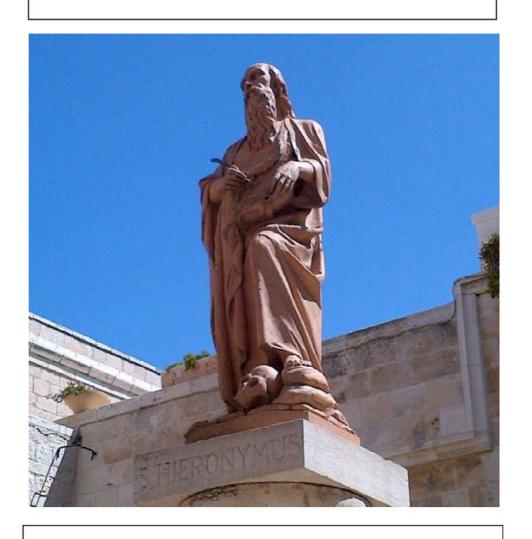
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Morning Prayers are performed around 30 minutes before mass each day. A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

Front Cover :- St. Hieronymous alias St. Jerome. Pilgrimage to Israel.

#### SUNDAY MASS READINGS

6th September TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Family Mass Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

**13th September**Sirach 27:33-28:9

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Romans 14:7-9

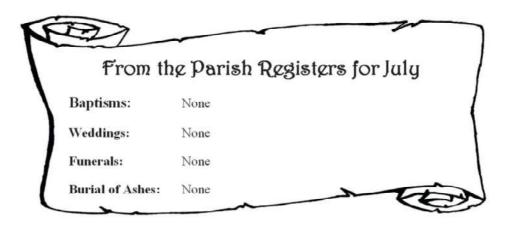
Matthew 18:21-35

20th September TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16

**27th September**Ezekiel 18:25-28

TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32



### Monthly Statistics for July

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
5th	46	48	0
12th	46	57	0
19th	51	58	0
26th	51	57	0

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.



#### My Dear Brothers and Sisters

#### September 2020

September is usually the time when we get back to our normal routines after the Summer break. With the current coronavirus pandemic, it's very different this year! However, here in our parish, the month of September is still a good time for us to consider how God can use *us* to make a real difference in our church community, workplace, school, family, friends and local community.

In his great love for us, God equips us with everything we need to make His love known to others. God does this in so many ways but chiefly by nourishing us with the nutrients of His Word and His Holy Presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. That is why I believe coming to Church Sunday by Sunday is so important – because above all, church connects us with God, church connects us socially, church allows us to feel reverence for God and his creation, church fills our hearts with song and church is where we find deeper meaning in our lives.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He asked the question, 'What is in your hand?' (Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down).

God asks the same question of us: What has God given you? Our gifts, temperament, experience, relationships, mind, education can be used in the work God has given us to do. How will we use them to make a difference in the places where He calls us to serve Him?

John Ortberg, in his book *It All Goes Back in the Box*, speaks of Johnny, a 19-year-old with Downs syndrome. He worked at a supermarket check-out putting people's items into bags. To encourage his customers, he decided to put a *thought for the day* into the bags. Every night his dad would help him to prepare the slips of paper and he would put the thoughts into the bags saying, 'I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.' A month later the store manager noticed that Johnny's line at the checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted Johnny's thought for the day. He wasn't just filling bags with groceries, he was filling lives with hope!

God has given us all the necessary gifts which will help and encourage others in their pilgrimage to the heart of God. May we like Johnny, through our daily tasks and daily actions and words, fill people's lives with hope.

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,
- 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.

Thank you.

Gena



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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 masks introduced for all services from Saturday August 8th. Take care everyone!

#### INSPIRING GENEROSITY

As we head into the summer, I wanted to thank you all for the magnificent response there has been on parish share despite the impact of the virus and all that that has involved. The generosity that has been shown has been truly inspiring.

As we approach the end of July, our collection rate is less than 7% below what we would normally expect and we are enormously encouraged by the fact that well over half of the respondents to a survey indicated that they believed they could maintain their parish share payments even if lockdown continued for the rest of the year.

Donations from parishes in excess of their original pledge have been a particularly encouraging demonstration of commitment to the household of faith to which we all belong. The generosity of those who can afford to pay more is hugely appreciated and crucial to supporting those who are suffering more.

We have also been very moved by the many communications we have received explaining the difficulties faced and the sorrow felt at having to reduce payments. We would like to reassure you that, although we have been unable to reply to each message individually, we do recognise the difficulties and are very grateful for the sacrificial giving which has enabled you to give as much as you have.

We are also conscious that some of you have been drawing on reserves in order to maintain payments, for which we are also very grateful. We are only too aware that as reserves are used up, payments are likely to fall further, as some of you have already warned. On the basis of the results of the survey and other communications, it seems likely that total payments this year will be down somewhere between £1m and £2m. This represents a figure of between 7 and 15%, so once again, thank you!

Kind regards,

Gabrielle Higgins Diocesan Secretary



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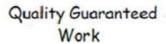


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#### A.P.C.M.

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 APCM. There will be a further notice about the Archdeacon's visitation to appoint Churchwardens. The APCM will be held on October 11th. The Sunday after Harvest Thanksgiving, immediately after Mass.

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!

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#### **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!

