The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25th October 2026



Please pray:

The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

For the Diocesan Safeguarding team; Colin Perkins; Julie Gross; Hannah Cashman; Tami Chalmers; Charlie Parker, Emma Lambert, Rebecca Churchill.

For neighbours in Hove Park Gardens.

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: Irene Rose Ginn, Mark Beckwith, Nora Bedford.

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
NEH 466

1 Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

2 Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

4 Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light

John Marriott (1780-1825)

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:

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ;
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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
A reading from Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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 1 (Chant: Elgar)

1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stood in the way of sinners *
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord *
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side *
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
4 His leaf also shall not wither *
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them *
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement *
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous *
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.
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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Fatherwill love them, and we will come to them.
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 22:34-end
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'"?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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
NEH 485

1 Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2 Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one Faith, one Lord.

4 Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Plumptre (1821-91)

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.

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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

Blessed is the man, Richard Shephard

Communion Hymn
NEH 306

1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs
To clamour never waken.

2 Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright,
Thy blessèd hope perceiving.

3 The feet that tread thy holy courts
From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by thy Body fed
With thy new life replenish.

Tr. C. W. Humphreys (1840-1921)
Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:
God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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

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
NEH 235

1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

3 Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.

4 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

5 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;

6 For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Organ Voluntary

Variations on Old Psalm Tunes, Song 34, George Dyson

THIS WEEK

Monday 26th October	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 27th October	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd
Wednesday 28th October *Ss Simon and Jude*	
11am	Communion by Extension at *Chartwell Nursing Home*
Thursday 29th October	
10.30am 7pm - 8.30pm	The Eucharist Bell Ringing
Sunday 1st **All Saints Day**	
8.00am **10.15am** 11.30am 4pm - 6pm	The Eucharist **Parish Eucharist** Sunday Snippets Light Party

NOTICES

We are thinking today about our financial giving to church, not so much about how much we give, but the way we do so. Please do stay for **Sunday Snippets**, and make sure that you take your letter home!

Choral Evensong is this evening at 6pm, with the singing rehearsal starting at 3.30pm.

Please spread the news about our childrens' **Light Party** on Sunday 1st November from 4pm - 6pm. Poster at the back, and there is also a sign up sheet if you are able to help. Please save any 500ml plastic bottle, and clean jars with lids (ideally with the labels off) between then and now!

You can add names for those you would like remembered at our Sung Eucharist for **All Souls** on Monday, 2nd November at 8pm.

Fish, Chip and Film Fridays starts on Friday 6th November. If you'd like to come you can book your place on the sheet at the back.

Please do remember to express your interest for our pilgrimage to **Walsingham** from 24th - 26th September 2027. There are spare handouts from last week's Sunday Snippets to find out more.

There are two ways that you can immediately help with our plans to start a **Toddler Group**: donate, or buy us something from our wish list (see poster at the back), or you can sign up to help in some way - sheet at the back of church.

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