

St John's, Pevensy Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 28th November 2021

The First Sunday of
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, where possible.
Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Online "Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday.
Morning Coffee Friday 10 - 12, in church
Seaview Carol Concert in church, Sat, 5 p.m.

Next Sunday... Godly Play begins
For children aged from 5 - 15
Monthly, here at St John's.
Starts Sunday 5th December,
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Contact Marion to book a place:
godlyplayonse@yahoo.com

Our prayers are asked for:

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

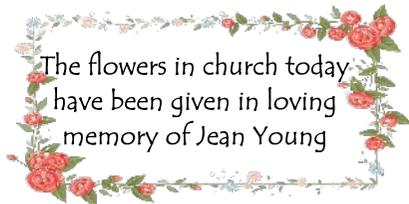
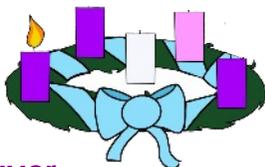
Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Joseph Quarty-Cofie,
Maggie, Jean Young, Reginald Wartemburg, Meriel Curtis, and Donald Palmer

... and all who mourn.

A new Church year begins today. It is Year C in the Lectionary, and the Gospel readings come mainly from Luke.



An Advent Bidding Prayer

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his Kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his pity and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end. Amen.

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!

Mass for the First Sunday of Advent

Introit: *Adam lay y bounden*
(Boris Ord)

We stand for the Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
creating us from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.
Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

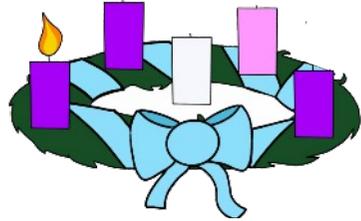
*Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent
Antiphons tr. T.A.Lacey (1853-1931) & others*

Welcoming of the people

Priest In the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you
All and also with you.



The lighting of the First Candle on the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the
light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your
promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive
your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our
path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

Prayer of Preparation

***All* Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the
heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Then the Kyrie Eleison is sung:

**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gradual Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God.

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We stand for The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

We sit for the Prayers of Intercession

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

The intercessions may include the response:

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 Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way 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

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

Long ago, prophets knew,
Christ would come, born a Jew
Come to make all things new,
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring bells ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring bells ring...

Mary hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

Ring bells ring...

Journey ends, where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring bells ring...

Fred Pratt Green (1903 - 2000)

Preparation of the Table

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into
your Kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine;
she has set her table.
All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you
thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come
among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the
foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in
glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and
archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
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

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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 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: *The Lord's my shepherd
(Brother James's Air) arr. Gordon
Jacob*

Prayer after Communion

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

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son
our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine
upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he
comes 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.

Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Concluding voluntary: *Chorale Prelude
on "In Dulci Jubilo" BWV 729 (J. S. Bach)*



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

Parish of The Good Shepherd
The Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs
Magdalen Rd. St. Leonards-on-Sea TN37 6ET

'WAIT FOR THE LORD'



**A Candlelit Advent Service of
Music and Prayer from Taize**

Sunday December 12 4.00 pm

*Please note: Mask-wearing and social distancing
will still be observed, thank you*

#NoMore1in3
Mothers UNION
End abuse and violence now

We are now within the United Nations' **16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence and abuse** (25 Nov to 10 Dec), campaigning for justice for the one in three women who experience this. The Mother's Union is, naturally, supporting this initiative, and has various resources including a Prayer Diary on its website:
mothersunion.org-global-day-2021

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 will be **games, cakes, a raffle, a quiz, a bric-a-brac, mulled wine, make-a-wreath, a Coffee Shop, and more...**

See you there!

St John's Church
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Unfortunately the Fayre has been cancelled, due to concern about the current Covid-19 situation

Drop in for Morning Coffee

... and to spend some time in this beautiful church

Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00

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The ParkinSongsters

Tenth Anniversary Concert



Songs We Love To Sing
 with
 Gary Marriott - Tenor

Monday December 6th

St John's Church
 Pevensey Road
 St Leonards-on-Sea

3pm - 4.30pm

Tea and Cake

Free admission with donations invited in aid of
 Parkinson's UK - Bexhill, Hastings & Rother Branch



Christmas 2021
 at St John the Evangelist
 Pevensey Road

Seaview Carol Concert
 in St John's Church
 Sat 4th Dec, 5 pm
 Tickets from eventbrite.co.uk

Christmas Fayre
 Sat 11th Dec,
 10 am - 1 pm
 in the Church Hall,
 Brittany Road

A service of
 "Lessons & Carols"
 Sun 19th Dec, 5 pm
 in the Church

Christmas Eve Crib Service
 Fri 24th Dec, 4 pm
 in the Church

Christmas Eve Carols in the Garden
 Fri 24th Dec, 7 pm
 outside the Church

Christmas Night Midnight Mass
 Fri 24th Dec,
 11 pm in Church

Christmas Day Parish Mass for Christmas Morning
 Sat 25th Dec,
 10:30 am in Church

Parish Christmas Cards showing our Christmas Service Times etc are now available at the back of church. Please help yourself. Large print versions are available. Also, if you can help to distribute some, by delivering a bundle marked with a particular street name, then that would be much appreciated! RM

Church flowers: If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the weekly flower arranging, please have a word with Janet from the Choir. Please see her also if you would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of a friend or loved one. JS

Charmaine's daughter Melanie says Thank You to all who bought her cupcakes and biscuits on Remembrance Sunday. £13 was raised for the "Movember" charity. CH

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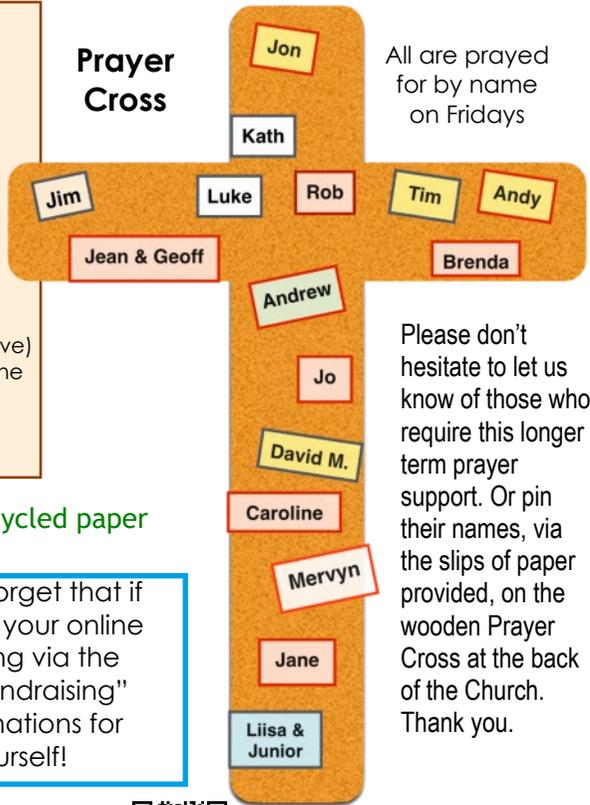
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Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays

Please don't hesitate to let us know of those who require this longer term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayer Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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