

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 7th November 2021

**The 3rd Sunday before
Advent**



Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m.
(The 10:30 service is recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day)

This week:

Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, at 9 a.m.
Church open for private prayer, daily 9 - 5.
Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Online "Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday.
Morning Coffee Friday 10 - 12, in church



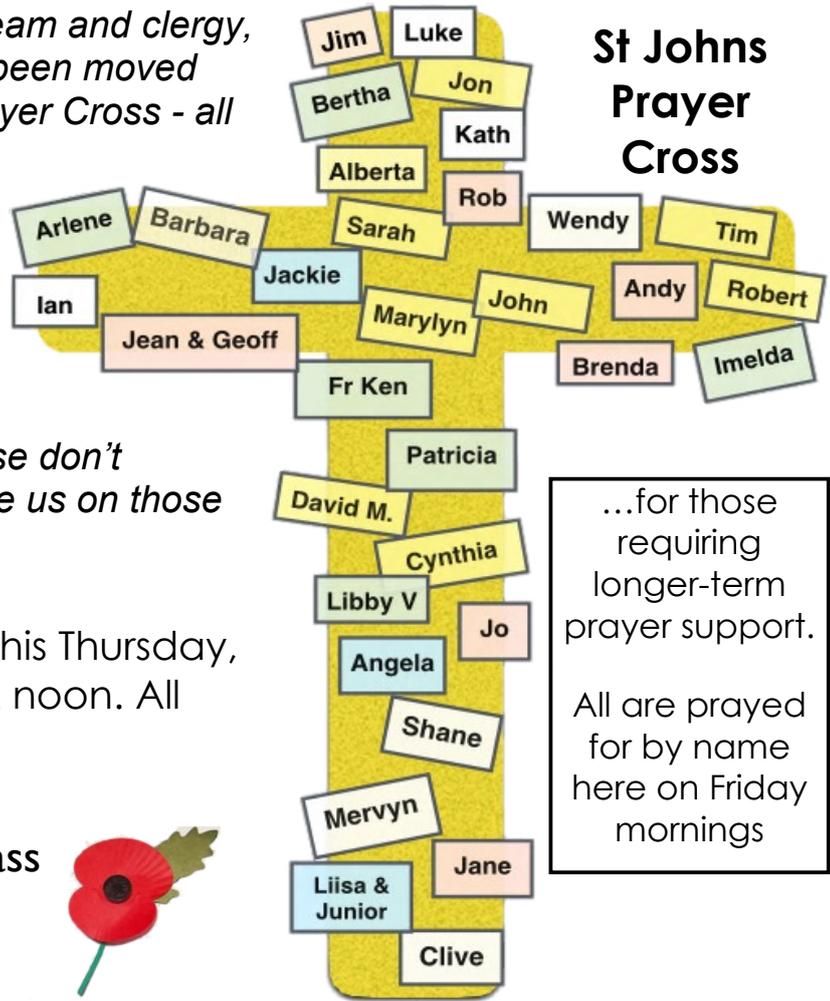
Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Andrew N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Jenny H, Alison N, Ana, and Marie.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Dawn,
... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Michelle Rumball and Frank Fentiman,
... and all who mourn.

Following a meeting of the Pastoral Team and clergy, some of the longer-term names have been moved from the above acute list, onto the Prayer Cross - all of whom are prayed for by name here each Friday. Also, as some names on the Prayer Cross go back to before the pandemic, and we don't necessarily know their current situations, it is intended to make a "fresh start" when we enter the new Church Year on Advent Sunday. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you can update us on those in need of prayer. Thank you.



...for those requiring longer-term prayer support.
All are prayed for by name here on Friday mornings



The Prayer Group meets this Thursday, the 11th, in church, 10 - 12 noon. All welcome.

Next Sunday, our 10:30 Parish Mass will incorporate a short Act of Remembrance at 11:00



White poppies are available at the back of church today, for a donation to the Peace Pledge Union. Money can be put in the small envelopes provided and placed in the regular donation box please.

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Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

Parish Mass with Baptism, on the Third Sunday before Advent

Introit: *Blest are the pure in heart*
(Walford Davies)

We stand for the Opening Hymn

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might;
his will obey, him serve aright;
for thee the saints uplift their voice:
fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing
crowned,
with joy and peace thou shalt abound;
yea, love with thee shall make his home
until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold:
remember thou his love of old;
walk in his way, his word adore,
and keep his truth for evermore.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Welcoming of the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all

All and also with you.

Thanksgiving prayer

We rejoice today with the family of
Hayes, as they thank God for the gift of
life and bring their child for baptism.

