



OneBodyOneFaith

**St John's  
Pevensey Road**



**Pews News  
and Service Sheet  
for the  
Second Sunday of  
Easter  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**During the week**

**7.00pm Tuesday: Concert**

**10am Wednesday: Mass**

**in St Peter's Chapel**

**Wednesdays at 10am:**

**Online Zoom service\***

**Morning Coffee: Fridays**

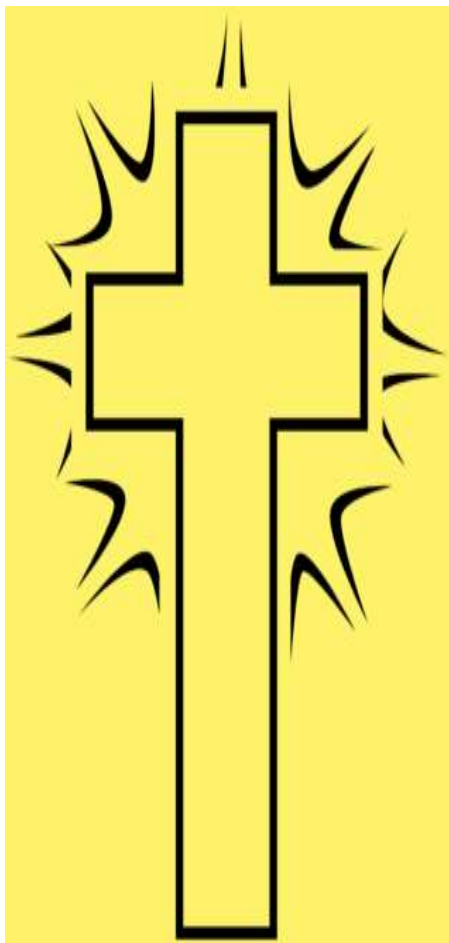
**10 – 12 noon in Church**

*Welcome  
to Mass  
this  
morning*



**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
8am Said Mass  
10.30am Sung Mass**

## St John's Prayer Cross



The names on the prayer cross are 'renewed' at Easter. If you wish the church to pray for someone particularly, please do add a name on the cross at the back of church or by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com)

**Our prayers are asked for:** Fr Andrew; Jackie N; Helena O; John T; Gillian; Sue and Ken;

**Please pray also for** the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Pope Francis ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

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.



### **Urgently needed items for the foodbank 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.

*Prayer said by the choir: ....* grant that  
what we sing with our lips we may  
believe in our hearts and what we  
believe in our hearts we may show  
forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

**Introit:** *This joyful Eastertide –*  
*Charles Wood*

### **Opening Hymn**

**Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Hearts to heaven**  
**and voices raise;**  
**Sing to God a hymn of gladness,**  
**Sing to God a hymn of praise;**  
**He who on the Cross a victim**  
**For the world's salvation bled,**  
**Jesus Christ, the King of glory,**  
**Now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ the first-fruits**  
**Of the holy harvest field,**  
**Which will all its full abundance**  
**At his second coming yield;**  
**Then the golden ears of harvest**  
**Will their heads**  
**before him wave,**  
**Ripened**  
**by his glorious sunshine**  
**From the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;**  
**Shed upon us heavenly grace,**  
**Rain, and dew,**  
**and gleams of glory**  
**From the brightness of thy face;**  
**That we, Lord,**  
**with hearts in heaven**  
**Here on earth may fruitful be,**  
**And by angel-hands**  
**be gathered,**  
**And be ever safe with thee.**

**Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Glory be to God on high;**

**To the Father, and the Saviour,**  
**Who has gained the victory;**  
**Glory to the Holy Spirit,**  
**Fount of love and sanctity;**  
**Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**To the Triune Majesty.**

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

### **The Welcoming of the People**

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and**  
**hope. He has raised Jesus from**  
**the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of**  
**darkness. He has made us light**  
**to the world.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Deacon* Christ died to sin once for  
all, and now he lives to God. Let  
us renew our resolve to have done  
with all that is evil and confess our  
sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

*Dcn* Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your  
presence.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Dcn* Like the disciples behind  
locked doors, we are afraid to be  
seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

**Dcn** Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest** May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in 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** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that

we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **All. Amen**

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

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 5.27 - 32*

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from 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.**

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.  
*Dance, then,  
wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance,  
said he,  
and I'll lead you all,  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe  
and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John –  
they came with me and the  
dance went on. *Refrain.*

**I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame;  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high;  
they left me there on a cross to  
die.**

*Dance, then,  
wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance,  
said he,  
and I'll lead you all,  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.*

**I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black –  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone;  
but I'm the dance and I still go  
on. *Refrain.***

**They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that will never,  
never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me  
I am the Lord of the Dance  
said he. *Refrain.***

*Sydney Carter (1915 – 2004)*

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

Jesus Christ is risen from the  
dead. **All Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of  
death. **All Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into  
dancing. **All Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**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 20. 19 -end*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

**Deacon** Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with  
God, but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him  
on high, and given him the name  
above every name: that at the  
name of Jesus every knee  
should bow, and every voice  
proclaim that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

## The Peace

**Priest** The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you; Alleluia.

**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.*

At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
king of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant

with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians,  
name him,  
with love as strong as death;  
but with awe and wonder,  
and with bated breath.  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your captain,  
in temptation's hour  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*Caroline Maria Noel (1817 -77)*

### Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **All Amen.**



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

*Priest* The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise**

*Priest* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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* Jesus Christ is Lord

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

*Priest* 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, St Peter, 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**

*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 upon us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation.*

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:** *Come, ye faithful – R. S.  
Thatcher*

## **Hymn**

As the deer pants for the water  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength,  
my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield:  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you  
more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.  
*You alone etc*

You're my Friend  
and you're my Brother  
even though you are a king:  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.  
*You alone etc*

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## **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of  
eternal life and in baptism have  
made us one with him: deliver us  
from the death of sin and raise us  
to new life in your love, in the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the  
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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** God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **All** Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **All** Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **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

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. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain* D.J.  
*Mansell (b 1936)*

### 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  
departed, through the mercy of

God, rest in peace...

**All and rise in glory. Amen.**

**Deacon** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Dcn** Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

**Dcn** God has claimed us as his own. **All He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

**Dcn** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Dcn** With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Organ voluntary: Marche Militaire - Schubert**

*Do stay a while!*



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*LOAF*

*First Sunday Walk.*

*May 4<sup>th</sup>. Meet 2:30pm*

*Sedlescombe Village Pump. 5*

*Mile walk to Whatlington and back. £2 contribution to*

*LOAF's Pakistan project please - or more! Come and meet folk from other churches - they won't*

*bite. Queen's Head available for post-walk relaxation.*

*Roger Mitchell*





Do you have an inner Miss Marple, Sherlock Holmes, or perhaps a Vera ?

Come to the first parish Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>. Play starts at 6:30pm. Dinner served at 7pm.

Cost £12 per person.

Solve the mystery in teams and find out "who dunnit it"

Tickets **strictly limited and need to be bought in advance** from Katy H, Kate H or parish administrator

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