

# St John's, Pevensy Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Pentecost**



## 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

**NO Midweek Mass this Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

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

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

### **Our prayers are asked for:**

Geraldine, Sue O, Holly H., Andy, Jackie N., Marie N, John T, Della, Tim, Kathryn,  
Nigel and Carrie, Peter, Anna and Lesley.

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

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Amber and John,  
and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: including Leslie ,

... and all who mourn.

Kids' Toy Bags and books — at the back of church in the welcome area, behind the back pew and adjacent to the aisle, there's a box of kids' toy bags to help children enjoy their time at St John's. The bags contain fidget toys, little figures and a book. At the foot of the table is a small selection of larger books. These are all suitable for toddlers thru' primary age. Please feel free to take a bag and/or book on your way in, and return after Mass for next time.

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord  
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed his risen presence with us

and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time,

we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people,  
through whom we make Christ known to the world.

*Introit: O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace,  
Tye*

### Opening Hymn

Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power  
of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes  
his dwelling.

*Italian, Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)  
tr. R.F. Littledale (1833-90)*

### Welcoming of the people

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

*All* Amen.

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

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Prayer of Preparation

*All* Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are  
hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy  
name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

*Dcn* The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and  
faith.

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on  
the cross for our redemption,  
yet we have forgotten your pain  
and stayed in the realm of the evil you  
defeated.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death  
to bring us new life, yet we have  
preferred the comfort of the familiar,  
and the empty promises of a sinful world.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your  
Father and our Father,  
your God and our God;  
plead there at the right hand of God  
for our forgiveness and entry  
into the fullness of his presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* Lord, have mercy.

***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'***

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together in one place. And  
suddenly from heaven there came a  
sound like the rush of a violent wind, and  
it filled the entire house where they were  
sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire,  
appeared among them, and a tongue  
rested on each of them. All of them were  
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to  
speak in other languages, as the Spirit  
gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every  
nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
And at this sound the crowd gathered and  
was bewildered, because each one heard  
them speaking in the native language of  
each. Amazed and astonished, they  
asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking  
Galileans? And how is it that we hear,  
each of us, in our own native language?  
Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents  
of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to  
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both  
Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs  
– in our own languages we hear them  
speaking about God's deeds of power.'  
All were amazed and perplexed, saying to  
one another, 'What does this mean?' But  
others sneered and said, 'They are filled  
with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised  
his voice and addressed them: 'Men of  
Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let  
this be known to you, and listen to what I  
say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you  
suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the  
morning. No, this is what was spoken  
through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall  
prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great  
and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 12. 3b - 13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

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

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as Advocate to plead,  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live,  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

*(Brian Foley b 1919)*

### **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 20.19 -23*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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**

### **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.*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia!  
Jesu, true and living Bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!  
*G.H. Bourne (1840-1925)*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Father, by your Holy Spirit  
you keep the Church in unity and truth.  
As we break bread together,  
may we be one with Christ  
in faith and hope and love,  
now and for ever.

**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, it is our duty and our  
joy, always and everywhere to give you  
thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting  
God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son  
our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us  
into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues  
in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace  
to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with  
angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit  
dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
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**

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.

**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 priest 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: Come down, O love divine - Harris*

### **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 will 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 the 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* Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
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**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
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**

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 de-  
cree,  
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 ransomed creation, though feeble their  
lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

*All* **May the Grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

*Priest* May the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace...

*All* **and rise in glory. Amen.**

*Deacon* Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia

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

*Concluding voluntary: Finale.(J. Lemmens)*

Please do stay for  
coffee after today's  
Parish Mass



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Fundraising evening of music for St John the Evangelist  
Jenny and Francis have prepared an exquisite, golden evening of  
Brahm's most loved and familiar piano intermezzi and songs.

Do join us in both relishing great music, and supporting  
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