

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 29th May 2022

**7th Sunday of Easter:**  
Sunday after Ascension Day



## 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, and Pat.

### **Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Kath Quigley, and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Leslie Sheppard, Michael Jennings, and Hannah Dormon,

... and all who mourn.



Thank you to all who have responded to Christian Aid Week this year (15-21st May). We heard an excellent sermon from Pete Moorey of Christian Aid encouraging us to support those affected by climate change and poverty. Envelopes are still available and we will continue to collect donations in cash, by cheque - ideally made out to St Johns PCC - or you can still give via the Christian Aid appeal page on St Johns Church website. MC

### **Are you organised, conscientious and helpful?**

We are looking for a new PCC secretary.

This voluntary post involves attending 7 or so PCC meetings a year (mainly on Zoom at present), taking minutes and sending out emails.

It is a nice opportunity to serve the church and be more involved with St Johns. You do not need to be on the PCC. If you are interested please speak to Father David or Marion Nicholson. MC



We are holding an outdoor **Service to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 fizz in the Rectory garden.

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thank you!

*Introit: O Lord my God, to thee  
(Arcadelt)*

## Opening Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;  
Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
Far above yon azure height, Alleluia!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!  
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heaven of heavens in thee, Alleluia!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823)*

## 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

What God has prepared for those who  
love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our  
hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those  
who love him.

**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*

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 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'*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

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

**Acts 16.16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of  
prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit  
of divination and brought her owners a great  
deal of money by fortune-telling. While she

followed Paul and us, she would cry out,  
'These men are slaves of the Most High  
God, who proclaim to you a way of  
salvation.' She kept doing this for many  
days. But Paul, very much annoyed,  
turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you  
in the name of Jesus Christ to come out  
of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope  
of making money was gone, they seized  
Paul and Silas and dragged them into the  
market-place before the authorities.  
When they had brought them before the  
magistrates, they said, 'These men are  
disturbing our city; they are Jews and are  
advocating customs that are not lawful for  
us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The  
crowd joined in attacking them, and the  
magistrates had them stripped of their  
clothing and ordered them to be beaten  
with rods. After they had given them a  
severe flogging, they threw them into  
prison and ordered the jailer to keep them  
securely. Following these instructions,  
he put them in the innermost cell and  
fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were pray-  
ing and singing hymns to God, and the  
prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly  
there was an earthquake, so violent that  
the foundations of the prison were shaken;  
and immediately all the doors were  
opened and everyone's chains were  
unfastened. When the jailer woke up and  
saw the prison doors wide open, he drew  
his sword and was about to kill himself,  
since he supposed that the prisoners had  
escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice,  
'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'  
The jailer called for lights, and rushing in,  
he fell down trembling before Paul and  
Silas. Then he brought them outside and  
said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'  
They answered, 'Believe on the Lord  
Jesus, and you will be saved, you and  
your household.' They spoke the word of  
the Lord to him and to all who were in his  
house. At the same hour of the night he  
took them and washed their wounds; then

he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### A reading from the book of Revelation

*Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21*

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

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

Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness arise,  
triumph o’er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near,  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day’s return,  
till thy mercy’s beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

### Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**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 17.20-26*

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:  
‘Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.

Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,

pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,

surround with your saints and angels  
those who have died trusting your promises...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling  
the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us  
for work in your service ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order  
to worship at your feet;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

### **The Peace is introduced**

*Dcn* God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and,  
as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.  
Alleluia.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with  
you

**All and also with you.**

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.*

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing

of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne - the Infinite!  
who lives - and loves - and saves.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-94)*

### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this  
bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands  
have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine  
to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager  
longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless  
hymn of praise:

**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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.

**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: King of Glory, King of Peace (J.S.Bach)*

### Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given:  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)*

**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**

## Prayer after Communion

**Priest** Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
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

### The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim  
the word and works of God;  
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

Rejoice! the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing;  
and triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
*Lift up your heart...*

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:  
*Lift up your heart...*

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:  
*Lift up your heart...*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

## Dismissal

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

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

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

**Concluding voluntary:**  
*Processional (Grayston Ives)*

*Apologies that details of last Sunday's concluding voluntary were accidentally omitted! The piece played was Festival March by Alec Rowley*

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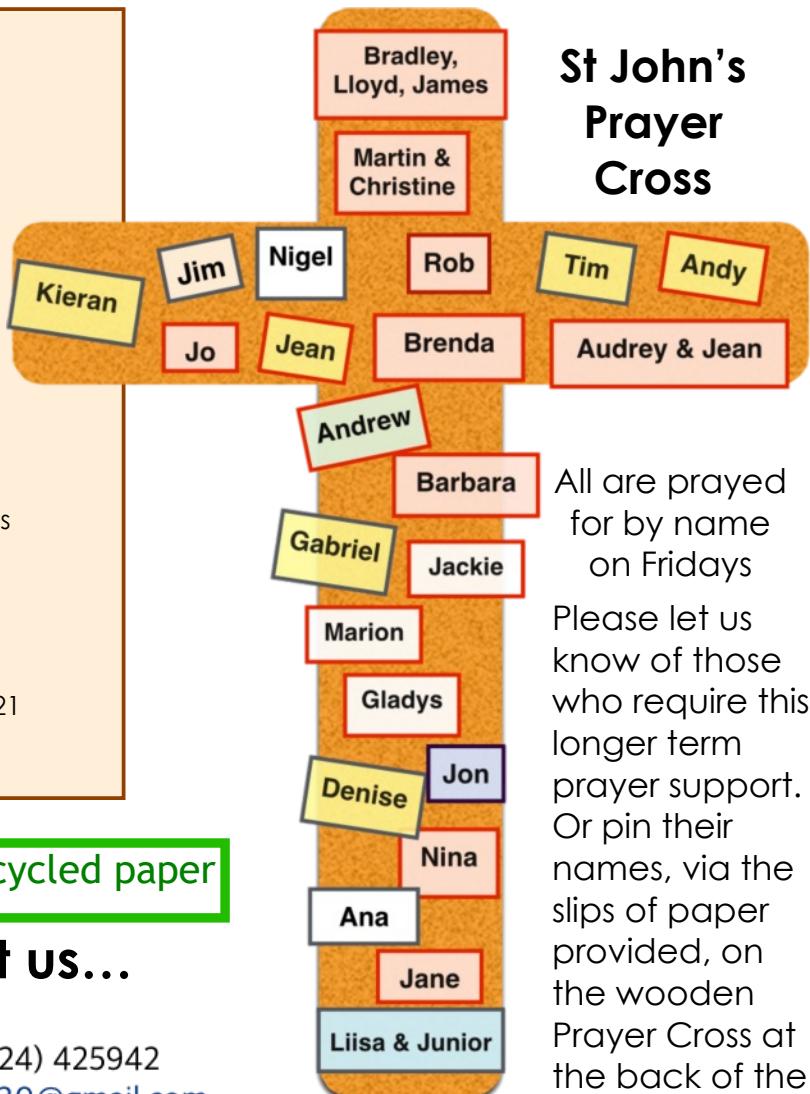
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All are prayed  
for by name  
on Fridays

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