

St John's, Pevensey Road



**Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 20th June 2021**

The Third Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this Parish Mass - held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with a socially-distanced congregation; recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day, technology permitting...

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, at 9 a.m.

Church open for private prayer, weekday mornings

Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online “Zoom” service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will send you the necessary “link”.

People for whom our prayers are asked:

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Linda, Alison N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Sally L, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Luke, and Roy.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Joyce Fentiman, Anne Forty, Les Harston, Margaret Haviland, Peter Green, and Philip Green,

...and all who mourn.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us

...was written by James Edmeston, who was born in 1791 in Wapping, in the Docklands area of east London. He was brought up a “Nonconformist” but later joined the Church of England. He trained as an architect and surveyor, and in 1864 built Columbia Wharf, Rotherhithe, the first grain silo in a British port. He was a longstanding churchwarden of his local parish of Saint Barnabas, Homerton, east London. He wrote 2,000 hymns, one for every Sunday, but the only one to have attained lasting popularity is *Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us*.

The hymn is titled “A Hymn to the Trinity” in one collection, and indeed we see the three verses referencing “Father”, “Saviour” and “Spirit”.

In verse one God the Father is exhorted to lead us “o’er the world’s tempestuous sea”, perhaps reflecting the way God “guarded and guided” the Israelites to the Promised Land, across the Red Sea, “keeping them and feeding them” along their way. Edmeston’s familiarity with the docklands made him keenly aware of how rough seas could disrupt human plans, and applied that insight to our spiritual journey, being dependent upon God’s blessing and help.

In verse two, “Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us”, recalls the appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples in the upper room. The Risen Lord is not some superman but is someone who has been through our human experiences, who has been through life’s wilderness himself, feeling “lone[ly], dreary, faint and weary”, as we all do from time to time.

The third verse concludes the hymn with a poetic prayer to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit brings many gifts, but foremost amongst them are heavenly joy, love and peace that cannot be destroyed.

Mass for the Third Sunday after Trinity

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Prayer of Confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins
in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weak-
ness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The priest says the Absolution

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 said:

**All 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Amen

The Collect

Let us pray:

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of Job

Job 38: 1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements – surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb? –
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

and said, “Thus far shall you come,
and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be
stopped”?

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

2 Cor. 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,
‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you
Corinthians; our heart is wide open to
you. There is no restriction in our
affections, but only in yours.
In return – I speak as to children –
open wide your hearts also.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou did'st tread this earth before us,
thou did'st feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou did'st go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is
listening.
You have the words of eternal life.
All Alleluia

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 4.35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to
his disciples, 'Let us go across to the
other side.' And leaving the crowd
behind, they took him with them in the
boat, just as he was. Other boats were
with him. A great gale arose, and the
waves beat into the boat, so that the boat
was already being swamped. But he was
in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and
they woke him up and said to him,
'Teacher, do you not care that we are
perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the
wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be
still!' Then the wind ceased, and there
was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why
are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'
And they were filled with great awe and
said to one another, 'Who then is this,
that even the wind and the sea obey
him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

**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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of all truth and goodness, we pray for those in positions of authority in the Church all over the world and in each gathered community; that in all the storms we may be enabled to hear God's calming voice and deepen our trust in him.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Lord of great power and majesty; we pray for those with political and military power, and all whose decisions affect many lives. Speak truth into motives, honour into actions and your vision of peace into every conflict.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all single people, couples, communal groups and families, as they weather their storms and learn from them; lavish on all who have the care of others the capacity to bring peace and calm fears.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing, we pray for those whose minds and hearts are in turmoil, whose lives lurch from crisis to crisis; for those who find their lives shattered by illness or injury; for peace in those threatening storms and a settling of all anxiety.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Lord of eternity, we thank you
for your reassurance of life beyond
physical death;
we pray for those who are dying alone,
unnoticed or unprepared;
we commend those who have died to
God's merciful forgiveness and eternal
tranquillity.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation,
we are full of wonder at the story of
your universe,
spoken into existence and sustained
with such love.

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace is introduced

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for
peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine
are placed upon it.*

Music: Liebster Jesu - J.S. Bach

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 priest takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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
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 and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious
name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 Saint John
the Evangelist, Saint 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

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

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.

Agnus Dei is said:

All Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

Communion is received

*Music: Adagio Molto from Sonata No. 3 -
A. Guilmant*

Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post
Communion for the day:*

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing
more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
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 and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*We are encouraged to sit and listen
to the Organ Voluntary before
leaving, which today is Fuga from
Sonata No.3 - A. Guilmant*

21st June: The Longest Day of the Year

June is the month of the Summer Solstice, coming from the Latin words 'Sol + stice' meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here is a Christian alternative that honours the Creator rather than the created:



**We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great
splendour,
of you Most High, he bears your likeness.**

**We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright,
precious and fair.**

**We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made.**

**We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.**

**We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.**

**We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us with her fruits, coloured flowers,
and herbs.**

**We praise and bless you, Lord, and give you thanks,
and serve you in all humility.**

Extract from Canticle of the Sun, by St Francis of Assisi



The weather was perfect for our recent **Nature Survey day**. It was lovely to see families coming together enthusiastically, to seek out bugs and butterflies. Members of our congregation took part, one clad with an assortment of magnifying glasses, and another hadn't realized how large the gardens were until chasing bees and butterflies! Friends came to support the Church via the Bric-a-Brac stall then had fun doing the Nature Survey. All in all I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you all for supporting St Johns.
GBU, Sally [from the Gardening Team]



Comedians of Faith

Truth can come from a range of places. In Shakespeare, it's often the Fool who has the insight that the main characters lack. In the Old Testament, it's the prophets that proclaim the truth from God's perspective. Maybe today, we should be listening more to the comedians – to the people who stand back from our day-to-day happenings and see the world from different angles. They can make us laugh, but they can also teach us truths about ourselves...



