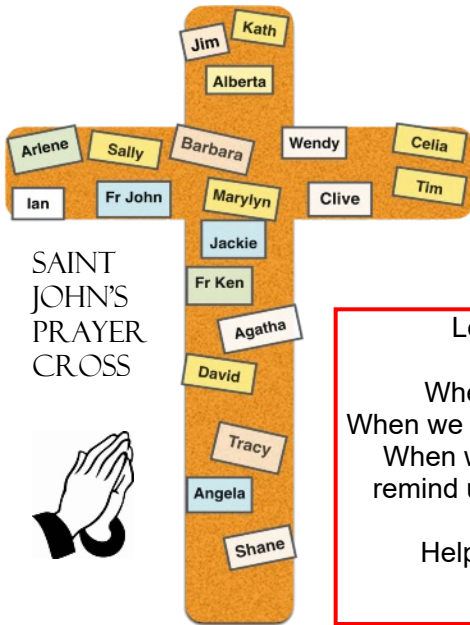


# St John's, Pevensey Road

## Sunday 27th December: John, Apostle and Evangelist



Lord, as we walk through this winter,  
keep our eyes on your light.  
When our path feels slippery, hold us up.  
When we lose our sense of direction, guide us Home.  
When we feel that we will not survive the storm,  
remind us of your grace, your promises, and your  
presence.  
Help us walk with you, one step at a time.  
Amen.

Please note that there will be **no Morning Prayer or Midweek Mass** this week.  
The **Wednesday Zoom service** will still be happening at 10 a.m. Contact Rev  
Jill if you need "the link"!

### People for whom our prayers are asked:

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Jackie F, Ian M, Brenda R, Jane G, Cynthia H,  
Jo, Amber, Shirley, and Andrew N.

### Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed,  
especially Brian Webb, Peter Turnbull, Jean Broscheit, Pat, and Sara,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially  
Helena Quartey, Thelma Riddle, Tony Levere, and Vivienne Harvey,

...and all who mourn.

# Mass for the Festival of John, Apostle and Evangelist

Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - whether you are here in person, or viewing via the Broadcast Page of our website, or listening via the Media/Audio page.  
[www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk/broadcast](http://www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk/broadcast)

## Welcome

*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.*

## Prayer of Confession

Hear what Saint John says:  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful  
and just,  
and will forgive us our sins, and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*1 John 1.8,9*

*All* Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through  
weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

## The Priest says the Absolution

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All Amen.*

## Then Gloria in Excelsis is said

*All* 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* Let us pray

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon  
the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist  
Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your  
truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of  
everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your incarnate  
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.*

## A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 33.7-11a

Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the LORD used to

speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

For the Word of the Lord

*All Thanks be to God*

## A reading from The First Letter of John

1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

For the Word of the Lord

*All Thanks be to God*

## Gradual Hymn

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him,  
nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter  
a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim  
worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk,  
and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom angels  
fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
which adore.

Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
thronged the air;  
But only His mother,  
in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved  
with a kiss.

What can I give Him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him:  
give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti (1830-94)*

## Gospel Reading

*Dcn* Alleluia alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt  
among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

*All* Alleluia.

*Dcn* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

*Dcn* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John

*All* **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*John 21.19b-25*

After this Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

Rejoicing in the love and life of God made visible among us,  
let us pray to Jesus, the only-begotten Son.

Bread of life,  
your beloved disciple John has brought us your living word,  
inspire all evangelists and teachers to build up your Church ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

Light of the world,  
illuminate the dark places of this world,  
where sin, violence and death cast their shadow over human lives ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

Door of the sheepfold,  
protect all who are in trouble or danger,  
and give grace to our loved ones, families and friends ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

Way, truth and life,  
minister to all who are lost, misguided or without faith;  
bind up the broken, and give rest to the weary ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

Resurrection and the life,  
raise us up at the last day  
with all who have gone before us in faith,  
with those whom we love but see no longer,  
with John and all your saints,  
that in your Father's house we may come  
to the place you have prepared for us...

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

Incarnate Lord, accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your most holy name.

**All Amen.**

### **The Peace is introduced**

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.'  
*John 14.27*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**We may exchange a sign of Peace**

### **Preparation of the Table**

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced  
our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share  
in your riches.  
**All Amen.**

**The president takes the bread and wine.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always  
and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the Word before all creation,  
the Life made manifest,  
the Light who shines in the darkness.  
He is the living Bread who has come  
down from heaven,  
the Good Shepherd, who lays down his  
life for the sheep,  
the Lamb of God who takes away the  
sin of the world.  
He stands among us in his risen power,  
and shows us his hands and his side.  
With joy we worship him as our Lord  
and our God.  
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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**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 Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, 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**

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.**

### **Agnus Dei is said:**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Grant us peace

### **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation to communion.*

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**All Lord, give us this bread always.**

*Communion is received*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The priest prays the Post Communion:*

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that the Word made flesh  
proclaimed by your apostle John  
may, by the celebration of these holy  
mysteries,  
ever abide and live within us;  
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.**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*Priest* The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;  
grace from the Word made flesh be with  
you;  
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Concluding voluntary:**  
*Sortie in E flat - Lefebure-Wely*

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