

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 24th April 2022

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



**Welcome to today's Mass at St John's.**

**This week:**

**Morning Prayer**, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday

**Church open for private prayer**, where possible.

**Midweek Mass:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Morning Coffee:** Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church

**Drop in for**  
**Morning**  
**Coffee**

... and to spend some time in this beautiful church  
**Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00**



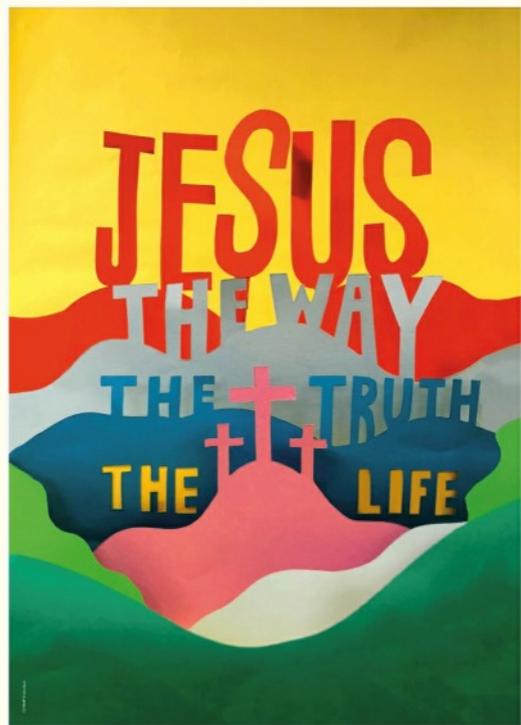
**Our prayers are asked for:**

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Ana, Pat, David D, Denise H, Marion H, Mike, Jean & Geoff, Jackie N, and Gladys.

**Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the departed,  
especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Rosemary Brandt,  
Ben Richardson, and Vera Brown,

... and all who mourn.



A massive thank-you from Fr D to everyone involved in helping us to share together such a fulfilling Holy Week.

Rev Rosemary for the lovely liturgy, Richard and the choir for the beautiful music, Gabby, Lesley and all the serving team for serene serving at the altar and all the paddling like ducks that lies behind it! To everyone who turned up to polish, dewax, un-spider web etc etc etc on Holy Saturday a big thanks too.

Thank-you to the egg providers and coffee makers, welcomers, duty wardens, readers, Stations of the Cross leaders, intercessors, sound engineers and video operators.

Lastly a big thank you to anyone I've forgotten and to everyone else for walking with our Lord to Calvary, to the Tomb and thence to Glory!

May God bless us all this Eastertide.

Fr D

**Introit: *Cantate Domino (Pitoni)***

**Opening Hymn**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to Heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the Cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
at His second coming yield:  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before Him wave,  
Ripened by His glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen!  
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,  
Rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
To the Father, and the Saviour  
who has gained the victory;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To the Triune Majesty.

C. Wordsworth (1807-85)

**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.

**Priest** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**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**

**Dcn** Christ our passover lamb has been  
sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all  
malice and evil  
and confessing our sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

**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.**

### *The priest says the Absolution*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### *The Gloria in Excelsis is sung:*

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

### **The Collect**

*The priest introduces the Collect  
with the words 'Let us pray'*

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

### **A reading from The Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 5.27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the Book of Revelation**

*Revelation 1.4-8*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of  
the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us**

Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King:  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
Let all mankind rejoice and say:  
Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory  
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia!

Cyril Alington (1872-1955)

## **Gospel Reading**

**Dcn** Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the first and the last,  
says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold  
I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia**

**Dcn** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

**Dcn** Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20.19-31*

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## The Creed

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

**All** 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

*The following response may be used:*

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.

## The Peace is introduced

*Deacon* The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you!" Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

*Priest* Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**All** and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## Offertory Hymn

*During which the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Christ the Lord is risen again;  
Christ has broken every chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
singing evermore on high:  
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today.  
We too sing for joy and say:  
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the Cross  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:  
Alleluia!

He whose path no records tell  
who descended into hell;  
who the strong man armed has bound  
now in highest heaven is crowned.  
Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiven,  
how we too may enter heaven,  
Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today, thy people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away,  
that we all may sing for ay,  
Alleluia!

*German, Michael Weisse (c 1480-1534)  
tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the  
risen Lord.  
**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,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and  
hell  
and restored in men and women the  
image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in  
paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life  
eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the  
powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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 Saint John  
the Evangelist, Saint 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**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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

*Priest* 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:*

*All* **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 president says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is  
sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia.**

*Communion is received.*

*Anthem: This joyful Eastertide*

## Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## Prayer after Communion

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

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord 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**

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal  
covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work  
to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing  
in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always.  
**All Amen.**

### **Final hymn**

Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath,  
When we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;  
Then alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne  
Over all the world is given;  
We may go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia!

