



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday
30th March 2025**



*Welcome
to Mass
on
Mothering
Sunday*

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



*(4th Sunday
of Lent)*

Next Sunday 6th April:

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, for those whose Years Mind falls at
this time, 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
Jean T
Sarah



**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.

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: Blest are the pure in heart -
Walford

Opening Hymn

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders
that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Blessèd were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessèd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessèd far the Mother
She who bare him in her womb.
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her
foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother
sang in gladness
Let Christ's people
sing the same.
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement
of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Praise, O Mary,
praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee
ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.
*Hail Mary, Hail Mary,
Hail Mary, full of grace.*

V. S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)

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.

Opening Prayer

Priest. Loving God, you father us
and mother us all our days. Even
before we acknowledged you, you
loved us. ..In the secret places of
our lives you nourish us, offering
us the feeding that we need to
grow as human beings. No matter
how often we desert you , you
never turn your face away from us,
and your abiding concern is always
for our good. You weep for us, you
laugh with us, you rejoice in our
successes and are in anguish at

our pain. Yours are the arms reaching out to cradle us when we collapse in death. Loving, mothering God, strong and tender, tried and true, we worship you today.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept

Dcn Your love gives us life from the womb.

We fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Dcn You call us to do good.

We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Dcn You hear us when we cry for help.

We ignore the cries of others.
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.**

Prayer of Absolution

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 Collect

Priest God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book Exodus

Exodus 2. 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**The King of love
my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams
of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where
the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish
oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing,
brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff
my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table
in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so
through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

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 John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 19. 25b- 27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Priest Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister and mother".

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 King
all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
his power and his love;
our shield and defender,
the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
hath founded of old:
hath 'stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.**

Frail children of dust

and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end!
**Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.**

**O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.**

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Prayer at the Preparation of the altar

O God, you are my God, for you I long; like a dry, waterless land, so my soul thirsts for you. Your love, better than life; on you I gaze, to see power and glory, on my lips your praise. (Ps. 63) **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (H)

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us. F
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.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation; in your love
you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your
children and welcomed us to sit
and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in
us.

**All He opened his arms of love
upon the cross
and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you
thanks; he broke it and gave it to
them, saying: Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in
remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the
cup of wine, he gave you thanks,
and said: Drink this, all of you; this
is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in
remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this
bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these
holy gifts make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church
throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:

**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.**

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: Mary's Magnificat – Andrew
Carter**

Hymn

**Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were
skilled at the plane
and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,**

Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther

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Prayer after Communion

Priest Loving God, as a mother
feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with
the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your
goodness to grow in grace within
the household of faith; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

All Almighty God, we thank you
for feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

TODAY - there is a small Easter
Table Sale at the back of church -
a variety of Easter goodies is
available.

The Blessing and Distribution of Flowers



Blessing of the Congregation

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest God, who gave birth to all
creation, bless you:
God, who became incarnate by an
earthly mother, bless you;
God who broods as a mother over
her children, bless you.
Almighty God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, bless you, now and for
ever. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;

tender to me
the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour
shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his name:
make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure,
from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord,
the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions
lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed,
the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children
and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

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 This is love, not that we
loved God **All but that he loved
us and sent his Son.**

Dcn He is the sacrifice for our sins
**All that we might live through
him.**

Dcn If God loves us so much
All we ought to love one another.

Dcn If we love one another
All God lives in us.

Dcn Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

Music before and after the service
is played by the Sheppard family.

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)

[Lent 2025 - Diocese of Chichester](#)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

Palm Sunday (13th April)

10.30am Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at
5.30pm – Evening Prayer in St
Peter’s Chapel

Wednesday 16th 10am Said Mass
in St Peter’s Chapel

Maundy Thursday (17th April) at
7pm – Sung Mass with washing
of feet and presentation of the
Holy Oils

Good Friday 10.15am Walk of
Witness beginning in
Christchurch Courtyard
12noon The Stations of the Cross
in St John’s.

1pm Silent Prayer Lunch

2pm The Last Hour with the
Veneration of the Cross and
administration of the Blessed
Sacrament.

Holy Saturday 8pm The First
Mass of Easter

Easter Day 10.30am The Parish
Mass on Easter Morning.



Forms to request an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one are at the back of Church. The cost is £3 per lily, and it would be helpful if the names could be written clearly so that there are no opportunities for mis-spellings!

Saturday 5 April, 7pm,
Christchurch, St Leonards on Sea
Dvorak’s Stabat Mater

Hastings Philharmonic Choir
Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra
Helen May, *soprano*; Julia Pinon,
contralto; Leonel Pinheiro, *tenor*;
Robert Winslade Anderson, *bass*
Marcio da Silva, *conductor*
Tickets: £22.50/£18/£13.50;
Students, under 18s, JSA/Universal
Credit recipients: £5/pay what you
can

Available via website or from The
Bookkeeper, 1a Kings Road, St
Leonards

*Advance booking strongly
recommended*

www.hastingsphilchoir.org.uk

*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.

St John’s has a walking group.

We walk some Fridays or Saturdays generally a distance around 6 miles. Sometimes we even stop for tea and cake ! If you would like to be emailed about walks as they are planned please give your email address to Kate Hill. There is no obligation to attend every walk, just come when it suits you. Any questions chat to Kate



LOAF First Sunday Walk in aid of Pakistan project.

Meet 2:30 pm on Sunday April 6th at Westfield Church. £2 minimum donation. The New Inn is close by for post-walk refreshment. Roger Mitchell



AFRICA ON THE INSIDE

On Saturday April 5th at 3pm enjoy the warmth and vibrancy of BH29, Zimbabwe - OUR village.

Meet the villagers who you helped survive, see their living conditions, their challenges, their endless struggle yet their positive spirit. Hear their joy and excitement as the borehole is located and see the final moments when water is found.

Lesley Ann, with Alan on technicals, will immerse you in a rare experience of real African life. Share our dreams for a resilient and independent future for 685 villagers who now have hope. Refreshments and tombola

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