



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bell Ringers Sunday

Sunday 20th September 2026



Please pray:

For The Anglican Church of Australia

For the Archdeacon of Hastings and his PA Marc Sacher

For those who ring the bells in our church, and for the work of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers.

For neighbours in Shirley Avenue.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Jess, Carole, Roger Grady, AJ, Mr Jackson, Peter.

For the departed: Neil Kelly, Ron Grimstone, Stanley Theobald, Edith Rose, Kathleen Grant, Elsie Tudor.

Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type, including the hymns.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Processional Hymn

AMR 496

- 1 Unchanging God, who livest
enthroned in realms on high,
to men the power thou givest
thy name to magnify.
We raise the bells for ringing
with ready mind and will,
and come before thee, bringing
our hearts, our strength, our skill.**
- 2 We call, from tower and steeple,
upon the day of days,
all faithful Christian people
to worship, prayer and praise;
we ring with joyous gladness
when man and wife are blessed;
we peal in muffled sadness
for loved ones laid to rest.**
- 3 By union free and willing
the work of God is done;
our Master's prayer fulfilling,
we would in him be one:
One, as the Church our Mother
would have her children stand,
befriending one another,
a strong and steadfast band.**
- 4 Our lives, like bells, while changing,
an ordered course pursue;
through joys and sorrows ranging,
may all those lives ring true.**

**May we, through Christ forgiven,
our faults and failures past,
attain our place in heaven,
called home to rest at last.**

H. C. Wilder

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We remain standing as the priest introduces the celebration. We say the 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.

The Penitential Rite

The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, 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.**

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.

Amen.

The Gloria

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.

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you
mercifully to hear the prayers of your people
who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to
do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died

by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for the psalm. The Choir sing the verses, and we are encouraged to join in with the Gloria at the end.

Psalm

Psalm 145:1-8 (Chant: Norris)

1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King *
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee *
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
 - 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised *
there is no end of his greatness.
 - 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another *
and declare thy power.
 - 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship *
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
 - 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts *
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
 - 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed *
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
 - 8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful *
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the 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.

The Intercessions

If you are able, we remain standing. In the intercessions, we make the response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers we say together:

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

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.

Offertory Hymn

CP 81

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We remain standing. The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

**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.**

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

**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 Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We sit or kneel, and sing the Agnus Dei:

**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.**

Mass of St Thomas, Thorne

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Please do not intinct. If you are unwell, please help us to keep those who are immunocompromised safe by refraining from taking the chalice. It is perfectly valid to receive the bread only.

Choir

Forth in the peace of Christ we go, David Ogden

Communion Hymn

NEH 456

- 1 Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!**
- 2 A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.**
- 3 All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake',
Will not grow bright and clean.**
- 4 A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.**
- 5 This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.**

George Herbert (1593-1632)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray together:

**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.**

The Notices

Please sit for the notices.

The Blessing of Bell Ringers

The priest introduces the blessing.

Bellringers of The Good Shepherd, will you dedicate your energy and skills that you may always ring to the glory of God?

With the help of God, we will.

People of God, will you dedicate yourselves to the glory of God, so that your whole lives ring out to His praise?

With the help of God, we will.

O God, who has made all things well
and given us so much in life to enjoy;
we thank You for the art of bellringing
for the skill of bell founders and craftsmen
for the gift of music and sound
and for every means by which our life and worship is enriched
Bless the work of these bell ringers
and help us to be good stewards of our gifts
that we may glorify You in fuller dedication of ourselves
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us:

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn
CP 254

- 1 For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Organ Voluntary

Chorale prelude on East Acklam, Francis Jackson

THIS WEEK

Monday 21 st September	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 22 nd September <i>St Cyprian</i>	
9am - 12 noon 2pm - 4pm 7.30pm	Clear Out Week Tea at The Good Shepherd Book Group
Wednesday 23 rd September	
11am 2pm - 4pm	The Eucharist (at Chartwell Nursing Home) Clear Out Week
Thursday 24 th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	
10.30am 2pm - 4pm	The Eucharist Clear Out Week
Friday 25 th	
9am - 12 noon	Clear Out Week
Sunday 27 th The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am 10.15am 11.30am 6pm	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Sunday Snippets Taizé Service

NOTICES

We are celebrating our Bell Ringers this week. During Sunday Snippets Pat will be telling us all about our Bells!

Next Sunday at 6pm there will be a **Taizé Service** - it's a great chance for some quiet and contemplative prayer.

Also next Sunday we will be hearing about the work of the **Motor Neurone Disease Association**, one of our chosen charities for this year.

We are hoping to launch a **Toddler Group** in the next couple of months, so are looking for donations of particular toys to help us get started. You can see a full list of what we're looking for on the poster at the back of church, along with details of how you can donate.

Tickets for the **Harvest Supper** are now on sale. They are £10 a ticket and include shepherd's pie and dessert. The evening begins at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd October.

We are having a **Clear Out Week** this week aided on Wednesday by students from Brighton College. Please do sign up to a slot if you are able!

There are a couple more sign up sheets at the back. One for a group to begin working on the **Christmas Fayre**, and the other for plans to celebrate the **Centenary** of the completion of our church building.

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