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WORSHIP					
Sundays	Mass PARISH SUNG MASS Evening Prayer and Benediction	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm			
Weekday Mass	Tuesday	10.00am 7.30pm 11.00am			

Morning Prayers are performed 30 minutes before the Main Mass each day.

Thursday

Saturday

A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

9.00am

9 30am

Front Cover :- A Display of Harvest Items Given by the Congregation.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

4th October HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Family Mass Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

11th October TWENTYEIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

18th October TWENTYNINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

25th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40



Monthly Statistics for August

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
2nd	54	63	0
9th	50	56	0
16th	49	57	1
23rd	46	53	10
30th	54	65	2

Note: All events will now require 2 metres, sanitising hands and a mask. Some masks will be available but please bring your shopping ones - Ed.



Dear Brothers and Sisters

October 2020

At this time of year, unless you live in an extremely urban environment, you will see the signs of Harvest. Huge combine harvesters are at work in the fields, reaping the golden wheat and barley, baling the straw and gathering the grain. For farmers it is the high point of their year, and a moment celebrated with thanksgiving in churches throughout the land. We will be celebrating our Harvest thanksgiving Mass on the 4th October here at St. John's.



But what about the spiritual harvest? When Jesus spoke about the Sower and the seed, He likened the Gospel to seed that was sown with the hope of a harvest. Some fell on good soil and produced much fruit, but other seed was less fortunate and there was little outcome, a reminder that Christian discipleship and ministry can sometimes be hard work.

An early missionary to Iran, Robert Bruce, wrote this to his supporters back home: "I am not yet reaping a harvest, I am not yet sowing the seed. I am not even ploughing the soil, but I am pulling out the stones. This too is gospel work, and worthy of your prayers."

With this in mind, remember those who serve God faithfully in difficult and unresponsive situations, either overseas or here in post-Christian Britain. Some experience great success in ministry, for which we are grateful, and many churches experience times of growth, for which we give thanks to God. For others, though, they may well sow in tears before they can reap with songs of joy (Psalm 126:5-6).

What of your own situation? If you are enjoying a time of growth, be sure to recognise that it is God who gives the growth. But if the work is hard and disappointing, despite your best efforts, do not lose heart. The work is God's and we have only to be faithful.

Love, joy and peace to you all,

Fr. Tim

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The names of the sick to be remembered at each mass need updating. If anyone has asked for a person to be on the current list, can you please let me know how they are, so we can either :-

- 1. Continue to pray for them,
- 2. Transfer them to the Parish Prayer Group, who pray daily for those needing long term prayer support, or
- 3. Take them off, if they have recovered, on the understanding that they can be returned to either list as their condition requires.

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Daily Hope, which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England.

A Note from the Editor! Services at St John's continue with face coverings used at all times. Take care everyone!

Brian

Go The Distance for the Homeless!



Challenge yourself on World Homelessness Day 10/10/2020 and Go the Distance for Homeless Men and Women.

Choose an activity in a location of your choice. A challenge tailor-made for you that brings huge benefits to others. Running, walking, swimming, cycling, dancing - or whatever you choose.

Why not push your limits to achieve an important target like losing 10 pounds or completing 10 walks. Go the Distance for yourself as well as for others! See the poster in the Church Porch for more details!

On the day we will offer online activities to spur you on - medals, music and rewards for reaching targets. Open to all ages. Anytime, Anywhere, Anything! October 10th From 9am to 5pm.

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A.P.C.M.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was NOT held on Sunday 19th April 2020 because of the lockdown.

If you run a club or organise a group connected with St John's parish then I hope you have already sent me your annual report to dawnmunn@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

If You have NOT, then please PANIC as I am preparing the Report!!

We have not been able to meet our usual timetable for the APCM. However, we have until October 31st to hold the meeting. It will happen on Sunday October 11th after the Mass. There will be a further notice about the Archdeacon's visitation to appoint Churchwardens. The present Churchwardens, Deanery Synod delegates and all PCC laity will continue until the APCM.

Dawn

P.S. Make sure you are on the Electoral Roll so you have a vote in the election of Churchwardens and PCC members.

100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP!

Our 100 Club is a painless way to raise more than £350 for St. John's every year. With a subscription of only £12 pounds a year you have the excitement of watching the draw each month and sometimes winning more than you put in!

