

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 27th March 2022

4th Sunday of Lent



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
Friday, 10:00 - 12:00

NESTLE 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 - Ken, and Michael Aldridge,
... and all who mourn.

A farewell from Celia and Martin:

Dear friends, How we will miss you!

How many years has St Johns been central to our lives?

How many different aspects of our faith have we been introduced to?

How many different roles have we played? How many friends have we made?

And how many times will we think of you all and smile.

Thank you all for all you have meant to us. Visit if you can –

Southwell is charming and the welcome warm.

With our love, Celia and Martin

There's a selection of Gwen B'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.



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 H - 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.

Mass for Mothering Sunday

Opening Hymn

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
full of grace.*

Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother
she who bore him in her womb.

Hail Mary...

Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the Church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in glad-
ness
let Christ's people sing the same.

Hail Mary...

Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.

Hail Mary...

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the three in one.

Hail Mary...

V.S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)

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.

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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not
despise.

Let us come to the Lord,
who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions
in penitence and faith.
Let us admit to God the sin which always
confronts us.

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

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

All Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 2.1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the

Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

The King of Love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to
his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

**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 19.25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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 pray for the Church and for the
world, and let us thank God for his
goodness

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.**

The Peace *is introduced*

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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.*

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of
days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with
praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder
clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless
decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the
sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the
end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and
Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their
lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Preparation of the Table

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and
love.

accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and
discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the
world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter
feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of
all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death
on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the
sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this
cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of 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

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated
bread.*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one
bread.**

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

*The priest partakes of the consecrated
bread - and wine on behalf of us all -
to which we respond Amen.
Holy Communion is then distributed in
one kind - The Body of Christ.*

Anthem: Mary's Magnificat (Carter)

Communion Hymn

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green,
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

T.B. Pollock (1836-96)

Prayer after Communion

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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace
within the household of faith;
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

Final hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord,
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word,
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm
has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might;
Powers and Dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to
flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word;
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

May God, who gave birth to all creation,
bless you:

May God, who became incarnate by an
earthly mother, bless you:

May God, who broods as a mother over
her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

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



This week's Prayer for Ukraine comes from Christian Aid:

Lord of all people and all nations,
we lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia,
each girl and boy, each woman and man
living in fear of what tomorrow might bring.

We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
when weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
when nation will 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.

Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression.

Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace.

May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven,
may your peace reign, now and always.

We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do
more than we can ever ask or imagine,
in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

This is a message from Hastings Community of Sanctuary, one of whose members recently met a family. This is what they write.

The mum is from Ukraine, the husband is British and they have two small children and live in a tiny flat in Hastings. They were trying to get her sister out of Ukraine, and wondered how to get help with accommodation once they were here – as their flat is so small; also, her sister's 8 year old boy is autistic so has some special needs.

We have just learned that the sister, her husband and the child have managed to escape, get UK visas, and are expected to arrive here tomorrow (Friday)! We had said they could stay with us for the first period, but unfortunately, both Richard and I have Covid so that's no longer possible. They can stay initially with their Hastings family, but will be urgently trying to find independent accommodation -just a little flat somewhere close by. With family close by to offer support, things would seem to be a little easier than in cases where there is no family support.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, are any of you able to help?

Thanks, Fr D

Due to its popularity, there will be a table at the back of Church next Sunday, 3rd April, selling preserves, Easter goodies and Church Mice. Katy

Could you donate a bottle for the **Tom Bola 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. Many thanks, Katy.



The pandemic has set back the fight against plastic pollution. It's not just the proliferation of PPE, disposable masks and testing detritus, but zero waste shops have been closing, due to the seemingly permanent shift to online grocery shopping. St Leonards' own *Wonderfill*, 35 Kings Road, is struggling, and Hannah isn't sure how long she can continue. Perhaps, for Lent, people could sacrifice the convenience of home delivery to help out our small local stores. Take your containers to *Wonderfill* (open Wed-Sat 10-5, Sun 11-3) and save big on eco-friendly cleaning products plus all the staples, many organic. If not local, it's only a few minutes from Warrior Square Station (ditch the car too!) or access the car park from South Street, just up from the post office and St Leonards Grocery - the No Plastic greengrocer that has added local meat and dairy products." Fiona

The **Mission to Seafarers** charity reports: "It is a dire and tragic situation for everybody caught up in the [Ukraine] conflict but, yet again, seafarers find themselves in the front line"

From New Zealand: "Seven Ukrainian and six Russians onboard. No fighting but very sad. They cannot get home, they cannot have crew changes."

From Panama: "Chief Officer is from Mariupol, Ukraine. He has been on the telephone regularly with his wife who is frightened and deeply distressed by the Russian invasion. Mariupol is currently surrounded and there is no way for her or the family to leave."

More info and a way to donate can be found at this link:

<https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/news/ukraine-statement>

Fiona

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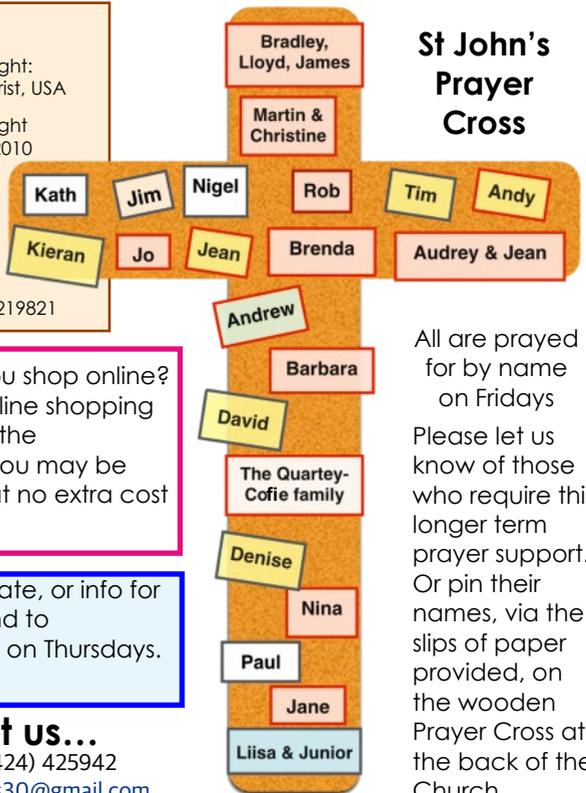
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St John's Prayer Cross



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.