



**Pews News and Service  
Sheet for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December 2024**

During the week:

**Wednesday 10am**

**Midweek Mass in St  
Peter's Chapel**

**Online Zoom service\*:**

**Wednesdays at 10am**

**Morning Coffee: Fridays  
10 – 12 noon in Church**

**Next Sunday, 8th:**

**NO 8am Said Mass**

**10.30am Sung Parish Mass**

**3pm Lights of Love service**



**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Welcome to Mass  
this morning -  
Advent  
Sunday**

**(Today Year C in the Church  
lectionary begins)**

**6pm here this  
evening  
ADVENT  
CAROLS**



**A little further ahead in December:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: 8am and 10.30am Mass**

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup>:**

**Carol Singing in Care Homes**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: NO 8am Said Mass**

**10.30am Sung Parish Mass**

**6pm Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Christmas Eve: 4pm Crib service**

**6pm Carols in the churchyard**

**11pm Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day: 8am Said Mass**

**10.30am Sung Festival Mass**



As it is Advent Sunday, the intercession list and Prayer Cross are being `renewed`. Please do add names to the prayer cross in church if you wish the church to pray for someone with longer-term needs. To add names to this printed prayer cross or to the more `acute` intercessions list below, please email the PN editor on [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) Names will remain there for 4 weeks unless you notify us otherwise, and any `years mind` for one week. Thank you .

## St John's Prayer Cross



Please let us know of those who require this longer-term prayer support. Do pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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

Helena O, David S, Ken, Gill

### **Please pray also for**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Annette H ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time and all who mourn.

Instead of our usual Christmas Card scheme here at St Johns we are simply asking throughout Advent for donations to

### **The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal**

Please put money in the Christian Aid box in the wall (or on the desk). If you wish to use the contactless system please make the donation then also put a note in the box with the amount you have given and the date.

*Prayer at the altar said by the choir:*

.... grant that what we sing with our lips may we believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts may we show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Introit: Adam lay y bounden -Boris Ord*

## Opening Hymn

**Lo! he comes with clouds  
descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints  
attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and  
sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the  
tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his  
Passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious  
scars!**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and  
glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine  
own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## The 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 at the lighting of the first Advent Candle

*Priest* People of God: awake!  
The day is coming soon  
when you shall see God face to face.  
Remember the ways and the works of God.  
God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.  
**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*Deacon* When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in that light, we confess our sins.  
Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Choir and Congregation sing:*

**Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy**

*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.**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to  
cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall  
come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **All Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word *all sit***

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

*Jeremiah 33. 14-16*

The days are surely coming, says  
the LORD, when I will fulfil the  
promise I made to the house of  
Israel and the house of Judah.  
In those days and at that time I will  
cause a righteous Branch to spring  
up for David; and he shall execute  
justice and righteousness in the  
land.

In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
And this is the name by which it  
will be called: "The LORD is our  
righteousness."

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians**

*1 Thessalonians 3.9-end*

How can we thank God enough for  
you in return for all the joy that we  
feel before our God because of  
you? Night and day we pray most  
earnestly that we may see you  
face to face and restore whatever  
is lacking in your faith.  
Now may our God and Father  
himself and our Lord Jesus direct  
our way to you. And may the Lord  
make you increase and abound in  
love for one another and for all,  
just as we abound in love for you.  
And may he so strengthen your  
hearts in holiness that you may be  
blameless before our God and  
Father at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus with all his saints.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew.  
Come to make all things new;  
bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.**

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,***

**when he comes,  
who will make him welcome?**

**God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
he will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human. Refrain**

**Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb God is laid;  
Till the time expected  
Nurtured and protected. Refrain**

**Journey ends: where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!  
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!  
F. Pratt, Green, 1903-2000**

**Gospel Reading** *When the Gospel is  
announced the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way  
of the Lord, make his paths  
straight, and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God. **All Alleluia.**

**Deacon** The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you.**

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

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

*Luke 21. 25-36*

"There will be signs in the sun, the  
moon, and the stars, and on the  
earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea  
and the waves. People will faint  
from fear and foreboding of what is  
coming upon the world, for the

powers of the heavens will be  
shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud' with power and  
great glory.

Now when these things begin to  
take place, stand up and raise your  
heads, because your redemption is  
drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look  
at the fig tree and all the trees; as  
soon as they sprout leaves you  
can see for yourselves and know  
that summer is already near. So  
also, when you see these things  
taking place, you know that the  
kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will  
not pass away until all things have  
taken place. Heaven and earth will  
pass away, but my words will not  
pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts  
are not weighed down with  
dissipation and drunkenness and  
the worries of this life, and that day  
catch you unexpectedly, like a  
trap. For it will come upon all who  
live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that  
you may have the strength to  
escape all these things that will  
take place, and to stand before the  
Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

**Deacon** We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:  
**All for by his will they were  
created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:  
**All for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**All the Spirit and the Bride say,  
'Come!' Even so come, Lord  
Jesus! Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Peace**

*Priest* The God of peace make us  
holy in all things that we may be  
ready at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ

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

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a  
sign of God's peace  
**All may exchange a sign of peace.**

**Offertory hymn** *during which the  
altar is prepared, and bread and wine  
are placed upon it.*

**Hills of the North, rejoice,  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies:  
Christ comes  
in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze**

**hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure,  
his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed  
to know  
in Christ draws near,  
and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed  
o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.**

*NEH Eds, based on C E Oakley (1832-65)*

### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**

*The priest takes the bread and wine.*  
Look upon us in mercy not in  
judgement; draw us from hatred to  
love; make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.  
**All Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (B)**

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 when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, to proclaim your glory, 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. 🕯

**Deacon** 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 St John the Evangelist, St 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**

*Deacon* 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 by all.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation.*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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: Masters in this Hall – French trad.*

## **Hymn**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King; born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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

#### Blessing of the Congregation

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you

*Priest* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, be upon you all now and always.

**All** Amen.

#### Final hymn

Joy to the world,  
the Lord has come!  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart  
prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and  
nature sing.  
Joy to the earth,  
the Saviour reigns!

your sweetest songs employ,  
while fields and streams and  
hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
the wonders of his love,  
the wonders of his love,  
the wonders,  
wonders of his love.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

#### The Dismissal

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you

**All** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and 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* As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Organ voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo' - J S Bach*

*Do stay for coffee!*





**Christmas  
Fayre  
this Saturday  
10am - 1pm**

Our wonderful Christmas fair is on Saturday 7th December. At the moment we are looking for donations of bottles, cakes, Christmas treasures, Christmas jumpers and toys. These can be left in the boxes at the back of church.

Kate H is looking for donations of foliage for the wreaths, please speak to her if you can offer anything. If you would like to help in any way do please also chat with Katy H or Kate H. Thank you to those who have already offered help.

\*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet by **4pm Tuesday. Thank you.**



**SOUND Lab**  
(Not your average choir)

**A Compendium  
of  
Christmas Songs**

St. Ethelburga's Church  
(bottom of Fisham Road)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm

Free Admission  
(donations to support local Food Bank)



**Living Faith**

**Living Faith** – details about this online course in 2025 can be found:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/living-faith>

**Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM) Course**

ALM training begins again in January. Applications are now open and the course prospectus and application paperwork can be found here [Authorised Lay Ministry - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](https://www.chichester.anglican.org)

Closing date is December 9<sup>th</sup>.



Church Together in  
Hastings & St Leonards

*Parish of the Good Shepherd  
The Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs  
Magdalen Rd. St. Leonards-on-Sea TN37 6BT*

**'WAIT FOR THE LORD'**

**An Advent Service of  
Music and Prayer from Taize**

**Sunday December 8th 4.00 pm**



All welcome

Please join us in praying for peace in our world



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**In aid of Village Force Africa**

(+ food collection for Hastings Food Bank)

Mulled wine, mince pies, the dancing Santas,  
ukelele, flute, keyboard, full lighting  
and much local fun.

Join us at Jctn 14 Knoll Rise/Cavendish Ave.  
Sunday December 15th at 3pm

<https://www.villageforceafrica.org>



### Coming up in December at Crowhurst Christmas Healing Centre:

- **Christmas Lunches** on Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th December 12noon – 2pm.  
Three courses plus coffee and mints for just £25 per person! The menu can be adapted for gluten free and dairy free diners. Book by calling 01424 830204 with your menu choices and a £5 deposit.
- **A Prisoner of Shame? A Weekend for Women** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December: Shame is an emotion we all experience which keeps us in captivity. It is the fear of what others might think that prevents us from opening up about it. The experiences that result in shame can also distort our understanding of our true identity as God sees us. How securely is your identity rooted in Jesus? The Bible reminds us that we are children of God and God has lavished his love on us (1 John 3 v 1), but we also know that `shame is the most powerful master emotion - the fear that we are not good enough` (Brene Brown), and so it can feel very difficult to accept God loves us.  
If you are living with shame, or its consequences, you are welcome to join us at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre for a weekend especially aimed at women. We are limiting the number of places, in order to provide a safe space to explore how identity may be shaped by experiences, both good and bad. The weekend will include teaching and worship, as well as offering time for personal reflection. We hope you will also have fun! There will be opportunity to receive personal prayer, if you wish, and time to share personal stories, as we acknowledge that shame derives its power from being unspeakable. £270 per person for an ensuite room/£250 per person for a non ensuite room. Book 01424 830204

[/https://www.crowhursthealing.org.uk/retreat.php?retreat=874](https://www.crowhursthealing.org.uk/retreat.php?retreat=874)



## URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

**UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)  
BABIES' NAPPIES AND SANITARY PRODUCTS  
TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND  
CARROTS) TINNED FRUIT; COFFEE**

**OTHER NEEDED ITEMS; TOILETRIES (SHOWER  
GEL, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE)  
TOILET ROLLS, TINNED FISH, TINNED  
POTATOES, TINNED RICE PUDDING, JAM, FRUIT  
JUICE-**

If you are able to donate, please leave items in the container at the back of church and they will be collected by the Food Bank rep. Thank you.

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