Please join now and be ready for the **MONSTER** catch-up draw after Lockdown!

Its for our church!



CHURCH FLOWERS

Don't forget that you need to fill in the list at the North Door to arrange and pay for your special flower bouquets for those dear departed relatives and friends whom you miss. We all have our memories. I need your help to prepare something astonishing!

Lyn

Ordinations to the Diaconate, Sept/Oct 2020

James BaileySt. Peter's, BrightonJon HarleySt. Matthias, Brighton

Steven Emerson St. Mary de Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea

Heather Wilkin Henfield

Patrick Pearson-Miles Chantonbury Churches
Richard Merrick St. Cuthman's, Whitehawk

Trevor Harrison Groombridge

Anthony Goddard West Wittering and Birdham with Itchenor William (Josh) Delia St. John the Divine, West Worthing and St.

Andrew's Worthing

Sarah Van den driessche
Hannah Milne
St. Peter's, Brighton
Samuel Buck
Greta Sawyer

St. John's, Crawley
Worth with Maidenbower

Mark Rodger All Saints, Wick, Littlehampton

Benjamin Lucas St. Margaret's, Angmering

David Griffin Hailsham

Benjamin Martin Bishop Hannington, Hove

Ordinations to the Priesthood, Sept/Oct 2020

Neill Stannard

Elizabeth Green

Thomas Crowley

Elizabeth Jinks

Dominic Chmielewski

St. Laurence's, Goring-By-Sea

St. Alban's, Glossops Green

St. Saviour's, Eastbourne

St. Mark's, Holbrook

St. Nicholas, Arundel

Alexandra Wheeler St. John the Evangelist, Copthorne

Michael Milmine St. Pancras, Chichester

Shirley Tupper Beeding and Bramber with Botolphs

Sandra Wickens Rotherfield
Torhild Fikseaunet Heathfield

Alistair Marshall St. Peters, Brighton

Thomas Fink-Jensen St. Michael and All Angels', Lancing

Emma Ham-Riche East Preston.

Bishop Martin

CURATES CORNER!

I love to gaze up into the night sky and see the billions of stars that fill the heavens above us. Scientists currently estimate that the Universe is roughly 93 billion lightyears wide. That's a lot of space! As wonderful and awe-inspiring the stars above us are, they can leave us feeling small, insignificant. The tallest man to have ever lived was only 8ft 11in tall when he died. This might sound big, but it's a long way off of a lightyear, let alone 93 billion lightyears.

As Christians, we believe in a God who cares and loves each one of us, no matter how small or insignificant we think we are. One of the ways in which God shows us this love is by giving each one of us a Guardian Angel of our own to protect us. I know what you're thinking, that sounds like a story that you tell children when they're scared. Hear me out!

Belief in Guardian Angels is actually very ancient, taught by both Sacred Scripture and Tradition. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that children have angels that have direct access to God in heaven (18:10). St Anselm teaches us that this means that from the moment life begins, everyone is given an angel to look after them. Francisco Suarez, an important Jesuit theologian, warns us that we cannot see Guardian Angels as an optional extra. If you deny them, you also deny the Bible and the saints that teach us about them.

So next time you look up at the stars and realise just how small you are, don't be tricked into thinking that you don't matter. You are precious to God, and that's why he has given you a Guardian Angel to be your own supernatural bodyguard.



Fr Josh

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver' Says St. Paul.

Why not give some time once a month. There are lots of little jobs to do, come and join us!

THE HOLY DUSTERS!



5th October

Silver Cleaning 10-30am onwards. But Check with Kim!



10th October

Church Cleaning 10am onwards, But check with Kim!

First Monday and Second Saturday of the month are usually our mornings.

Please come and join us and help keep our church clean

Every little bit helps!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If anyone wishes to have the name of a departed loved one entered in the Parish's Book of Remembrance, situated in the Requiem Chapel, application Forms are available from the Parish Office.

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Since the start of the 100 club in 2012 a profit of £2544 has been donated to church funds.



