



OneBodyOneFaith



St John's Pevensey Road



**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday**

2nd February 2025

During the week:

**10am Midweek Mass -
in St Peter's Chapel**

Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

**Fridays 10-noon Morning
Coffee/Warm Space**



Next Sunday 9th:

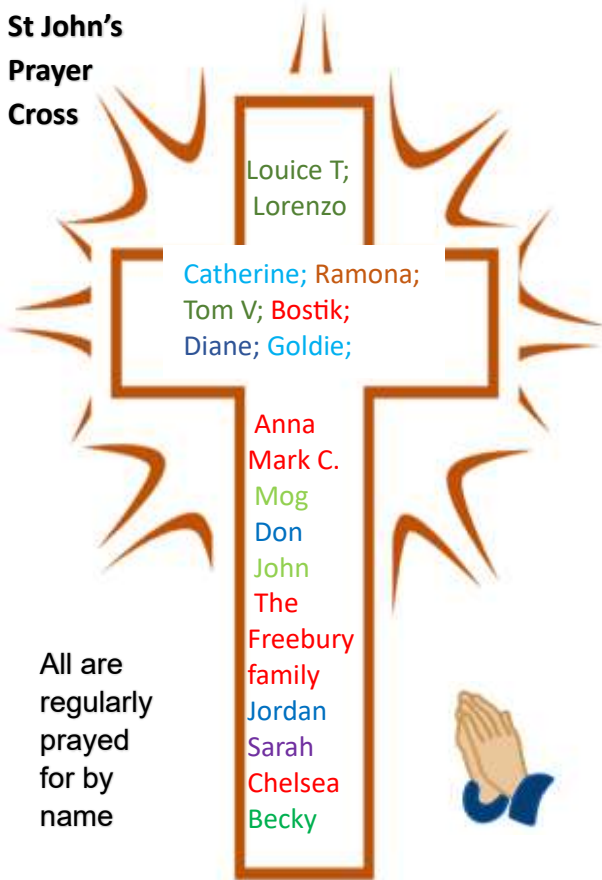
**10.30am Sung Mass
(NO 8am Mass)**

*Welcome to
Mass
on the Feast of
Candlemas*



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 David S, Yvonne S and
Peter D; for those whose Years Mind falls at
this time, and for all who mourn.

**St John's
Prayer
Cross**



All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

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Lucy is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for
Church Hall bookings.

Safeguarding Officer can be
contacted on
safestjohn30@gmail.com

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: *Creator of the stars of night*

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

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 Peruvian Gloria is sung

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.**

Refrain:

To God be glory for ever!

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father. Refrain**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit. Refrain**

The Collect

Priest Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Malachi

Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering

of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Christ, whose glory
fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er
the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high,
be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes,
and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom
of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley (1707 -88)

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

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon Today the Blessed Virgin comes to offer sacrifice in accordance with the law.

All Alleluia.

Deacon Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

**All Alleluia. Praise to Christ,
the light of the world.**

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 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Sharing of the Light

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You make our darkness to be light. For

with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Priest Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour; that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All Amen.**

Priest May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

All The Lord bless you.

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Priest In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of 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.*

**Of the Father's heart begotten
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain,
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.**

**By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees
the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes
beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.**

**O that birth forever blessèd,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Saviour of our race,
And the babe,
the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face—
Evermore and evermore.**

**Let the storm
and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream
and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.**

**O ye heights of Heav'n
adore him!
Angel hosts his praises sing!
All dominions bow before him
And exalt our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring—
Evermore and evermore.**

Latin, Prudentius (348-413), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name.
All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity. For on this day he appeared in the temple in

substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour. Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you. And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

**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 Believing the promises of God, 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.

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: *God is a spirit – Sterndale Bennett*

Hymn

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands
and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every
power as thou shalt choose,

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord, you fulfilled the hope
of Simeon and Anna, who lived to
welcome the Messiah: may we,
who have received these gifts
beyond words, prepare to meet
Christ Jesus when he comes to

bring us to eternal life; for he is
alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

**Praise, my soul,
the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed,**

restored, forgiven,
who like me
his praise
should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him
for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him
still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like,
he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon,
bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)

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 the light and peace
of Christ. *All* Thanks be to God.

*Organ voluntary: Grand Choeur –
William R. Spence*

Do stay a while



The funeral for David S will be
held on
Friday 7th February
at 1.30pm
here at St John's.

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

*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com
Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet by **4pm on Tuesdays**. (Printing, folding and stapling is done on Wednesdays)Thank you.

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.

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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.