#### 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!**

One of the best things about studying at St Stephen's House, is that you live on a street almost entirely made up of coffee shops and takeaways. Along the Cowley Road you can find delicacies from almost anywhere in the world you can think of. My wife always teases me whenever we order food however, as I have a habit of always ordering the same thing. Pizza? Seafood with stuffed crust. Chinese? Satay sauce with vermicelli noodles and so on... If you find something great, once is never enough!

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the universal Church celebrates Holy Cross Day. This 'Feast of the Cross' commemorates St Helena (Emperor Constantine's mother) discovering the Cross upon which Jesus had been crucified. In this feast, Holy Church reminds us that Jesus' victory on the cross is the great mystery that lies at the heart of the Christian life. Indeed, it was on the Cross that the Church was born, as the Blood of the Eucharist and the waters of Baptism flowed from Jesus' pierced side (John 19:34). St Paul goes as far as to say that the Cross of Jesus is the clearest expression of God's 'wisdom' and 'power' (1 Corinthians 1:24).

If you find something great, once is never enough. Accordingly, the Church of England traditionally celebrates the Feast of the Cross twice a year, under the titles of 'Holy-Cross Day' on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 'The Invention of the Cross' on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The mystery of God's love and power revealed in the cross of Jesus is so wonderful, so beyond comprehension, that one feast just isn't enough!



(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 for C.C.C.

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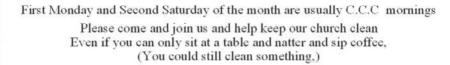


## 7th September

10-30am onwards if permitted. check with Kim!

## 12th September

10am Church Cleaning If permitted



#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**



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## SEPTEMBER DIARY EVENTS If Permitted

Sun	6th	10am - 23rd Sunday of the Year Family Mass - All Welcome Themed - I Will be with Them! 100 Club Draw
Mon	7th	10-30am Maybe Silver Cleaning CCC
Tue	8th	3-30pm Heaton House Communion 2pm Requiem for Ian Knill-Jones.
Wed	9th	2-30pm Caer Gwent Communion
Sat	12th	10am Maybe Church Cleaning CCC
Sun	13th	10am Mass - 24th Sunday of the Year 5pm—7pm SJ Ignite Youth Club (Hall)
Sun	20th	9-45am Eagles Sunday (Hall) 10am Mass - 25th Sunday of the Year
Thu	24th	7pm; Fr Josh's Ordination at St John's
Fri	25th	10am Prayer Group
Sun	27th	10am Mass - 26th Sunday of the Year

We pray for all who are preparing for ordination at this time including our own Assistant Curate Josh who will be ordained at St. John the Divine West Worthing on 24th September at 7.00pm. All ordinations are being done in Parish churches rather than the Cathedral due to current Covid restrictions.

Numbers attending will sadly have to be strictly limited as only 30 people in total may attend each ordination. Josh's ordination as a Deacon will however be live streamed, so you will be able to watch it at home if you have access to a computer.

Fr Tim



#### The Assumption!

The feast of the Assumption of our Lady is one of the feast days devoted to Mary in our Church Calendar. We do not know many historical or biographical facts about Mary but our devotion to Mary is, for most people, based not on knowing lots of facts but upon the pure and simple love that she inspires in us. Even though it happened a little differently for Mary, Jesus was the source of salvation for this holy woman who, just like us, was given a promise, a promise, of incredible things if only she would obey and trust God. What we celebrated on this Feast Day, is God's fulfilment of His promise to Mary. At the end of her life, she who had been kept safe from sin from her first moment of conception in St. Anne's womb, was assumed body and soul into Heaven to receive her promised reward, the same reward, by the way, that has been promised to us. This Feast Day is to inspire all of us to follow Jesus even more closely, so that we are following His Way straight home to Heaven. We are going to want to be there, in that number, as the old song goes. The only question today is, what are we doing about it? May God bless us on this Feast Day and get us Fr. Tim ready, AMEN !!!

#### WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

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

Mr. Dave Guiel W 340221

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

Mrs. Ros Ashton W 247130

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#### MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

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				INTENTIONS
1	T	Feria	7-30pm	The Care of Creation
2		Feria	11am	Parish Care Homes
3		S. Gregory the Great	9am	England's Missionaries
4	F	Feria		Refugees
5		Our Lady	9-30am	Key Workers
6		23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
			10am	
7	M	Feria	10am	HM's Government and
				Opposition
8	T	Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary	7-30pm	The Unborn
9	W	Feria (Monthly Requiem)	11am	The Faithful Departed
10	Th	Feria	9am	Church Unity
11	$\mathbf{F}$	Feria		The Unemployed
12	Sa	Our Lady	9-30am	New and Expectant
				Mothers
13	Su	24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
			10am	
14	M	Holy Cross Day	10am	All Exploring their
				Vocation
15	T	Our Lady of Sorrows		All Victims of War
16	W	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian	llam	The Society and
				Forward in Faith
17		Feria	9am	Elm Grove School
18	F	Feria		The Homeless
19	Sa	S. Theodore of Tarsus	9-30am	The Province of
				Canterbury
20	Su	25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
			10am	
21		S. Matthew	10am	Spread of the Gospel
22	T	Feria		Local Hospitals
23		S. Padre Pio	11am	Franciscans
24	1 h	Our Lady of Walsingham	9am	Walsingham Shrines
25		Ordination of Fr Josh Delia	7pm	T)
25	F	Feria	0.20	Persecuted Christians
26		Our Lady		St. John's Nursery
27	Su	26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8am	The Parish
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28		Feria	10am	All at School & College
29	T	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael		All to be Ordained
30		S. Jerome	11am	
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