

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**



## Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

### This week:

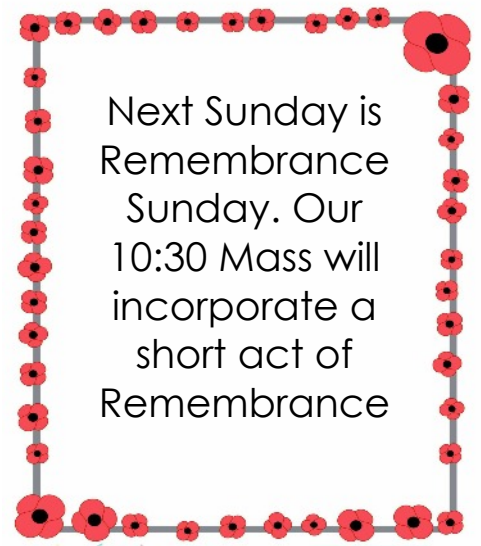
**Morning Prayer**, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, in Saint Peter's Chapel. Friday in Church.

**Church open weekdays**, where possible.

**Midweek Mass:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.  
Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizer for a "link" to join in

**Morning Coffee:** Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church



Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Our 10:30 Mass will incorporate a short act of Remembrance

### **Our prayers are asked for:**

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, Jon W, Ted G, Jude, Jamie F, Helena, Cynthia, Andrew, Andrea T, Fr David Fentiman, and Betty

### **Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Elaine,

And those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Ruby Crighton and Frank Fentiman

...and all who mourn.

Elaine Noonan's funeral service will be held here at St John's this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m.

**White Poppies:** to remember all victims of war, to challenge militarism and to build a culture of peace, will be available at the back of church for the next two weeks, in exchange for a donation to the Mission to Seafarers. Just put the money in an MtS envelope and drop it in the main collection box. Many thanks, *Fiona M*

### **Christmas Fayre, Sat. Dec 10th, 10.30 - 2.00**

Donations please! for the Tom Bola (Bottles), Toiletries and Gifts, Puzzles and toys. There will be NO BRIC A BRAC Stall this year, so please do not leave any items in church. Any offers of help gratefully received! Many thanks, *Katy H.*

### **LOAF November Walk - Next Sunday**

Following October's lovely walk around the Combe Haven Valley the next LOAF Second Sunday Walk will start at 2:00pm (note winter timing) on Sunday November 13th from the Car Park at Winchelsea Station TN36 4JX. It will be a circular walk to Cock Marling - about three miles with some steep sections.

*Roger M*

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays

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

## Opening Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,  
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;  
sing to him who found the ransom,  
Ancient of eternal Days,  
God eternal, Word incarnate,  
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,  
formed the seas, or built the sky,  
love eternal, free, and boundless,  
forced the Lord of life to die,  
Lifted up the Prince of princes  
on the throne of Calvary.

Now on those eternal mountains  
stands his sapphire throne, all bright,  
With the ceaseless alleluias  
Which they raise, the sons of light;  
Sion's people tell his praises,  
victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your in-  
cense,  
sweep the string and pour the lay;  
let the earth proclaim his wonders,  
King of that celestial day;  
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,  
who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love and One in splendour,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

*Job Hupton (1762-1849)  
& J.M. Neale (1818-66)*

## 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.

## 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.

## Prayer of Confession

*Dcn* Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to  
Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*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.**

***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**

*The Priest introduces the Collect  
with the words 'Let us pray'*

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall  
cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of  
heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

**A reading from the Book of Job**

*Job 19.23-27a*

'O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon  
the earth;

and after my skin has been thus de-  
stroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not an-  
other.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might;  
his will obey, him serve aright;  
for thee the Saints uplift their voice:  
fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,  
with joy and peace thou shalt abound;  
yea, love with thee shall make his home  
until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold:  
remember thou his love of old;  
walk in his way, his word adore,  
and keep his truth for evermore.

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**All Alleluia**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 20.27-38*

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question,

‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

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.

**All 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

United in the company of all the faithful  
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God,  
the source of all life and holiness.

