
8am Said Mass  
10.30am Sung Mass**

A thanksgiving service for the life of  
Peter Lane will be held here  
at 2pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

*Welcome to  
Mass  
this  
morning*



An anonymous tenth-century artist presents the story of the healing of a possessed man in this small ivory carving. ... the relief was part of a larger narrative of the story of Christ, told in 50 or 60 similar ivory carvings. These were probably made for some form of liturgical furniture in the cathedral of Magdeburg. Only 16 of these Magdeburg ivories have survived today (Jülich 2007: 85–6). The artist has chosen the exact moment when Christ is ordering a demon to leave the man's body. In this powerful symmetrical composition, we see Christ in profile on the left. Behind him—somewhat close and cramped together—are the twelve disciples....The right side of the relief is taken up by the possessed man, a winged demon flying out of his mouth (the head of the demon has broken off), and a person constraining him. By including this latter figure, the artist seems to refer to the verses where the possessed man is being described as wild, and difficult to hold down (Mark 5:4; Luke 8:29). Three small pigs are looking up curiously at the scene in front of them, still unaware of their impending fate.



## St John's Prayer Cross



**Our prayers are asked for:** Fr Andrew; Helena O; Gillian; Sue and Ken;

**Please pray also for** the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Marion Horsbrugh, Peter Lane and Richard Ames-Lewis (priest) ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

All are regularly prayed for by name



### Urgently needed items for the foodbank include:

Toilet Rolls, UHT Milk, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables.

Other needed items include: Tinned fish, tinned potatoes, tinned rice pudding, toiletries.

If you are able to donate, please leave items in the container at the back of church and they will be collected by the Food Bank rep. Thank you.

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: Lead me, Lord – S. S.  
Wesley**

## **Opening Hymn**

All people  
that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord  
with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear,  
his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him,  
and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know,  
is God indeed,  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep  
he doth us take.

O enter then his gates  
with praise,  
Approach with joy  
his courts unto;  
Praise, laud,  
and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why?  
the Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times  
firmly stood,  
And shall  
from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven  
and earth adore,

**From us and from  
the angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore.  
Amen.**

*William Kethe (d. 1594)*

## **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 Youth Choir – Young  
Voices for God.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*Deacon* God the Father forgives  
us in Christ and heals us by the  
Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put  
away all anger and bitterness, all  
slander and malice, and confess  
our sins to God our redeemer:

*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* The God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in 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* God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk

in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ our Son. *All Amen*

## **The Liturgy of the Word *all sit***

### **A reading from the first Book of Kings**

*1 Kings 19. 1-4 [5-7] 8-15a*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the

word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **A Reading from the letter to the Galatians**

*Galatians 3. 23 - end*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.*

**City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
Thy free and loyal people are  
of every age and clime.**

**One holy Church,  
one mighty throng,  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band,  
one harvest-song,  
one King omnipotent.**

**How purely hath  
thy speech come down  
from earth's primeval youth!**

**How grandly  
hath thine empire grown  
of freedom, love, and truth!**

**How gleam thy watch-fires  
through the night  
with never-fainting ray!  
how rise thy towers,  
serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!**

**In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands:  
unharm'd upon the eternal rock  
the eternal city stands.**

*Samuel Johnson (1822-82)*

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, one God, who was,  
and who is, and who is to come,  
the Almighty. **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 8.26-39*

Then they arrived at the country of  
the Gerasenes, which is opposite  
Galilee. As Jesus stepped out on  
land, a man of the city who had  
demons met him. For a long time  
he had worn no clothes, and he did  
not live in a house but in the  
tombs. When he saw Jesus, he  
fell down before him and shouted  
at the top of his voice, "What have  
you to do with me, Jesus, Son of  
the Most High God? I beg you, do  
not torment me"--  
for Jesus had commanded the  
unclean spirit to come out of the

man. (For many times it had  
seized him; he was kept under  
guard and bound with chains and  
shackles, but he would break the  
bonds and be driven by the demon  
into the wilds.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is  
your name?" He said, "Legion"; for  
many demons had entered him.

