



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the
Third Sunday of
Easter
4th May 2025
During the week**

**10am Wednesday: Mass
in St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service* .
Morning Coffee: Fridays
10 – 12 noon in Church**



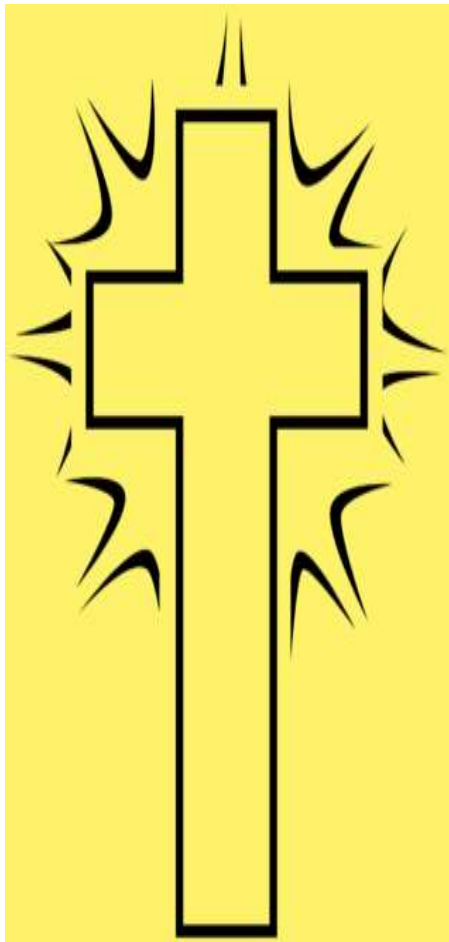
***Welcome
to Mass
this
morning***

A prayer for VE Day

From the Act of Commitment for Peace
Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all
humankind, in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom;
give us courage; give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

**Next Sunday 11th May
10.30am Sung Mass
(NO 8am Said 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

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.



**Christian Aid
Week 2025 May
11th to 17th
Christian Aid are making a real difference in many ways. For example earthquake relief in Myanmar and long term projects in Guatemala helping communities adapt to climate change. If you are able, please consider supporting this excellent charity during Christian Aid week by using the envelopes available at church or donating online at christianaid.org.uk**

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: O taste and see – Vaughan
Williams*

Opening Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests
his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood
is poured,
Death's dark angel
sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave
that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb
whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us
life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan
and the grave.
See the prince of darkness
quelled;
Heaven's bright gates
are open held.

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death
do thou set free,
Souls re-born,
dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.**

*From a Latin Breviary hymn
tr R Cambell (1814-68)*

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 Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9. 1-6 (7-20)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he

could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 5. 11-end

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst
his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;**

**and brought with him,
from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws
the prey
alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts
pursue their way
where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell
before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus
his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.**

*St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028)
Tr R Campbell (1814-68)*

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

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and
the last, says the Lord, and the
living one; I was dead, and behold
I am alive for evermore.

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 21. 1-19

After these things Jesus showed
himself again to the disciples by
the Sea of Tiberias; and he
showed himself in this way.

Gathered there together were
Simon Peter, Thomas called the
Twin, Nathanael of Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and
two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am
going fishing." They said to him,
"We will go with you." They went
out and got into the boat, but that
night they caught nothing. Just
after daybreak, Jesus stood on the
beach; but the disciples did not
know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Children, you
have no fish, have you?" They
answered him, "No." He said to
them, "Cast the net to the right
side of the boat, and you will find
some." So they cast it, and now
they were not able to haul it in
because there were so many fish.
That disciple whom Jesus loved
said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When
Simon Peter heard that it was the
Lord, he put on some clothes, for
he was naked, and jumped into the
sea. But the other disciples came
in the boat, dragging the net full of
fish, for they were not far from the
land, only about a hundred yards
off.

When they had gone ashore, they
saw a charcoal fire there, with fish
on it, and bread. Jesus said to
them, "Bring some of the fish that
you have just caught." So Simon
Peter went aboard and hauled the
net ashore, full of large fish, a
hundred fifty-three of them; and
though there were so many, the
net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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.*

**Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluya!**

**He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!
We too sing for joy, and say
Alleluya!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluya!**

**He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed
hath bound,
And in highest heaven
is crowned. Alleluya!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!**

**Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, to-day thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,
Alleluya!**

*German, Michael Weisse (c1480-1534) tr
Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

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: *The strife is o'er – Henry G. Ley*

Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone,
the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst
the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death,
is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now
where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross,
the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth
and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who 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

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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 lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave,
canst not enthrall us.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;

This shall calm
our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives!
our hearts know well
Nought from us
his love shall sever;
Life, nor death,
nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him
in heaven. Alleluya!

*Christian Gellert (1715-69) tr Frances Cox
(1812-97)*

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.

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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: Fanfare -
Lemmens**

Do stay a while!



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

*LOAF First Sunday Walk.
TODAY - May 4th. 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 31st. 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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