

**St John's Pevensey
Road**



**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday**

19th January 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 26th:

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

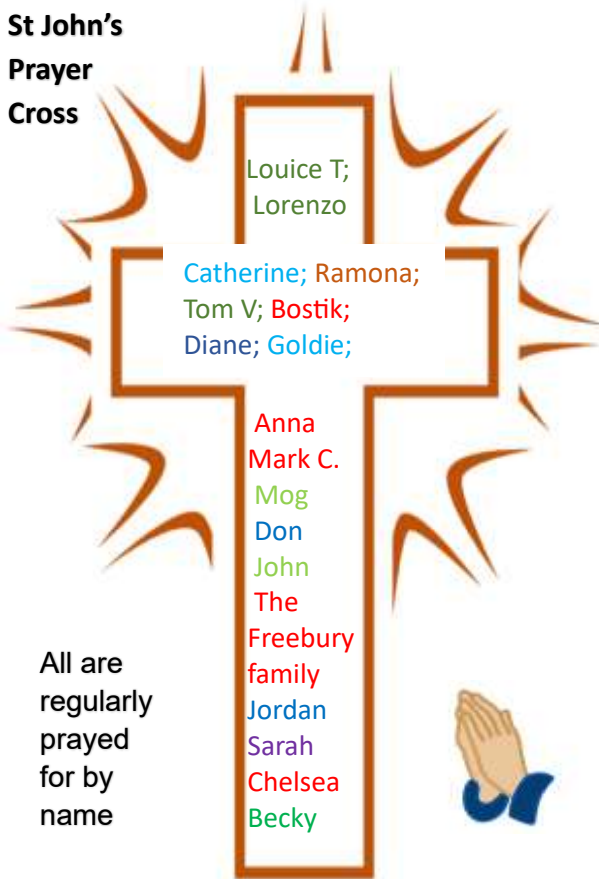
*Welcome to
Mass
on the Second
Sunday of
Epiphany*



During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) the gathered community is invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?" For more information and resource: <https://ctbi.org.uk/>

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, Royston H,
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: *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*
– Tye

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls,
condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down
like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down
before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing

and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854) based on
Ps 72*

The Welcoming of the People

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. *All Amen.*

Priest Blessed are you,
Lord our God, King of the universe.

All From the rising of the sun to
its setting your name is
proclaimed in all the world.

Priest The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The grace of God has
dawned upon the world through
our Saviour Jesus Christ, who
sacrificed himself for us to purify a
people as his own. Let us confess
our sins.

Silence is kept

God be gracious to us and bless
us, and make your face shine upon
us:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus 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 God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**The race that long
in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day,
who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear
the harvest-treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes
of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be
the Prince of Peace
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing
still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard
his throne above
and peace abound below.**

John Morison (1750-98) based on Isa.9.2-7

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 John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 2. 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death
and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken**

through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Priest Let the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts, since as members
of one body you are called to
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.*

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet
lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart
he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps
as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts

in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings
to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept
for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy
give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

J. S. B. Monsell. (1811-75)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in
praise of Jesus Christ, our light
and our salvation. *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.

All honour and praise be yours
always and everywhere, mighty

creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful 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 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 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.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord give us this bread always.

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: *How beautiful upon the mountains - Stainer*

Hymn

Hail, thou Source of every blessing,
Father of our human race
Gentiles now,
thy grace possessing,
In thy courts obtain a place.

Once far off, but now invited,
We approach thy sacred throne;
In thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed,
made one.

Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of mercy shine,
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love divine.

Hail, thou universal Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings
bring,
In thy temple seek thy favour,
Jesu Christ, our Lord and King.

Basil Woodd (1760-1831)

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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

Blessing of the Congregation

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest May God the Father, who
led the wise men by the shining of
a star to find the Christ, the Light
from light, lead you in your
pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All Amen.

May God the Son, who turned
water into wine at the wedding
feast at Cana, transform your lives
and make glad your hearts.

All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who
came upon the beloved Son at his
baptism in the river Jordan, pour
out his gifts on you who have
come to the waters of new birth.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you
always. *All* Amen.

Final hymn

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

John Bode (1816-74)

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 and people, facing the door

Dcn To a troubled world

All Peace from Christ.

Dcn To a searching world

All Love from Christ.

Dcn To a dying world

All Hope from Christ.

Dcn (to the people)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ voluntary: *Allegro Agitato* from Sonata No. 11 - Rheinberger

Do stay a while

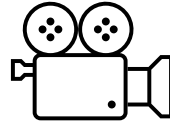


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Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet by **4pm on Tuesdays**. (Printing, folding and stapling is done on Wednesdays) Thank you.

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Join us for our first church film night - featuring "The unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry". Saturday 1st February at 6:30 pm in the church hall.

A seemingly unremarkable man named Harold learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He goes to mail a letter only to keep walking to Queenie's hospice miles away. What happens on the way turns out to be remarkable. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.

This is purely a social event, open to church members and non-members. £5 per ticket to cover costs. Snacks available to buy but bring your own bottle. Lifts may be arranged too. Please see Katy H or Kate H for further information or to buy tickets.

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

The Nicene Creed in the Life and Worship of the Church - Led by The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins. 23 January 2025. 10 -12 noon. Based as it is on Holy Scripture, the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (fruit of two councils) which we use regularly at the Eucharist, is the key summary of Christian faith. Book via Diocesan website.

This on line seminar will look at how we got the Creed, what its shape tells us about how God has revealed himself, and how it summarises developing Christian doctrine in the crucial years between the first and second general councils of the Church (325AD-381AD).

Diocesan Environment Day -1st February 2025 - A day for all those people involved with or interested in equipping their church to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement. Hosted by St Mary's Battle, on 1st February 2025. Further details and booking options on Diocesan website.

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 C via the box on the welcome desk or send them to Lucy in the church office.

Clare C, Electoral Roll Officer.



URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)
BABIES' NAPPIES AND SANITARY PRODUCTS
TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS) TINNED FRUIT; COFFEE

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS ; TOILETRIES (SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE) TOILET ROLLS, TINNED FISH, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED RICE PUDDING, JAM, FRUIT JUICE

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.