

# St John's, Pevensy Road

Pews News & Service Sheet

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Trinity 3

**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

**Midweek Mass**, Wednesday 10 a.m. St Peter's Chapel

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

**Morning Coffee:** Fridays 10 - 12 noon in church

***THIS AFTERNOON 4PM here at St John's***

## ***Healing Prayer Service***

***This quiet service will give the opportunity  
to receive anointing and prayer for yourself  
or a loved one.***

***We continue to explore the theme of  
suffering and***

***"Where is God when it hurts?".***

***All are welcome.***



## Our prayers are asked for:

Holly H, Arlene, Andy, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine, Della, Basia S, The Rev Lizzie Green, Tim, Kathryn, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Anna.

## Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Mike Stone, Gordon, Anne Pickard, Barbara Sommerville, and Jo Heyworth

...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Jenny Hayler, Madeline Gray, Regina-Grace Quartey-Cofie, Ronald Fibbens, Ruth Pooley, Dorrie and Sydney Roberts

... and all who mourn.



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### Bring and Buy Bookstall



**50p per book**  
... please put your donation money in the Christian Aid collection slot in the wall - thank you!

## Drop in for Morning Coffee



... and to spend some time in this beautiful church

**Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00**

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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 11am on Thursdays. Thanks!

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**Introit:** *God so loved the world - Goss*

### Opening Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

*John Bode (1816-74)*

### 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.

### Prayer of Confession

*Dcn* God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*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 is sung:***

**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'*

God our Saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

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

*Jeremiah 20.7-13*

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## ***A reading from the letter to the Romans***

*Romans 6.1-11*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were

baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **All Thanks be to God**

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

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me,  
save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought  
in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping,  
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the  
fight;  
be thou my whole armour,  
be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter,  
be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward,  
great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,  
thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.**

*Irish c 8<sup>th</sup> century Tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931); versified  
Eleanor Hill (1860-1935)*

**Gospel Reading**

**Dcn** Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.  
I know them, and they follow me.

**All Alleluia.**

**Dcn** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

**Dcn** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 10.24-39*

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;  
it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All Praise to you, O Christ.*

## Sermon

### Reception into the Communion of the Church of England

*The candidate may be presented to the congregation.*

*The Bishop asks the candidate*

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?  
**I have.**

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? **I am.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The president addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *this candidate* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## DECLARATION

*Michael stands before the Bishop to make this declaration.*

*The Bishop says*

You are here to be received into the communion of the Church of England.

Do you acknowledge the Church of England as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church? **I do.**

Do you accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church of England? **I do.**

Will you take part with us in worship and mission? **I will.**

***The Bishop and the candidate gather before the congregation.***

RECEPTION INTO THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

***The Bishop extends his hands towards the one who is to be received and says*** Amen.

God of mercy and love,  
by one Spirit we have all been baptized into one body and made to drink of the one Spirit;  
we thank you for the gifts you have given to this your servant for the building up of the body of Christ. Grant that he may continue in the life of the Spirit and walk with us in the light and obedience of Christ.

By the same Spirit, fill the whole Church with your overflowing love;  
give us knowledge and discernment of your will,  
and steadfastness in your service,  
until we all come to the unity of the faith, to the measure of the full stature of Christ, through whom we make our prayer. **Amen.**

***The Bishop takes the hand of the person to be received, saying***

Michael, we recognize you as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; and we receive you into the

communion of the Church of England in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for Michael, received into the communion of the Church of England***

**Defend, O Lord, this your servant with your heavenly grace,  
that he may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until he comes to your everlasting kingdom.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

We pray for God's grace.  
Lord, receive our praise  
**and hear our prayer.**

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:  
through your Son you have redeemed us;  
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for ... (*new Christians, the Church*)  
Make our hearts respond to your love.  
Lord, receive our praise  
**and hear our prayer.**

We pray for ... (*the world, society, the local community*)  
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.  
Lord, receive our praise  
**and hear our prayer.**

We pray for ... (*people in need, Christian service*)  
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.  
Lord, receive our praise  
**and hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for ...  
Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

**The Peace** *is introduced by the priest*

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All and also with you.**

*Deacon* 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.*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is  
thy health and salvation!**

**Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near;  
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee.**

**Ponder anew - all the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him.**

**Let the Amen sound from his people again,  
gladly for ay we adore him.**

*German, Joachim Neander (1650-80); Tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) et al*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Holy God, holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.