They begged him not to order  
them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large  
herd of swine was feeding; and the  
demons begged Jesus to let them  
enter these. So he gave them  
permission. Then the demons  
came out of the man and entered  
the swine, and the herd rushed  
down the steep bank into the lake  
and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what  
had happened, they ran off and  
told it in the city and in the country.  
Then people came out to see what  
had happened, and when they  
came to Jesus, they found the man  
from whom the demons had gone  
sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed  
and in his right mind. And they  
were afraid.

Those who had seen it told them  
how the one who had been  
possessed by demons had been  
healed. Then all the people of the  
surrounding country of the  
Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave  
them; for they were seized with  
great fear. So he got into the boat  
and returned. The man from  
whom the demons had gone  
begged that he might be with him;  
but Jesus sent him away, saying,  
"Return to your home, and declare  
how much God has done for you."  
So he went away, proclaiming  
throughout the city how much

Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

**Deacon** We say together in faith

**All** Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

**Deacon** We believe in God the  
Father, who created all things:

**All** for by his will they were  
created and have their being.

**Deacon** We believe in God the  
Son, who was slain:

**All** for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.

**Deacon** We believe in God the  
Holy Spirit:

**All** the Spirit and the Bride say,  
‘Come!’ Even so come, Lord  
Jesus! Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Peace**

**Priest** Peace to you from God our  
heavenly Father. Peace from his  
Son Jesus Christ who is our  
peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit,  
the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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.*

The Church’s one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came  
and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood  
he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o’er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppress,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest,  
yet saints  
their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, ‘How long?’  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.



**Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

*Samuel Stone (1839-1900)*

**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 (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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for

your own possession. 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;  
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 you  
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: Come, Holy Ghost -  
Attwood**

## Hymn

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side  
which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt  
and power.

Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes  
are closed in death,  
When I soar  
through tracts unknown,  
See thee  
on thy judgement throne;  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

*Augustus Toplady (1740-78)*

## Prayers after Communion

*Priest* Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope and make us grow in love; for the sake 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* Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter; more than we can conceive, be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people, all creature, for ever and ever. *All Amen*

*Priest* God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

*All Amen.*

## Final hymn

Let all the world  
in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world  
in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

Let all the world  
in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The church  
with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world  
in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

*George Herbert (1593-1632)*

## 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:** *Postlude in D –  
Healey Willan*

## Do stay a while!



**Orchestra from Everywhere**  
Sun 22nd June, 7.30pm  
St John's Church - The Exchange,  
Brimley Road, TN30 0RD

*International Refugee Week*

Online Party here after  
On the Road - 4.12  
Cost - £8

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Put the date in the diary. The **church summer garden party** will be held at The Rectory Gardens on Saturday 5th July starting at 2pm featuring Morris dancing from 2pm to 2:15pm then 2:45-3pm. Make sure you don't miss it. Prosecco and strawberries, plant stall, craft stall and tombola all to delight you. If you can donate anything for the Tombola these can be left in a box at the back of the church. Plants to be left at The Rectory whenever is convenient for you.

*Email:  
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Lucy is our Administrator.  
Please contact her also for  
Church Hall bookings.*

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on 100% recycled paper

**The St John's LGBT+ group will be  
meeting after Mass on Sunday 6th  
July.**

**Further details from Clare C or  
Barbara M. Please bring a packed  
lunch.**



#### **WELCOMERS' TEAM**

We need 2 or 3 new members to join the Welcomers' Team to give those on the team some flexibility, helping to cover every 5th Sunday in the month and also when we have extra services at Easter and Christmas. Please speak to the Churchwardens if you would like to know more, or to volunteer.

**VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA** need a new enthusiastic member of their team to take on the role of Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Alan Privett, retires from his post after two illustrious years, in August. If anyone feels they would like to join this exciting forward-looking team, please contact Lesley Ann on [admin@villageforceafrica.org](mailto:admin@villageforceafrica.org)

\*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com)  
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