

# *The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough*

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## **13TH JUNE — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before  
you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17. 22-24**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel  
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from  
the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a  
tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I  
myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On  
the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that  
it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a  
noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the  
shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of  
every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I  
am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the  
low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree  
flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 92. 1-4, 12-14**

**Response: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,  
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night season. **R**

On the psaltery and on the lyre  
and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands. **R**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R**

They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
That they may show how upright the Lord is,  
my rock, in whom there is no fault. **R**

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5. 6-10, 14-17**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the  
Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even  
though we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not  
by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would  
rather be away from the body and at home with the  
Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it  
our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before  
the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive  
recompense for what has been done in the body,  
whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on,  
because we are convinced that one has died for all;  
therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that  
those who live might live no longer for themselves, but  
for him who died and was raised for them. From now  
on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of  
view; even though we once knew Christ from a human  
point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if  
anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything  
old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made  
known to you everything I have learned from my Father.  
**Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 4. 26-34**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got  
into a boat and began to teach them using many  
parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if  
someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would  
sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout  
and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces  
of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain  
in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes  
in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom  
of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a  
mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is  
the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is  
sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all  
shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds  
of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such  
parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able  
to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables,  
but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

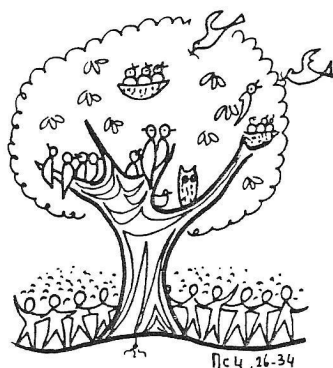
### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God, in this bread and wine you give us food for body and spirit. May the eucharist renew our strength and bring us health of mind and body.

### POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



### HYMNS

**Entrance:** 440, v.1-3, 6  
**Offertory:** 408 (tune 1: Blaenwern)  
**Communion:** 115

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday 13th June** 8am **Mass (BCP)**  
**2nd after Trinity** 10am **Parish Mass**  
6pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

**Wednesday 9th June** 10am **Mass**

**Sunday 20th June** 8am **Mass (BCP)**  
**3rd after Trinity** 10am **Parish Mass**  
6pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

### PRAYERS

**Our parish:** that we may grow in faith, hope and love.

**Parents and godparents** intending to bring children to be baptised over the coming weeks.

**St John's School:** pupils, staff and governors

**Bishops in our diocese:** Martin, Will, Ruth.

**The Sick:** Sarah Cashmore, Jean Gleason, Janet Prince.

**Year's Mind:** Charles Allen, Susan South.

**THE PYROMANIACS** are meeting on Saturday 26th June from 9am until 1pm. Please come along - bringing tools and boundless energy. Jobs will be many and varied. Contact Simon Virgo: [mr.svirgo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mr.svirgo@yahoo.co.uk)



### Churchyard Project

This week we are welcoming Year 6 pupils from St John's School for a series of activities based around the churchyard. They will learn about the history and spirituality of the churchyard, explore science and natural history topics related to the churchyard and, at the end of the week, complete the construction of our woodland school in the area opposite the church. This will then be able to be used for a range of different church and school activities.

**The Bishop of Lewes**, The Rt Revd Will Hazlewood has now been to St John's several times. Bishop Will is coming to celebrate Mass **next Sunday** (20 June/Trinity 3).



Many thanks also to **Fr David** for celebrating for us today.

### CHRISTIAN BASICS COURSE

This is a short course for those who would like to know more about the Christian faith. All sessions take place at 5.15 pm on Sundays in the Church Hall. They last for 45 minutes, followed by Evening Prayer (6-6.30 pm). This week we will be exploring the Ten Commandments and their continued relevance for Christian life today.



### Ploughman's Lunch

**Thursday 22nd July at 1 o'clock**  
**in the church hall**

**Cheese ploughman's with cider or apple juice,**  
**dessert and coffee**

Tickets £10 in aid of the defibrillator

Raffle

Flower arrangements for sale

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