



Pews News and Service Sheet for 24th November 2024

This week:

Wednesday 10am Mass
in St Peter's Chapel

Wednesday 10am

Online Zoom service*

Morning Coffee: Fridays
10 – 12 noon in Church



**St John's,
Pevensey Road.**

**Welcome to
Mass
this morning on
the Feast of
Christ the King**

Next Sunday is Advent

Sunday:

8am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Parish Mass

**6.00pm Advent Carol
Service**



Our prayers are asked for:

Rachel T, Helena O, David S, Rose T, Ken, Gill,
Pat, Bobby, Molly, Shirley K, Janet.

Please pray also for

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

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**St John's
Prayer
Cross**

Ramona
Ollie
John H
Natalia
Miri
Kourash

William & Benjie
Maite and Chaz
Amera & Amy;

Nigel
Terry S

Lori-Leigh M
Helen C;

Bostik;
Don
Diane
Goldie
Lorenzo
Arta X

Della
Tia K
Gabriel
Dulcie
Julian

Anna
Jack M
Nichola
Xander
Audrey,
Jeannie
& family
Lisa

Arthur
H.
Benji &
Dada

Glenys J;
Della

All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

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
Prayers
Cross at the
back of the
Church.
Thank you.

Everyone
in the
Middle
East
under
duress



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: *Pray that Jerusalem - Stanford*

Opening 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 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)

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 of Preparation

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

Invitation to confession

Deacon Jesus says, "Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand". So let us turn away from sin

and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Priest God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word all sit

A reading from the book of Daniel

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands

served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened....

¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the book Revelation

Revelation 1. 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and

who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**The head that once
was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place
that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings,
and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light;**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross,
with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer
with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore
is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope,
his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon 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 18. 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

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

Priest To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule 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 altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly
anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him
as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson
trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;

the Root whence mercy
ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends
his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole,
that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the Infinite!
who lives - and loves - and
saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Blessed be God who enthrones us
with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of
God and drink the royal wine of
heaven.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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, our duty and our
joy, always and everywhere to give
you thanks, holy Father, almighty
and eternal God. For with the oil
of gladness you have anointed
Christ the Lord, your only Son, to
be our great high priest and king of
all creation. As priest, he offered
himself once for all upon the altar
of the cross and redeemed the
human race by this perfect
sacrifice of peace. As king he
claims dominion over all your
creatures, that he may bring before
your infinite majesty a kingdom of
truth and life, a kingdom of
holiness and grace, a kingdom of
justice, love and peace. And so
with angels and archangels and all
the heavenly host we proclaim
your glory and join their unending
hymn of praise:

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

Dcn: Jesus Christ is Lord

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

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.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people

**All Jesus Christ is holy
Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

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: King of glory, King of peace – J. S. Bach

Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear
and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God
to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture
in the body and the blood -
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard
on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell
may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet
the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice
they cry,
**Alleluya, alleluya,
alleluya! Lord most high.**

*Liturgy of St James
tr Gerald Moultrie (1829-85)*

Prayer after Communion

Priest Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

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

Priest God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
All Amen.

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **All Amen.**

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

Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
*lift up your heart,
lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
*lift up your heart,
lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
*lift up your heart,
lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
*lift up your heart,
lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 We go into the world to walk
in God's light, to rejoice in God's
love and to reflect God's glory. Go
in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: *Allegro marziale*
– Frank Bridge

Do stay for a while!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 1st
December at 6.00pm

Lights of love service - Sunday
8th December at 3.00pm

Carol Singing in Care Homes – 18th
and 19th December

Christmas Carol Service - Sunday
22nd December at 6.00pm

Midnight Mass - Tuesday 24th
December at 11.00p.m.

Mass on Christmas morning
Wednesday 25 December at
10.30am



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 Hill 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

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

In aid of Village Force Africa
(+ food collection for Hastings Food Bank)

Mulled wine, mince pies, the dancing Santas, uketele, 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>



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/living-faith) Closing date is December 9th.

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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.