OCTOBER DIARY EVENTS (If Permitted)

Fri	2nd	10-45am Pre-School Harvest Service		
Sun	4th	10am - Harvest Thanksgiving Family Mass - All Welcome Please return TURNING-TIDES Charity Collection Boxes!		
Mon	5th	10-30am onwards Silver Cleaning		
Tue	6th	3-30pm Heaton House Communion		
Wed	7th	2-30pm Caer Gwent Communion		
Sat	10th	10am onwards Church Cleaning		
Sun	11th	10am Mass - 28th Sunday of the Year 11am Annual General Meeting		
Sat	17th	10am Church Grounds Maintenance		
Sun	18th	9-45am Eagles Sunday 10am Mass - 29th Sunday of the Year		
Sun	25th	10am Mass - 30th Sunday of the Year		

PLEASE NOTE!

10am Prayer Group

Fri

30th

The Hall has been Deep Cleaned and the Pre-School Staff are making special efforts to limit access. We must keep our Children and Staff safe. If anyone needs anything from the Hall or to do anything in that space then please ask Ros Ashton or Caroline Burke and they will try to meet your needs. Thank you for your co-operation.

Ros



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WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY EAGLES (aged 3 – 10) 3rd Sunday @ 9.45 am

Mr. Dave Guiel W 340221

SJ IGNITE (age 10+) 2nd Sunday of month 5pm

Mrs. Ros Ashton W 247130

ST JOHN'S PRESCHOOL Mon - Fri 8-30am - 2-30pm (aged 2-5) (Hall)

Term time only Mrs. Ros Ashton 07708 830733

stjohnspreschool@hotmail.co.uk

SOCIAL GROUP Ms. Zoe Haworth 07954 183057

KIDS CAFÉ Wed 3-4-30pm Every week during term time (in the Church) Having a break just now and will re-launch later in the year. Sorry!

BADMINTON CLUB Mondays 7.30pm.

Mrs Angela Browne W 246924

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	MA	SS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENT	TONS	FOR OCTOBER
1		S. Therese of Lisieux	9am	The Hospice Movement
2		Holy Guardian Angels		Victims of Abuse
3		Our Lady	9-30am	The Shrine at
		ž.		Walsingham
4	Su	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	8am	The Parish
			10am	
5	M	Feria	10am	New and Returning
				Ordinands
6	T	Feria (Monthly Requiem)	7-30pm	The Faithful Departed
7	W	Our Lady of the Rosary	Ham	Persecuted Christians
8	Th	Feria	9am	All Awaiting Surgery
9	F	S. John Henry Newman		University Students
10	Sa	Our Lady	9-30am	New and Expectant
				Mothers
11	Su	28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
			10am	
12	M	S. Wilfrid	10am	The Society and
				Forward in Faith
13	T	S. Edward the Confessor		Those in Poverty
		Feria	11am	Teachers
15		S. Theresa of Avila	9am	The Carmelites
16	\mathbf{F}	Feria		Worldwide Justice and
79723	1257		1120 12027	Peace
17		S. Ignatius of Antioch		All Bishops
18	Su	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
***			10am	D. I.D. III
19		Feria	10am	Prisoners and Families
20	T	Feria		Young People
21		Feria	11am	The Housebound
22	I h	Feria	9am	Those Preparing for
22	E	F :		Marriage
23	F	Feria	0.20	The Lonely
		Our Lady		Preparing for Baptism
25	Su	30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
20	N /	F :-	10am	Charle III. in
26 27	T	Feria		Church Unity
28		Feria Ss. Simon and Jude		All Who Feel Hopeless
28	VV	os. omion and jude	11am	All Who Feel Hopeless
29	Th	Feria	9am	Or Lost
30		Feria	Jani	Key Workers
31		Our Lady	0_30am	Evangelists St John's Preschool
		Our Lady	9-30am	St John 8 Fleschool

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PCC NEWS!

The news from the PCC is a little (!) late thanks to the lockdown stopping the approval and release of minutes. Among the items discussed at the previous meeting in January 2020 were:-

The Health and Safety Policy for St. John's requested during a visitation by the Bishops representative and also by our insurers was approved.

The Parish Profile has been extensively updated and finalised. Hopefully a candidate will find our document and opportunity irresistible! Yes I know it worked, but how often does a plan come together so well?

The accounts were almost complete for review by the auditors. Changes to the fees for various items were discussed and will be implemented by Chris. Trials of a new accounting system will be run when time permits.

Kids Café was put on hold due to lack of customers and staff. This will be reviewed later by the PCC.

A large number of children leave preschool this year so a recruitment drive will be progressed.

Christmas Fair was well attended, but income slightly down. The Epiphany Lunch was a big success as always!

Brian

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