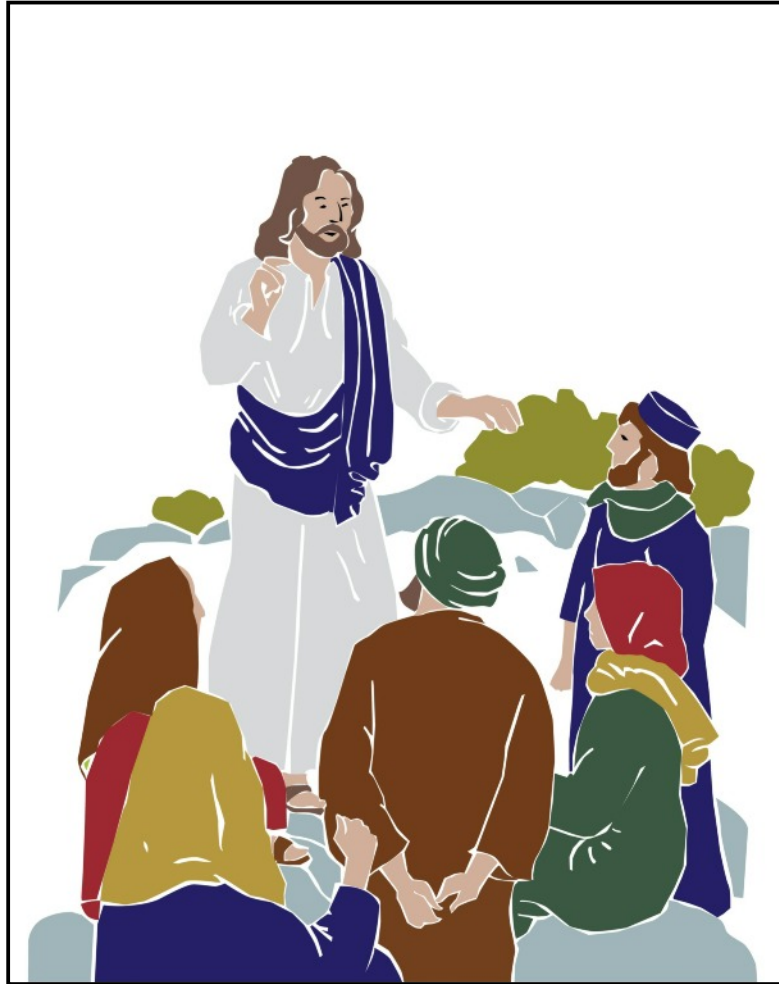


St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 13th February 2022

The Third Sunday before Lent:
Racial Justice Sunday



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Friday only this week
Church open for private prayer, where possible.
Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Morning Coffee Friday 10 - 12, in church

**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



... and to spend some time in this beautiful church

Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00



Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Ana, Pat, David D, Denise H, and Paul S.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Clive Peacock, Mervyn Banting (Priest), and Margaret Ross,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Ruby Crighton, Charity Oware, Norman Gray, Paula Pennington Hall, Bernard Clarke, Eunice Byrom, and Peter Harvey (Priest),

... and all who mourn.

Masks in church

At St Johns we continue to move forward cautiously. The PCC felt in view of the relatively high number of Covid infections locally we should continue to encourage mask wearing where possible. We know many feel frustrated by this restriction and that there is no legal requirement to wear a mask. However many people remain medically vulnerable and fearful and so entering a building where most people wear masks gives peace of mind. Thank you for your continued patience and kindness in this matter. We will review the situation regularly and are hopeful that things will improve soon.

Fr David, Mike and Barbara (Churchwardens)

The LGBT+ group will be meeting on Saturday 19th February at 2.30 pm in Fairlight. Further details from Clare and Mike C

Thanks to all who supported the sale of lemon curd and marmalade last Sunday. We raised £84 for St John's. We would be very pleased to see the jars and lids returned for future use! *Katy and Veronica*

Today is **Racial Justice Sunday**, and we are invited to focus on the "3 'R's"...

REMEMBERING the importance of racial justice

REFLECTING on human diversity and thanking God for it

RESPONDING by working to end injustice, racism and ignorance through prayer and action

Introit: *Blest are the pure in heart*
(Walford Davies)

Opening Hymn

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee. *George Herbert (1593-1632)*

Welcoming of the people

Bishop In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's
redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of
creation;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

Absolution

Bishop 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.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung:

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

Let us pray:

Merciful God,
you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,

and, by your grace,
seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives 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 the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in
mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of
the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

All Alleluia.

Dcn 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 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile
you, and defame you on account
of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the
world.