**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.**

Father, you made the world and love your  
creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us  
free from sin and death. And so we gladly  
thank you, with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his  
command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken  
bread and wine outpoured may be for us the  
body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross. Bringing  
before you the bread of life and cup of  
salvation, until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that  
day when your kingdom comes and justice and  
mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in  
your loving arms and bring us with Saint John  
the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of God,  
and all the saints, to feast at your table in  
heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

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

Let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

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

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

*We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:*

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**

**Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,**

**Give us your peace**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to  
communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*Communion is received. Please  
bow your head if you prefer to  
receive a blessing.*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine - Howells*

### **Hymn**

This Is my Body, broken for you,  
bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

This is my Blood poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches; I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,  
and I have shown you how to be free;  
serve one another, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

Verses 1& 2 Jimmy Owens; verses 3-5 Damian Lundy

### Prayer after Communion

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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our  
imagining and whose power we cannot  
comprehend : show us your glory as far as we  
can grasp it, and shield us from knowing  
more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *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

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

*Priest* The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the  
faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you al-  
ways.

*All* Amen.

#### Final hymn

Jesus is Lord!

Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power each tree and flower  
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it -  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:  
'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord! Praise him  
with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain  
on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding  
- yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting  
us free. *Chorus*

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty  
conqueror;  
from death he rose and all his foes  
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power  
that Jesus is Lord. *Chorus*

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## The 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...

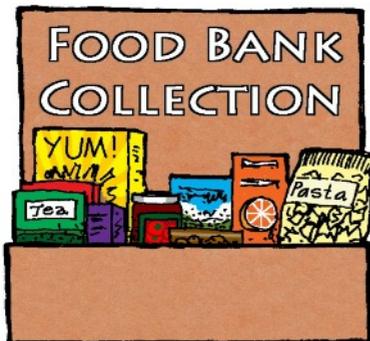
*All* and rise in glory. Amen

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

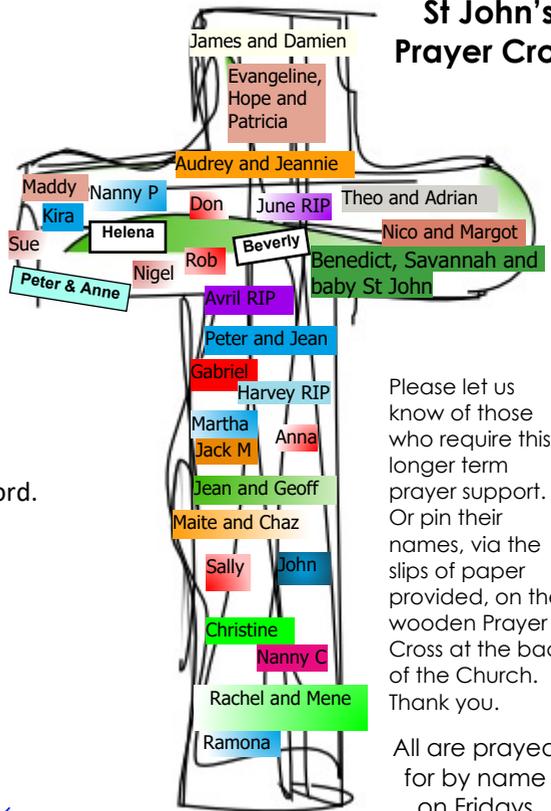
*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Organ voluntary: Sortie in E flat - Lefebure-Wely*

*Join us for coffee after the 10:30 Mass*



## St John's Prayer Cross



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.

All are prayed for by name on Fridays

## The Hastings Foodbank,

run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

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