Take the new book by comedian, radio presenter, and Catholic, **Frank Skinner**. It's called '**A Comedian's Prayer Book**' (Hodder & Stoughton) and runs to just over a hundred pages. Yet in those pages, Skinner – who is very open about his devout Christian faith – poses serious questions for both believers and atheists. Skinner sees his role as a comic as integral to this faith, raising deep issues in the chapters of this slim volume, including questions that will connect with people both within the Christian faith, and those standing outside.

Skinner's 'Prayer Book' is on my bookshelf alongside '**10 Second Sermons**,' (Darton, Longman & Todd) written by fellow comedian **Milton Jones** in 2011. Again, the comedian's quirky view on life brings fresh insights and challenges.

Jones, a master of one-line jokes, describes gossip as "bullying people who are not there," lust as "rehearsing for a play in which you shouldn't have a part", and salvation as "like being returned to the factory settings – but you have to admit there is a factory, and that there could be some settings."

One of my favourites is Jones's description of the Holy Spirit as "a real person you can invite in. But watch out – in time He will go over, pull the fridge from the wall and say 'What's all this mess under here?' But at least He helps clear up."



Both Milton Jones and Frank Skinner are comedians of faith – Ken Dodd, also, was a deeply religious man, a member of his local church of St John the Evangelist, Knotty Ash, all his life, and Victoria Wood was a practicing Quaker. Comedic commentators with a gift of making us see the world with fresh insight. And, just as importantly, making us laugh.

by the Rev'd Peter Crumpler

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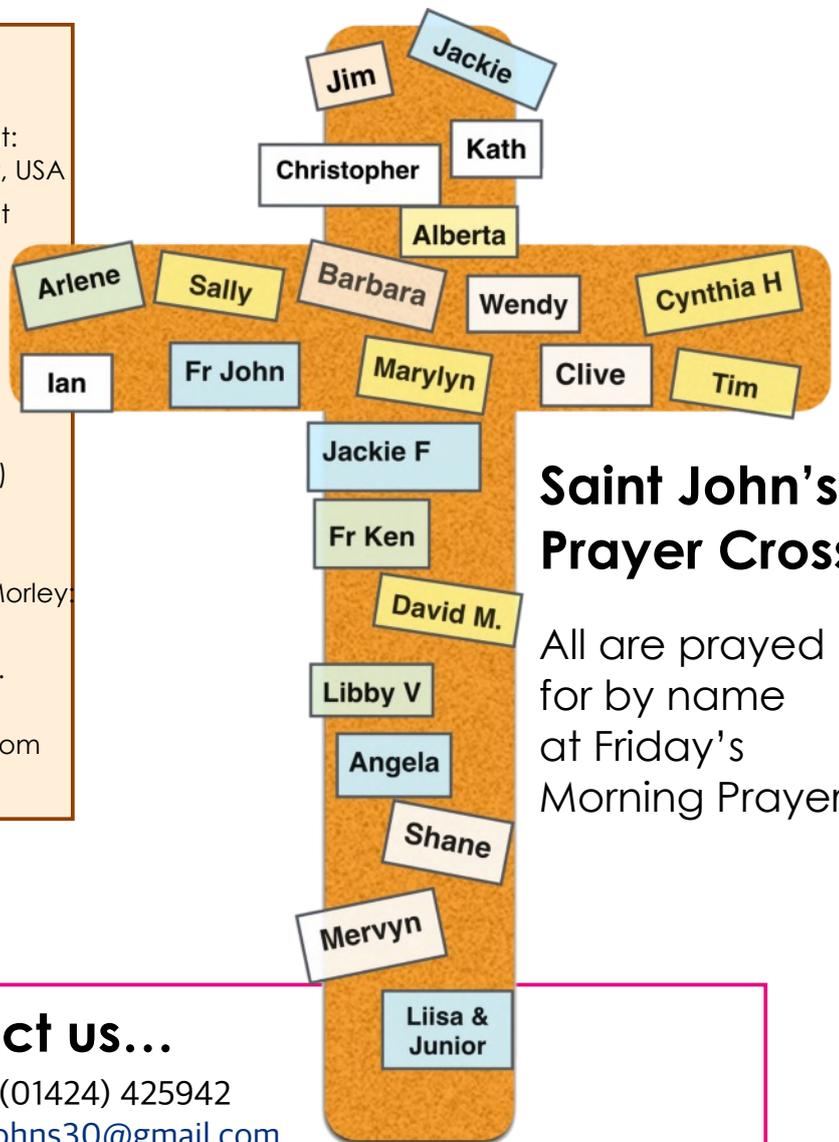
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for by name
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