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**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the
Fifth Sunday of
Easter
18th May 2025**

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



**Next Sunday 25th May
10.30am Sung Mass
(NO 8am Said Mass)**

*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning*

Flowers in church today are
in memory of
Mary and Arthur



St John's Prayer Cross



A belated note that the beautiful flowers last week were in loving memory of Tony G.



Our prayers are asked for: Fr Andrew; Helena O; John T; Gillian; Sue and Ken;
Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Tony G, 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: Peace I leave with you – Amy Beach

Opening Hymn

Good Christians all,
rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world
glad news we bring: Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay;
Bring flowers of song
to strew his way;
Let humankind
rejoice and say: Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life,
which cannot die,
and sing with hearts
uplifted high: Alleluya!

Thy name we bless,
O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down,
the life restored: Alleluya!

Cyril Alington (1872-1955)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest Praise the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All He has given us new life and

hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Jesus Christ, risen master
and triumphant Lord, we come to
you in sorrow for our sins, and
confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

Silence is kept

Dcn We have lived by our own
strength, and not by the power of
your resurrection.

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Dcn We have lived by the light of
our own eyes, as faithless and not
believing.

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Dcn We have lived for this world
alone, and doubted our home in
heaven

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Priest 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, your wounds
declare your love for the world and
the wonder of your risen life: give
us compassion and courage to risk
ourselves for those we serve, to
the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11. 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers
who were in Judea heard that the
Gentiles had also accepted the
word of God. So when Peter went
up to Jerusalem, the circumcised

believers criticized him, saying,
"Why did you go to uncircumcised
men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to
them, step by step, saying, "I was
in the city of Joppa praying, and in
a trance I saw a vision. There was
something like a large sheet
coming down from heaven, being
lowered by its four corners; and it
came close to me. As I looked at it
closely I saw four-footed animals,
beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds
of the air. I also heard a voice
saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill
and eat.' But I replied, 'By no
means, Lord; for nothing profane
or unclean has ever entered my
mouth.' But a second time the
voice answered from heaven,
'What God has made clean, you
must not call profane.'

This happened three times; then
everything was pulled up again to
heaven.

At that very moment three men,
sent to me from Caesarea, arrived
at the house where we were. The
Spirit told me to go with them and
not to make a distinction between
them and us. These six brothers
also accompanied me, and we
entered the man's house. He told
us how he had seen the angel
standing in his house and saying,
'Send to Joppa and bring Simon,
who is called Peter; he will give
you a message by which you and
your entire household will be
saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy
Spirit fell upon them just as it had
upon us at the beginning. And I
remembered the word of the Lord,
how he had said, 'John baptized

with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 21. 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the

thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**How sweet
the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows,
heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded
spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name!
the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd,
Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life,
my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love
proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

John Newton (1725 – 1807)

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 13. 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.*

Lord, enthroned
in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone,
our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest
homage pay we;

Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment
pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form
doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there
thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower
of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb,
thine Offering, finished
Once for all
when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya,
Cleansing souls
from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock
with streaming side,
Heaven and earth
with loud hosanna
Worship thee,
the Lamb who died,
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!
G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)

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: *Christians shout for Joy
and Gladness – J. S. Bach*

Hymn

Now is eternal life,
if risen with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and holden in his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient
dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
stooped down to our estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on
high;
who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
our life is hid with God in thee,
now and through all eternity.

G. W. Briggs (1875- 1959)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Eternal God, whose Son
Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life: grant us to walk in his
way, to rejoice in his truth, and to
share his risen life: 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 The God of peace, who
brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of
the sheep, through the blood of the
eternal covenant, make you
perfect in every good work to do
his will, working in you that which
is well-pleasing in his sight and the
blessing of God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. *All* Amen.

Final hymn

PRAISE the Lord!
ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels,
in the height;
Sun and moon,
rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light:
Praise the Lord!
for he has spoken,
Worlds
his mighty voice obeyed;

Laws, which
never shall be broken,
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord!
for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made
his saints victorious.
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high,
his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth,
and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name!

Worship, honour,
glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
Young and old,
thy praise expressing,
Join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven
adore thee,
We would bow
before thy throne;
As thine angels
serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.

*Verses 1,2 Foundling Hospital Collection
(1796); v. 3 Edward Osler (1798-1863)*

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: March in D -
Guilmant**

Do stay a while!



A message from the Rector:

"We have serious problems with the organ, including woodworm, and we need to spend upwards of £13,000 to fix it. We have about £2,500 already given for this purpose but to ensure the excellence of our musical tradition here at St John's I am now appealing for contributions toward this vital work. If you are able to help, however large or small the donation, future generations of worshippers here will be thankful, as will I."



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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Lucy is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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Ashburnham English Song Awards

This prestigious event takes place on **21st May at 6 pm at Ashburnham Place** just outside Battle. **New for 2025.**

The evening will start at **6 pm** with a talk by renowned composer, pianist and broadcaster, **David Owen Norris**. Get a drink from the bar and grab your seat for the evening. The eight pairs of finalists will perform a short, themed programme starting at 7pm and you can choose your own favourite singer for the **Audience Prize**. Tickets, £25 on Eventbrite.co.uk, from British Made on Battle High Street or on the door.

Greetings from Hannover !

The 39th Kirchentag was held in Hannover from April 30 - May 4, and we had the privilege to be there along with around 100,000 other people to explore issues of faith and justice, enjoy music and engage in worship together. One of the highlights was a Bible Study and a keynote address by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, the Episcopal Bishop who challenged Donald Trump. Both of these were recorded and can be watched (in English) at

<https://youtu.be/RP4hGxXh20Y?si=4Sd7Y37PfTcwclbN> (Bible Study)

<https://youtu.be/-CzbBXTNoX8?si=LCI-iNXcXLkaLJs-> (Address)

Bishop Laurie and Peter K

Sunday Sermon - Monday Mourning

<https://www.csbvbristol.org.uk/sunday-sermon-monday-mourning/>

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