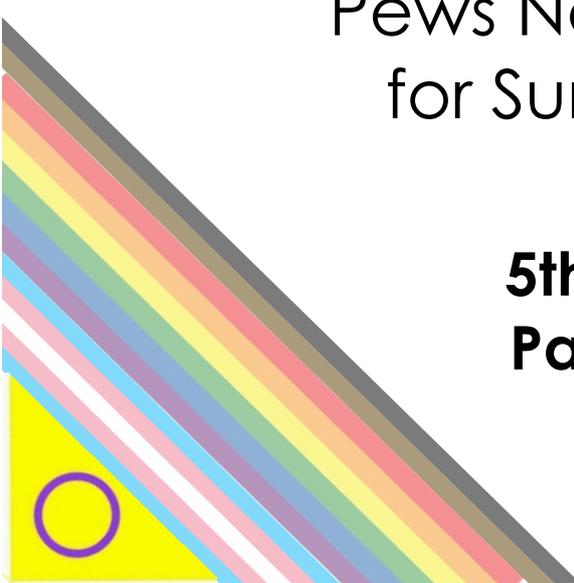


# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

**5th Sunday of Lent:  
Passiontide begins**



# 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**

NESCAFÉ Dolce Gusto

## 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, Jon, and Jackie N.

## Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Murray, and those whose Years Minds fall around this time - Sophie Taylor, Peter Howorth, Vera Sheppard, John Vaughan, and Edna Wheeler,

... and all who mourn.

Today there will be a table at the back of Church, selling preserves, Easter goodies and Church Mice. *Katy*



**Here this afternoon:** Godly Play, for 5-15 year olds, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. This is the first session and we hope to hold them monthly. Email for more details: [godlyplayonsea@yahoo.com](mailto:godlyplayonsea@yahoo.com)

Our friend **Murray MacDonald's funeral** will take place here at St John's on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is very welcome, and we will have refreshments in church after the service.



HASTINGS OLD TOWN PARISH OF ST CLEMENT & ALL SAINTS

**Lent Taizé Service**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6 p.m.**

**in St Clement's Church**

*(Swan Terrace off High Street, Old Town)*

Taizé  
Pray - Peace

*All are welcome to this ecumenical service for all denominations - a time of reflection, prayers in song & words, readings and quietness around candlelights.*



**Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter:** We are having our **Stations of the Cross Service on Good Friday** (15th April) and if you would like to do a brief 1 minute meditation at one of the stations, please sign the sheet at the back of church and take the appropriate reading. Any queries please see Fr David or Katy Harper - thank you. There will be no Good Friday soup lunch available this year but you are welcome to bring your own if needed. *KH*

Forms for purchasing **Easter Lilies** in memory of loved ones are also available at the back of church.

*Introit: God so loved the world (Goss)*

## **Opening Hymn**

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O, who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (1624-83)*

## **Welcoming of the people**

*Bishop* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* Amen.

*Bishop* The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

## **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.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence  
and faith.

*All* Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your  
love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and  
cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Absolution**

*Bishop* 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**

Let us pray:

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of  
his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's  
blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All Amen.*

## **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

*Isaiah 43.16-21*

Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished,  
quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not  
perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for  
myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

For the Word of the Lord

*All Thanks be to God*

## **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

*Philippians 3.4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn**

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from  
heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled and mourned and  
died  
for love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord!  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.

W. Walsham How (1823-97)

### **Gospel Reading**

Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became  
obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above  
every name.

**All Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

**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 12.1-8*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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.

**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

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of  
intercession  
through Christ who gave himself for the  
life of the world.

*The response may be:*

Lord in your mercy

**All hear our prayer**

*and at the end:*

Merciful Father,

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

### A Special Prayer for Ukraine

God of all peoples and nations,  
Who created all things alive and  
breathing,  
United and whole,  
Show us the way of peace that is your  
overwhelming presence  
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine  
and Russia,  
Every child and every adult.  
We long for the time  
When weapons of war are beaten into  
ploughshares  
When nations no longer lift up sword  
against nation.  
We cry out to you for peace.  
Protect those who only desire and deserve  
to live in security and safety



Comfort those who fear for their lives  
and the lives of their loved ones  
Be with those who are bereaved.  
Change the hearts of those set on  
violence and aggression  
And fill leaders with the wisdom that  
leads to peace.  
Kindle again in us a love of our  
neighbour,  
And a passion for justice to prevail  
and a renewed recognition that we all  
play a part in peace.  
Creator of all hear our prayer  
And bring us peace. Make us whole.  
Amen

### **The Peace *is introduced***

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his  
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 with  
those around us*

### **Offertory Hymn**

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

Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure:  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands  
can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears for ever flow,  
all for sin could not atone:  
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when my eyelids close in death,  
when I soar through tracts unknown,  
see thee on thy judgement throne;  
rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

*Augustus Toplady (1740-78)*

### **Preparation of the Table**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might  
live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.  
**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created  
all things  
and all your works echo the silent music  
of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in  
your image,  
the crown of all creation.

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the  
cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree  
of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has  
been restored.