*These responses may be used*

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**

*Priest* To crown all things there must  
be love,  
to bind all together and complete the  
whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our  
hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of  
peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## Offertory Hymn

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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and  
stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind,  
and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

*John Whittier (1807-92)*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of  
the bread.

**All Amen.**

The Priest 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your 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.

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**

Uniting our prayers with the whole  
company of heaven,  
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**

*Priest* 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:*

**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 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.**

*Communion is received.*

*Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins  
(Attwood)*

## Communion 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* God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed  
the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness  
of life:

look with compassion on the anguish  
of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ.

**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

### The Blessing

*Priest* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you

Christ our King make you faithful and  
strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
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

From glory to glory advancing,  
we praise thee, O Lord;  
thy name with the Father and Spirit  
be ever adored.

From strength unto strength  
we go forward on Sion's highway,  
to appear before God  
in the city of infinite day.

Thanksgiving and glory  
and worship and blessing and love,  
One heart and one song  
have the saints upon earth and above.  
O Lord, evermore to thy servants  
thy presence be nigh;  
ever fit us by service on earth  
for thy service on high.

*Liturgy of St James,  
tr. Charles Humphreys (1840-1921)*

## Dismissal

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you

**All** May the Grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and the 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** Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;  
**All** for everything in heaven and on  
earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:

**All** and you are exalted as head over  
all. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Postlude in D**  
*(Healey Willan)*



Please stay for coffee after  
today's Parish Mass.

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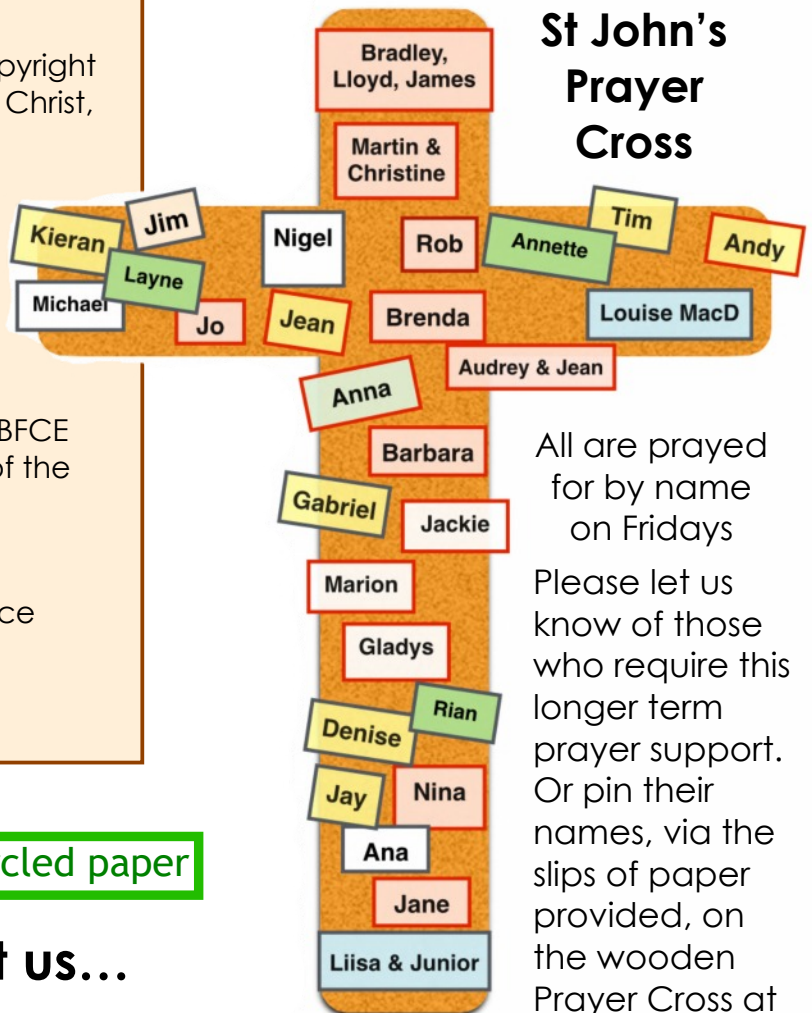
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## St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays

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 Prayer Cross at the back of the Church.  
Thank you.