The response may be:

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer

and at the end:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace *is introduced*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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 with those around us

Hymn

During which the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

John Whittier (1807-92)

Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table
in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

And now we give you thanks
that you are righteous and just,
and stir the hearts of your people
to be advocates of your justice
and instruments of your peace.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands,
O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her
children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our
Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.

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 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.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the
cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things
in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your
glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with Saint John the
Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of
God, and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in
songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory
and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 bishop breaks the consecrated
bread.*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one
body,
because we all share in one
bread.**

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:
**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 bishop says the invitation to
communion.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

*The bishop partakes of the consecrated
bread - and wine on behalf of us all - to
which we respond Amen.*

*Holy Communion is then distributed in
one kind - The Body of Christ.*

Anthem: God so loved the world (Goss)

Communion Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come,

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth,
and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Prayer after Communion

*The bishop prays the Post Communion
for the day:*

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and
satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced
and been glad,
to stand with those who are
persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed
the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom
of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

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

Final hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress.
Praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

The Blessing & Dismissal

Bishop The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The blessing of *God the Father*,
who made from one every nation that
occupies the earth;
of *God the Son*,
who bought us for God from every tribe
and language and people and nation;
and of *God the Spirit*,
who brings us together in unity,
be with you and remain with you
always.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Preludio from
Sonata No. 3 (Guilmant)**

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Tickets for cruises on February 25th and 26th at 7.30 p.m. can be bought via Tina in the Church Office. There are no paper tickets. Your name will be on a list upon arrival at the port of embarkation, with the number of tickets paid for. Payment can be made by cheque or cash in the church office, or directly into the bank - please ring Tina (01424 425942) for bank details.

We are pleased to announce that finger food in the form of Mediterranean Platters for two people at a cost of £8.00 per platter will be available. You can order and purchase your platter on arrival and collect in the interval.



The Gardening Team tell us the Jay is a very clever bird - a member of the Corvid family, along with rooks, crows and ravens.

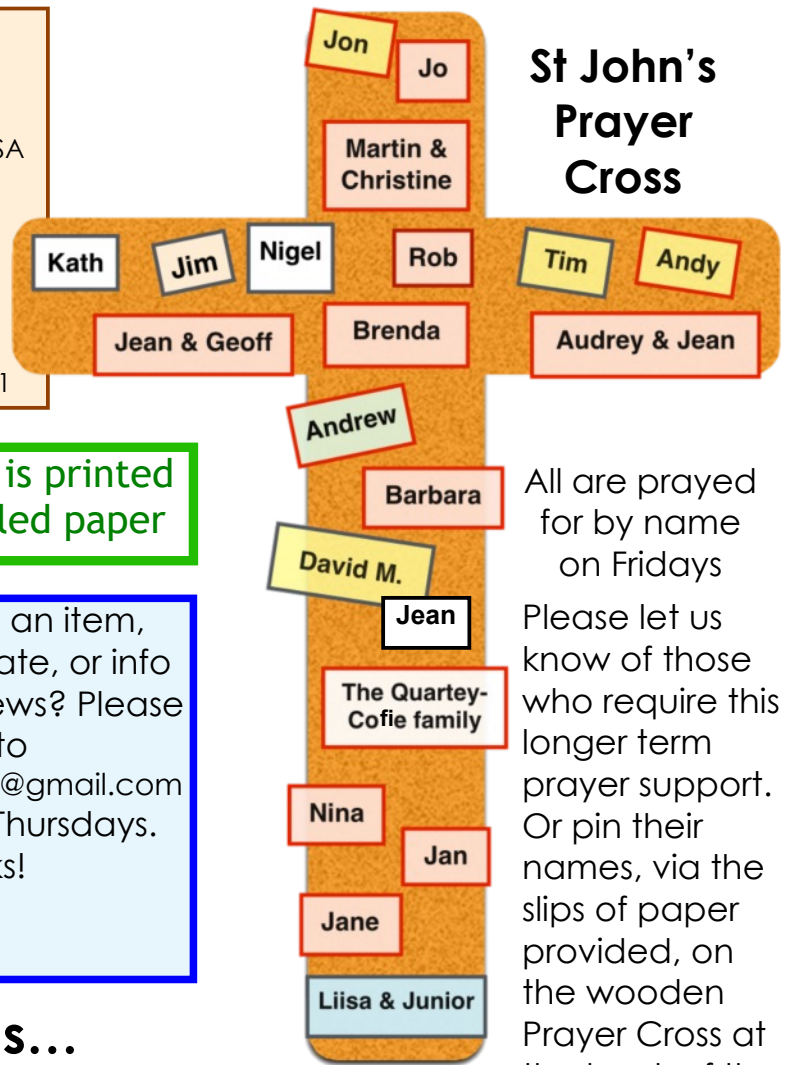
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Thank you.

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