



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Easter Sunday
20th April 2025**

**WELCOME
TO MASS
THIS MORNING
EASTER
SUNDAY**

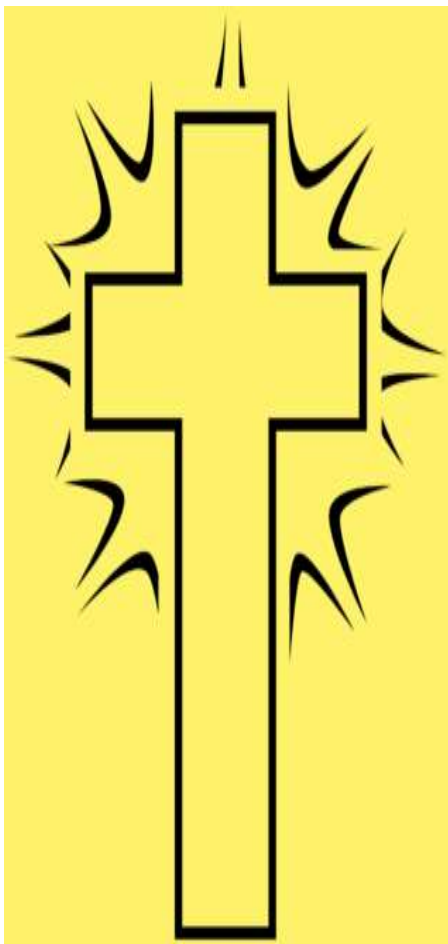


During the week
NO 10am Mass this Wed
Online Zoom service*:
Wednesdays at 10am
Morning Coffee: Fridays
10 – 12 noon
in Church



**Next Sunday 27th April
(NO 8am 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

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 Rhod ...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.

*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing Canon Val on 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.



Opening Hymn

**The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

*The hymn pauses for
Prayer at the Easter Garden*

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Reader: The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said".

Priest Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. To you be glory now and for ever. In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **All Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and

send us to share the good news with others. **All Amen**

The hymn continues:

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world
keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.**

*Greek, St John of Damascus c 750 Tr J.M.
Neale (1816-66)*

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 Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.
All. Amen

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

**A reading from the prophet
Isaiah**

Isaiah 65. 17- end

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or

the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Acts

Acts 10. 34 -43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day,
Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day,
Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross,
Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us
sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluya!**

**Who endured the Cross and
grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured
Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured;
Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King,
Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluya!**

Lyra Davidica (1708)

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. 1-18

Early on the first day of the week,

while it was still dark, Mary

Magdalene came to the tomb and

saw that the stone had been

removed from the tomb. So she

ran and went to Simon Peter and

the other disciple, the one whom

Jesus loved, and said to them,

"They have taken the Lord out of

the tomb, and we do not know

where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple

set out and went toward the tomb.

The two were running together, but

the other disciple outran Peter and

reached the tomb first. He bent

down to look in and saw the linen
wrappings lying there, but he did
not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following
him, and went into the tomb. He

saw the linen wrappings lying
there, and the cloth that had been

on Jesus' head, not lying with the
linen wrappings but rolled up in a

place by itself. Then the other

disciple, who reached the tomb
first, also went in, and he saw and

believed; for as yet they did not
understand the scripture, that he

must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their
homes. But Mary stood weeping

outside the tomb. As she wept, she

bent over to look into the tomb;

and she saw two angels in white,

sitting where the body of Jesus

had been lying, one at the head

and the other at the feet. They said

to her, "Woman, why are you

weeping?" She said to them, "They

have taken away my Lord, and I do

not know where they have laid

him." When she had said this,

she turned around and saw Jesus

standing there, but she did not

know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why

are you weeping? Whom are you

looking for?" Supposing him to be

the gardener, she said to him, "Sir,

if you have carried him away, tell

me where you have laid him, and I

will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She

turned and said to him in Hebrew,

"Rabbouni!" (which means

Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do

not hold on to me, because I have

not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to

them, 'I am ascending to my

Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.*

**The strife is o'er,
the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia!**

**Death's mightiest powers
have done their worst,
And Jesus hath
his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise
and joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia!**

**He brake the age-bound
chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's
high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise
his triumph tell. Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes
which wounded thee
From death's dread sting
thy servants free,
That we may live,
and sing to thee. Alleluia!**

Latin 17th century Tr Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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: *'And the Glory of the
Lord' from 'Messiah' - Handel*

Hymn

Now the green blade riseth,
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.*

In the grave they laid Him,
Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never
he would wake again,
Laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen:
*Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.*

Forth He came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
He that for three days
in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead,
my risen Lord is seen:
*Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.*

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us
back to life again,
Fields of our hearts,
that dead and bare have been:
*Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.*

J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958)



Prayer after Communion

Priest God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen 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

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

**Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son,
Endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting: *Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above: *Refrain***

*French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) Tr
Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

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: *Toccata from Symphony No 5 – C. M. Widor*

Do stay a while!



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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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