

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 15th May 2022

5th Sunday of Easter



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

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday, in St Peter's Chapel

Church open for private prayer, where possible.

Midweek Mass: Weds at 10 a.m, St Peter's Chapel

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, Pat P, David D, Denise H, Mike, Jean & Geoff, Pat, and Rachel W.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Robin Allcorn, Marjorie Fibbens, and Simon Counsell,

... and all who mourn.



Today is the start of Christian Aid Week, 15th - 22nd May



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Today we welcome Pete Moorey, Head of Campaigns and UK Advocacy at Christian Aid, who has come to speak to us.

We are raising money for Christian Aid because it's a great opportunity to support those around the world less fortunate than ourselves. With climate change causing drought and famine, Covid-19, and now the war in Ukraine, so many people are suffering. Christian Aid is working in all of these situations to make a difference.

Jessica fears her children won't eat tonight. Drought robs her of the power to provide for her family. But with your help we could make sure families like hers can grow drought-tolerant crops that flourish in the changing climate.

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Thank you!

Introit: *O come ye servants of the Lord (Tye)*

Opening Hymn

Here is this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see, in this place, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
we are the old – who yearn for Your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is You;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us Your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haughen

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

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 God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life
in 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,
your wounds declare your love for the
world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his

house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the book of Revelation

Revelation 21.1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan

Gospel Reading

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

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13.31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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

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!

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.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord...

Daniel L. Schutte, SJ

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you,
Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care
you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our
Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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: The strife is o'er (Henry G. Ley)

Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I have one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story...

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story ...

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

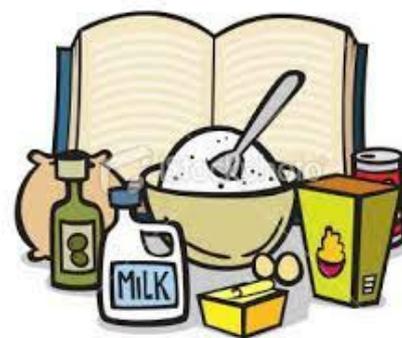
Go in the the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia

All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Concluding voluntary: Chorale Prelude on
a melody by Vulpius (Healey Willan)*

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. Thank you!

Next Saturday...



Calling all cooks! Could you possibly bake a cake for the Cake Stall at the Spring Fair on Saturday? It would be much appreciated - thank you!



You are invited to stay for Coffee after today's Parish Mass. It would be lovely to be able to offer it every Sunday, rather than just a couple of times a month. Could you consider offering to help, perhaps one Sunday a month? It would be really appreciated. Please have a word with Katy!

A Memorial Service for Margaret Ross will be held here at St John's on what would have been her 100th birthday, Wednesday 25th May, at 11:30 a.m.



We are holding an outdoor **Service to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, on Sunday 5th June at 2 p.m. It will be held in the Church grounds on the Pevensey Road side of the building, by the foundation stone which was laid by the then Princess Elizabeth in 1951. Followed by strawberries & cream and Prosecco in the Rectory garden.

Millions of households in the UK will imminently be pushed into fuel poverty as the higher cost of energy really begins to bite.

So warns CAP (Christians Against Poverty) - *"Now more than ever, people in financial crisis need urgent help."* CAP uses the example of Jayne, a single mum who fell into debt after her Dad died. Jayne tells how her life became an endless cycle of debt, misery and fear.

In desperation, Jayne phoned CAP for help. A few months later, she is on her way to becoming debt-free, and meanwhile she has become a Christian, joined a local church, and has developed money skills for life. As CAP explains, this means that Jayne is now far better prepared to withstand the growing cost of living crisis this Autumn.

If you would like to help those in need, or if you need help yourself, please go to: <https://capuk.org>

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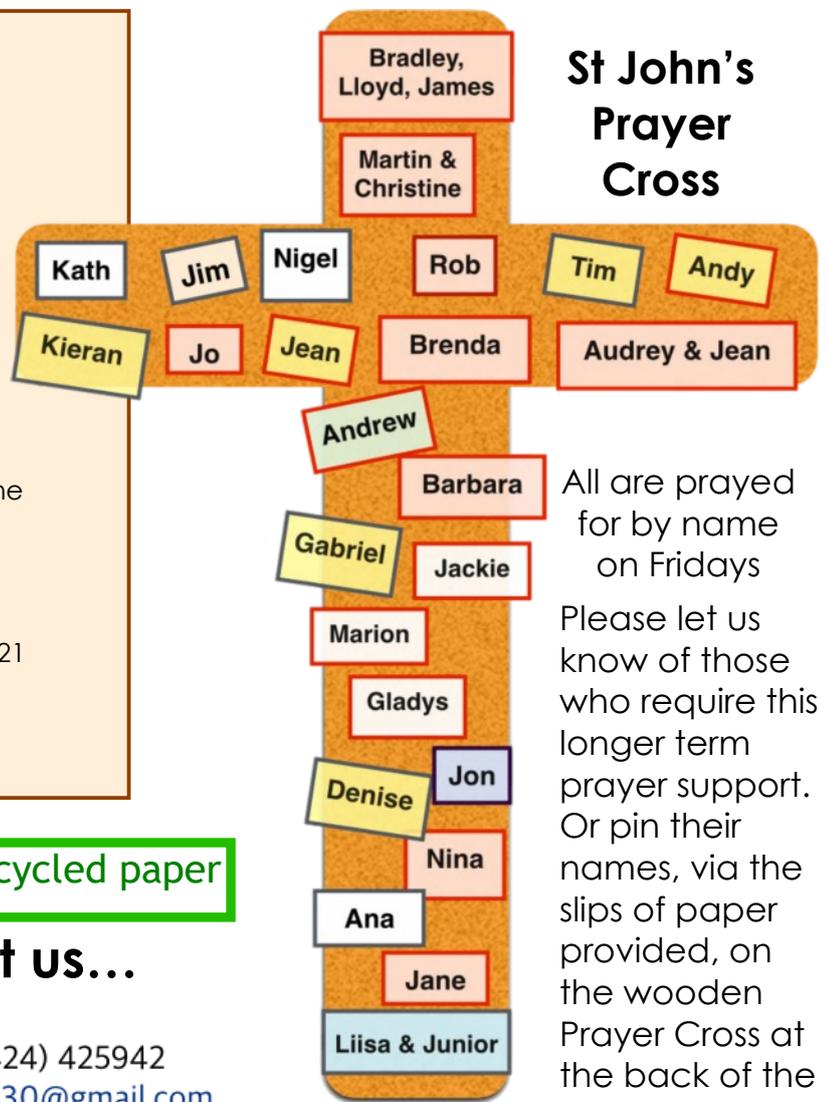
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St John's Prayer Cross

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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