

**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

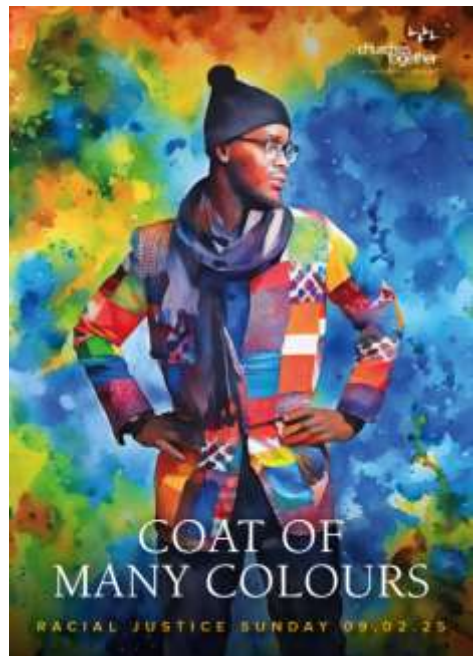
During the week:  
Wednesday 10am  
Midweek Mass -  
in St Peter's Chapel;  
Online [Zoom service](#)\*:  
Wednesdays at 10am  
Fridays 10-noon Morning  
Coffee/Warm Space



**Next Sunday 16th Feb:**  
**10.30am Sung Mass**  
**(NO 8.00am Mass)**



*Welcome to  
Mass  
on the Fourth  
Sunday before  
Lent*



**Our prayers are asked for:** Ken; John T;  
Helena O; Jackie N; Anne W; Gillian and Sue.

**Please also pray** for the souls of the recently departed, especially Yvonne S and Peter D; for those whose Years Mind falls at this time, and for all who mourn.

**St John's  
Prayer  
Cross**

Louise T;  
Lorenzo

Catherine; Ramona; Tom  
V; Bostik; Michelle, Zack,  
Gabrielle; Diane; Goldie

Anna  
Mark C.  
Mog  
Don  
John  
The  
Freebury  
family  
Jordan  
Sarah  
Chelsea  
Becky



All are  
regularly  
prayed  
for by  
name

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Church Hall bookings.

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contacted on  
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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.

*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: Teach me, O Lord - Attwood*

## Opening Hymn

Awake, my soul,  
and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth,  
and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time  
that's past,  
Live this day as if 'twere thy last:  
Improve thy talent  
with due care;  
For the great day  
thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,  
Thy conscience  
as the noon-day clear;  
Think how all-seeing God  
thy ways  
And all thy secret thoughts  
surveys.

Awake, awake,  
ye heavenly choir,  
May your devotion me inspire,  
That I like you  
my age may spend,  
Like you may on my God attend.

Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow,  
Praise him,  
all creatures here below,  
Praise him above,

ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

## 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

*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

*Deacon* Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: `I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.` Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

*All* Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred

**your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

### **Prayer of 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 Gloria in Excelsis 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**

*Priest* O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Isaiah  
Isaiah 6. 1-8 (9-end)**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips,

your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

(And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.")

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?"

And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians**

*1 Corinthians 15. 1-11*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-- though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the Word of the Lord.

**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;  
thou my great Father,  
and I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling,  
and I in thy care.

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 all the world's 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 c8th century tr. Mary Byrne  
(1880-1931)*

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was  
revealed in flesh, proclaimed  
among the nations and believed in  
throughout the world. **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 5. 1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing  
beside the lake of Gennesaret, and  
the crowd was pressing in on him  
to hear the word of God, he saw  
two boats there at the shore of the  
lake; the fishermen had gone out  
of them and were washing their  
nets. He got into one of the boats,  
the one belonging to Simon, and  
asked him to put out a little way  
from the shore. Then he sat down  
and taught the crowds from the  
boat.

When he had finished speaking,  
he said to Simon, "Put out into the  
deep water and let down your nets  
for a catch." Simon answered,  
"Master, we have worked all night  
long but have caught nothing. Yet  
if you say so, I will let down the  
nets."

When they had done this, they  
caught so many fish that their nets  
were beginning to break. So they  
signalled their partners in the other  
boat to come and help them. And  
they came and filled both boats, so  
that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he  
fell down at Jesus' knees, saying,  
"Go away from me, Lord, for I am a  
sinful man!"

For he and all who were with him  
were amazed at the catch of fish  
that they had taken; and so also  
were James and John, sons of  
Zebedee, who were partners with  
Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon,  
"Do not be afraid; from now on you  
will be catching people."

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

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

**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* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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.*

**God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year, God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near; Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,**



when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east  
to utmost west  
wherever foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many  
messengers  
goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do  
to work God's work,  
how prosper and increase  
harmony in the human race,  
the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do  
to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth  
in the strength of God  
with the banner of Christ  
unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious  
gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow  
and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with  
the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope  
for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer  
draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

*A. C. Ainger (1841-1919)*

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

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All** All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

*Priest* 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, gave 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, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Dcn** 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 St John the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of God, St Peter 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**

**Deacon** Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*We sit as Agnus Dei is sung by 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.*

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

**All Lord give us this bread  
always.**

*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:** *O Lord, my God, to thee -  
Arcadelt*

### **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* Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; 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* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep you hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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**

**Glorious things of thee  
are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
He whose word  
cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake  
thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls  
surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams  
of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and  
daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows  
their thirst to assuage?  
Grace,  
which like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading  
is the worldling's pleasure,  
all their boasted pomp  
and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Sion's children know.**

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

### **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.**

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

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

**Organ voluntary: *Allegro marziale***  
– *Frank Bridge*

*Do stay a while*



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on 100% recycled paper.

### Revision of the parish electoral roll

This year all the parishes have to renew their electoral roll which means that current members have to opt back in and new people can be added.

Membership means that you can vote for churchwardens and PCC members at the annual church meeting. Those who are on the electoral roll will receive a form and a letter about this.

Anyone else who wishes to join can find a form on the welcome desk.

Please return completed forms to Clare via the box on the welcome desk or send them to Lucy in the church office.

Clare C, Electoral Roll Officer.



### Urgently needed items include:

Toilet Rolls, UHT Milk, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables.

Other needed items include:  
Tinned fish, tinned potatoes, tinned rice pudding, toiletries.

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.

The funeral for Peter D will be  
in All Saints' Church  
in Hastings Old Town  
at 11.30am  
on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

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