*Christian Gellert (1715-69) tr. Frances Cox (1812-97)*

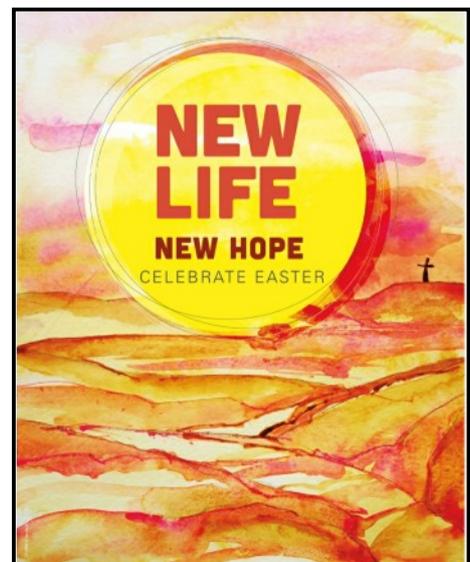
## **Dismissal**

**Priest** The Lord be with you  
**All** **And also with you**

**Dcn** Go in the the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia

**All** **Thanks be to God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Organ voluntary: Carillon (Herbert Murrill)**



## Our Annual Meetings

The annual meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 8th May after the 10.30 Mass and will last about 45 minutes. Nomination forms for the PCC and Deanery Synod will be available in Church.

It will be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's. If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina Garton on admstjohns30@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you when it is available. TG

## Spring Fair - 21st May

Could I put out a plea for some things for the Spring Fair please? Old crockery - for the crockery smash, bottles (not necessarily alcohol) for the Tom Bola, items for a Hamper, or financial donations towards stocking up the stalls. Please - no books!

I will be asking for cakes nearer the actual date. Thank you!

*Katy*

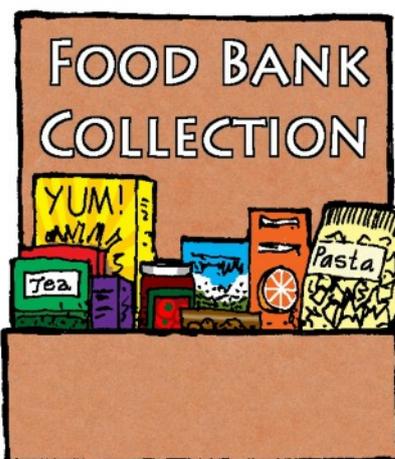


More volunteers would be appreciated, to help facilitate coffee, so we can

offer it after the Parish Mass every Sunday. Please see Katy if you can help. Thank you!

## Prayer for the Peace of the World

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all,  
the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**The Hastings Foodbank**, run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current "Urgent" list is shown, right. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)

TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)

TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED SPAGHETTI IN SAUCE

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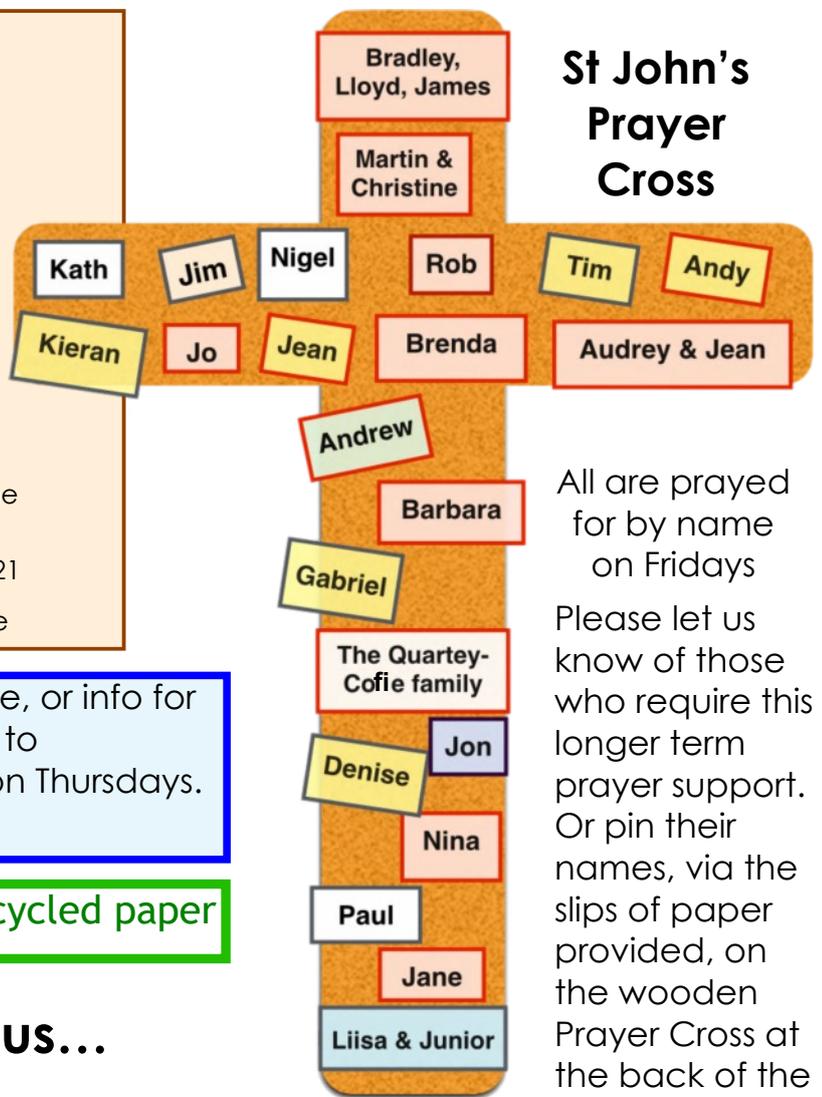
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All are prayed  
for by name  
on Fridays

Please 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  
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