



26TH OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 35. 12-17

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as
generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one
who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not
offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not
rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality. He will not show
partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of
one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication
of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her
complaint.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 84.1-7

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. **R**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R**

Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come. I have fought
the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the
faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also
to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first
defence no one came to my support, but all deserted
me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord
stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me
the message might be fully proclaimed and all the
Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack
and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the
glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for
revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 18.9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in
themselves that they were righteous and regarded
others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple
to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.
The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus,
"God, I thank you that I am not like other people:
thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-
collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my
income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would
not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast
and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you,
this man went down to his home justified rather than
the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God of power and might, receive the gifts we offer
and let our service give you glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

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.**

HYMNS

Entrance:	487
Offertory:	483
Communion:	399
Final:	478

PRAYERS

Bishops in our diocese: Martin, Will, Ruth.

The Sick: Chris Avery, Felicity Caperon, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Barbara Dann, Tracey Divall, James Hawthorne, Eileen Head, Chong Lin Khong, Alan Lockett, Rita Miell, Harry Newman, Tracey Norris, Peter & Cheryl Scrivens, Edward Sibley, Claire Stogden, Catherine Wallis, Andrew, Rosemary, Shelley and family.

Recently departed: Robin Ollington.

Year's Mind: William & Jesse Heasman, Henry Price, Sydney Moore, Margaret Buick, Fred Ovenden.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 26th October	The Last Sunday after Trinity
8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass

Wednesday 29th October	
10am	Said Mass

Thursday 30th October	
7.30pm	Installation of Fr Andrew

Sunday 2nd November	All Saints'
8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass

Monday 3rd November	
7.30pm	All Souls' Mass

FR ANDREW'S INSTALLATION - The Bishop of Lewes will install Fr Andrew Hawken as Priest in Charge of St John's Crowborough with Christ Church Fairwarp at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th October at St John's Church. All are welcome.

St John's Church is currently in interregnum. For all enquiries please contact one of the churchwardens.

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ALTAR SERVERS - A good team of Altar servers is essential for the maintenance of Eucharistic worship such as we have at St. John's. We have a good team, but we need more, so that we do not put too much pressure on any individuals. Please give some thought as to whether you would like to be part of this team. If you could be interested please speak to Sue (arranges the rota), Ron (will arrange training) or one of the team.

COFFEE SERVERS - tea and coffee after the 10am Mass is very popular giving people a chance to chat and catch up but we are desperately short of people to prepare and serve it. If you would be able to help please speak to Rita.

At this time of year the Church traditionally remembers and prays for those who have gone before us in the faith. On **Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm** there will be a **Requiem Mass for All Souls**. If there is anyone whom you would like to be remembered at this service, please put their names on the list at the back of church; **please note that names will not automatically be put on this list.**

Sunday 9th November is Remembrance Sunday. At the 10am Mass we will keep the two minutes' silence.

WINE TASTING EVENING hosted by Alteus Wines in aid of Tarmac the Drive Fund at **7pm on Friday 5th December** in St John's School. Tickets at £22 each include sparkling wine on arrival, 5 wine tastings and cheese and biscuits available from Tracey Stevens traceyhstevens@gmail.com.

QUORUM CONCERT Saturday 22nd November, 4pm
O Radiant Dawn A choral concert on St Cecilia's Day (the patron saint of music) in aid of the church drive fund. Music celebrating St Cecilia (Monteverdi, Britten, Philips, Howells, Parry, Macmillan etc.) along with music to get you in the mood for Advent and Christmas. Tickets £12 / £6 children & students. Available on the door or in advance from Sue Ellefsen (sue@ellefsen.uk).



FR DAVID'S VESTMENTS

With your kind and generous birthday gift I have purchased a set of white eucharistic vestments (chasuble and stole).

Thank you so much,

Father David