



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday
16th March 2025**

During the week:

**Tuesday 7pm in the Lady
Chapel: Lent course**

**Wednesday at 10am in the
Lady Chapel: Said Mass**

Wednesday at 10am

Online Zoom service*

**Fridays 10-noon Morning
Coffee/Warm Space**



*Welcome
to Mass
on the
Second
Sunday
of Lent*



Next Sunday 23rd March:

8.00am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

Our prayers are asked for: Ken; John T; Helena O; Jackie N; Gillian, Sue and Fr Andrew
Please also pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially Ali Hammond, for those whose Years Mind falls at this time, including Derek Alexander, and for all who mourn.

**St John's
Prayer
Cross**

Gill
Don
Mog
John

Catherine; Ramona; Tom V
Bostik; Michelle, Zack,
Gabrielle; Diane; Goldie

Louise T
Lorenzo
Anne W
Rona
Anna
Mark C
Becky
Chelsea
Jordan
Claire
Roger
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Church Hall bookings.

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contacted on
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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 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 we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit: *Hide not thou thy face from us - Farrant*

Opening Hymn

**Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength
which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;**

**Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength
of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you
for the fight,
the panoply of God.**

**Leave no unguarded place,
no weakness of the soul:
Take every virtue, every grace,
and fortify the whole.**

**From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers
of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day;**

**That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome,
through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Welcoming of the People

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 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Dcn Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie Eleison is sung by choir and congregation

**Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.**

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

**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 Collect

Priest Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book of Genesis
Genesis 15 1-12, 17 -18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought

you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

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¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 3. 17 – 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god

is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love thee not
Are lost eternally.**

**Thou, O my Jesus,
thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear
the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace,**

**And griefs and torments
numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself; and all for one
who was thine enemy.**

**Then why,
O blessèd Jesu Christ,
Should I not love thee well,
Not for the hope**

**of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell;**

**Not with the hope
of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord!**

**E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing,
Solely because thou art my God,
And my eternal King.**

17th Century Latin Tr. E Caswall (1814-78)

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

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. **All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13. 31 -end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those

who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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.*

I cannot tell why he,
whom angels worship,
should stoop to love
the peoples of the earth,
or why, as Shepherd, he should
seek the wand'rer,
with his mysterious promise
of new birth.
But this I know,
that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger
was his only home,
and that he lived
at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour,
Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell
how silently he suffered,
as with his peace
he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart
upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain
to three and thirty years.
But this I know,
he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin
and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden
from the heavy laden;
for yet the Saviour,
Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell
how he will win the nations,
how he will claim
his earthly heritage,
how satisfy
the needs and aspirations
of east and west,
of sinner and of sage.

But this I know,
all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap
the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day
his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour,
Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell
how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding,
every storm is stilled,
or who can say
how great the jubilation
when every heart
with perfect love is filled.
But this I know,
the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad
human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n,
and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour,
Saviour of the world, is King!'

(Y. W. Fullerton 1857-1932)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

God of wisdom, may the light of
your eternal Word, our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in
holiness and guide us to glory; we
ask this in his name. *All Amen.*

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

Priest 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in

the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me 🕯️ .

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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 🕯️ .

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come
again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St John the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of

God, St Peter, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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: Drop, drop slow tears – Orlando Gibbons

Hymn

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee
our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven,
thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes
thou sharest,
thou to us the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate
shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.**

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Blessing of the Congregation

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer
draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east
to utmost west
wherever foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many
messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do
to work God's work,
how prosper and increase
harmony in the human race,
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do
to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth
in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ

unfurled,
that the light of the glorious
gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight
with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope
for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer
draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

A. C. Ainger (1841-1919)

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 Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

**Organ voluntary: Fugue in D
minor (Dorian) BWV 538 –
J.S.Bach**

Do stay a while



Lent course on Tuesdays -
starting on Tuesday 11th March in
the Lady Chapel at 7pm, led by
the Rector and Deacon Michael,
**Chichester Diocesan Lent Course
2025 - I Believe** - exploring big
themes from the Nicene Creed. If
you can't come in person, the
materials are available for
individuals on the Diocesan
website. (Control & click)
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**Film night
on Saturday 22nd March:**

**`Small things like
these`**

is a fitting film for Lent. Bill Furlong, coal merchant in County Wexford, finds a surprising discovery when he delivers coals to the local convent. Shaped by his own experience growing up, he wrestles with the dilemma of whether to intervene or to ignore what he has discovered.

Film starts at 7pm with refreshments from 6:30 pm in St John's Church Hall. Please feel free to bring your own bottle.

**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.



**A DANCE SENSATION :
MAY17TH**

3pm St John's Pevensey Rd

Be on your toes not to miss an enchanting new event in aid of our villagers in BH 29, Zimbabwe.

Tickets on the door: £12 adults, £8 children, under 5s free.

More details to come.

Lesley Ann and the VFA Team

**“ calling all Thespians and
backstage crew. We are
forming a small acting group
for our murder mystery
evening in the summer
(Saturday 31st May) and are
looking for actors, costume
makers and stage crew. If
you would be interested
please speak to Mike
Turnbull.”**

*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.