God our creator,
we thank you for the wonder of new life
and for the mystery of human love.
We give thanks for all whose support
and skill surround and sustain the
beginning of life.

As Jesus knew love and discipline within
a human family,
may this child grow in strength and wisdom.
As Mary knew the joys and pains of
motherhood,
give these parents your sustaining grace
and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the
Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and
seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and
made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity,
and God calls us to fullness of life.

The Collect for the Third Sunday before Advent

Let us pray:

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of Jonah

Jonah 3.1-5,10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah,
saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that
great city, and proclaim to it the message
that I tell you.'

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9.24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

We stand for our Gradual Hymn during which the Deacon prepares to read the Gospel

Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere!

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

We remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1.14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidate

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Hayes, and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Hayes with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him,

draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Hayes begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John, and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

We stand for the Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with those who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Priest Hayes Alfie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

Commission

We sit for our Prayers of Intercession

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit, looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith

The response to the petitions may be:

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We stand for The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Hayes, by the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Whittier (1807-92)

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All Amen.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your
glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice
in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source
of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit,
and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death
on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this
cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St John the
Evangelist, St Peter, Mary the Mother of
God, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole
company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us:

**All 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 the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sit as the Agnus Dei is sung:

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

*The priest says the invitation to
communion.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

*The priest partakes of the consecrated
bread - and wine on behalf of us all - to
which we respond Amen.*

*Communion is then distributed, "in one
kind" - The Body of Christ*

**Anthem: How beautiful upon the
mountains (Stainer)**

Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post Communion
for the day:*

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness
of life:

look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.

All Amen.

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and
brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your
love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate
of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to
others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light
to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us,
so we and all your children shall be
free,
and the whole earth live to praise
your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

We stand for the Final hymn

From glory to glory advancing,
we praise thee, O Lord;
thy name with the Father and Spirit
be ever adored.
From strength unto strength
we go forward on Sion's highway,
to appear before God
in the city of infinite day.

Thanksgiving, and glory and worship,
and blessing and love,
one heart and one song
have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants
thy presence be nigh;
ever fit us by service on earth
for thy service on high.

*Liturgy of St James
tr. Charles Humphreys (1840-1921)*

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful
and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion
of darkness, and has given us a place
with the saints in light.

Hayes, you have received the light of
Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

**Organ voluntary: *Allegro alla Marcia*
(A.L. Peace)**

***Coffee is available at the back of church,
following this service***

Join us in
St John's Church Hall,
Brittany Rd, for our

Christmas Fayre

on **Saturday 11th December**
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

There'll be **crafts, stalls, tombola, raffles, cakes, games, bric-a-brac, mulled wine, make-a-wreath, Coffee Shop, and more...**

See you there!

Could you donate some items for our **Christmas Fayre** please? ... being held in our Hall on Saturday 11th December, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m, all being well.

We need items for the Tombola, items for the Christmas Hamper and Toiletries Hamper raffles, and eventually - cakes! Donations of cash are also welcome to help stock stalls. There's a box at the back of church to put the donations in, or money to be handed to Katy, please. There are also some FLYERS to take away, to advertise the event.

CHARITY CONCERT HERE in aid of St John's Church, and



Ex-professional virtuoso clarinetist Martin Burrell (Elysian Wind Quintet, Scottish Opera) joins forces with his daughter, local violinist Naomi Burrell and friends Gavin Kibble, Jane Dawson and Jan Schlapp, for a deep dive into the romantic era, with a lighter Schubert string trio for starters, followed by the famous Brahms Clarinet Quintet as the Sunday afternoon feast.

Here at St John's, Sunday 21st November, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at Eventbrite.co.uk as "Schubert and Brahms Afternoon Charity Concert". Ticket price: a donation (amount at your discretion)

Proceeds will be divided between Saint John's Church and Hastings Refugee Buddy Project.



Fairtrade Shop

Locals Christine and Michael Ward are once again selling a range of

Fairtrade Christmas items from their conservatory, in a socially-distanced, sanitized way, from this Wednesday, 10th November.

Please make an appointment if you would like to pay a visit: via 01424 460727, or wardcandm@gmail.com



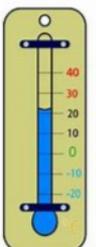
Our **Christian Aid bookstall** has resumed trading,

at the back of church! Pre-loved books are available for a donation of 50p

Today we restart Coffee after the 10:30 Mass - it will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month - unless more volunteers come forward so we can provide it every week... 😊



A date for your diary: the church heating is being fixed on the 23rd November.



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Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00



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