You give us breath and speech, that  
with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands,  
O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her  
children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our  
Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at  
your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring  
before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of  
your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in  
your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your  
glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross, 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop partakes of the consecrated bread - and wine on behalf of us all - to which we respond Amen.*

*Holy Communion is then distributed in one kind - The Body of Christ.*

*Anthem: Praise to thee, Lord Jesus (Schütz)*

### **Communion Hymn**

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1758)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers  
and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign,  
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**

#### **Final hymn**

Praise to the holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O generous love! That he, who smote  
in man for man the foe,  
the double agony in man  
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman (1801-90)*

## The Blessing & Dismissal

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

**Dcn** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Concluding voluntary: Overture from 'Messiah' (G.F. Handel)**



Church Together in  
Hastings & St Leonards

Next Sunday's  
**LOAF WALK**,  
April 10<sup>th</sup>,  
will start at

Salehurst Church at 2:30 p.m. It is 3.25 miles long, crossing the Rother, and over fields and through woods with wonderful views. Sadly a bit early for bluebells. You will pass the remains of Salehurst Abbey, whose monks built the 13th Century Church. The pub "The Selhurst Halt" is adjacent and serves food so perhaps a booking for Sunday Lunch would add to the enjoyment. It's name celebrates a pre-Beeching station on the Robertsbridge to Ashford line. Bring your friends!

## Service times for Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April:**

8 a.m. Said Mass.

10:30 a.m. Sung Parish Mass.

**Monday of Holy Week, 11<sup>th</sup> April:**

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

**Tuesday of Holy Week, 12<sup>th</sup> April:**

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

**Wednesday of Holy Week, 13<sup>th</sup> April:**

10 a.m. - Said Mass.

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

**Maundy Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April:**

7:00 p.m. Sung Mass.

**Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April:**

12 noon - Stations of the Cross.

1 p.m. - Silent Prayer.

2 p.m. - The Last Hour with Veneration of the Cross and Administration of the Sacrament.

**Holy Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April:**

8:00 p.m. - The First Mass of Easter.

**Easter Day, 17<sup>th</sup> April:**

8 a.m. Said Mass.

10:30 a.m. Parish Mass.

Could you donate a bottle for the **Tombola Stall at the Spring Fair** (21st May) please? I'm also looking for jigsaw puzzles, Good Quality Bric a Brac and items for a Spring Hamper. There is a box at the back of church for items. Many thanks, *Katy*.



... do you shop online? Enter online shopping sites via the "Easyfundraising" website/app, and you may be able to raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!

There's a selection of Gwen Beecher's tapestries and pictures at the back of church - please take any you might like. If you would like to make a donation to the church in return that would be very welcome.

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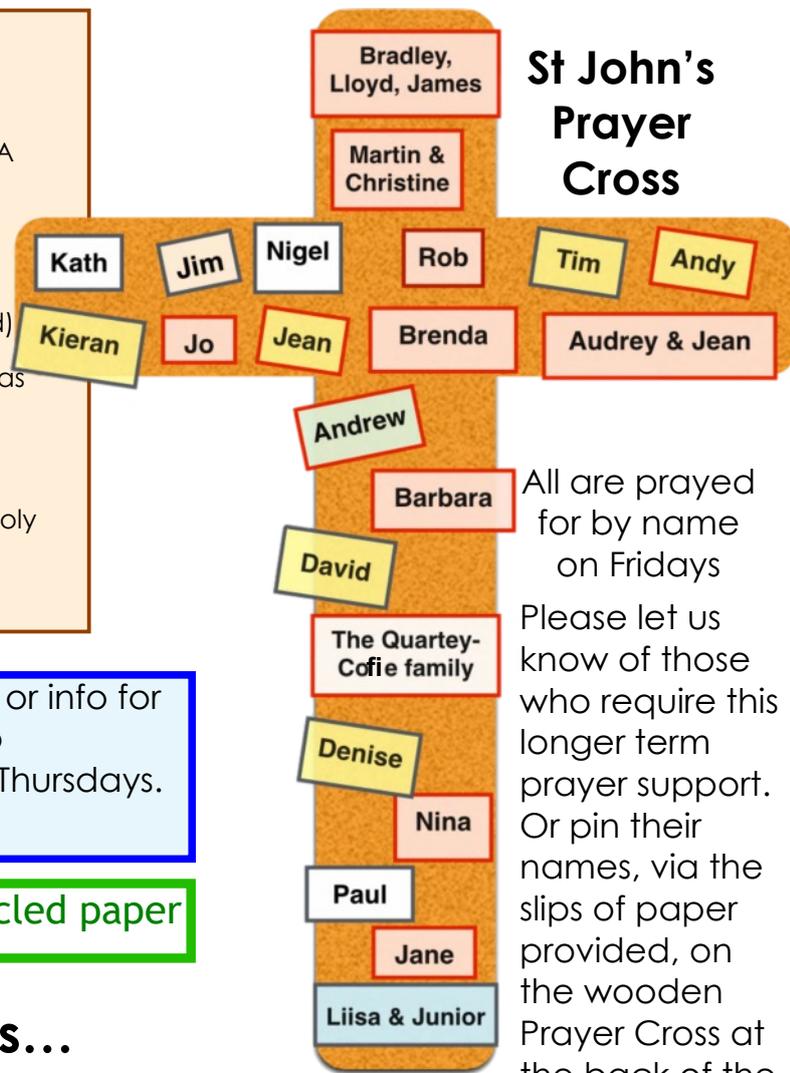
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## St John's Prayer Cross



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  
Church.  
Thank you.