

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 6th February 2022

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent:
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II**



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday
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, and Pat.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Clive Peacock

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Ruby Crighton, Charity Oware, and Norman Gray,

... and all who mourn.

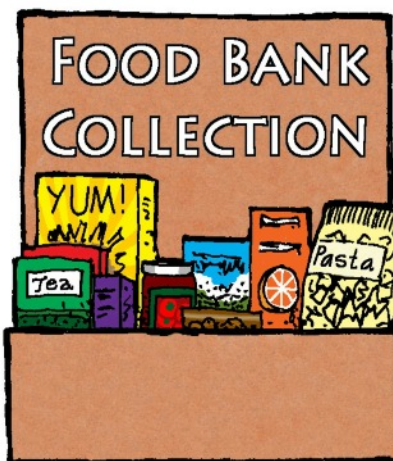
Today we commemorate the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 6th February 1952



Bishop Martin says:
I hope that in churches throughout the diocese of Chichester this Accession Day will be celebrated with gladness and thanksgiving to God for Queen Elizabeth II.

As God's true servant she has been unashamed to acknowledge her personal commitment to the teaching of Jesus Christ, and the importance of other faith traditions that follows from her own Christian observance.

Almighty God,
 the fountain of all goodness,
 bless our Sovereign Lady,
 Queen Elizabeth,
 and all who are in authority under her;
 that they may order all things
 in wisdom and equity,
 righteousness and peace,
 to the honour and glory of your name
 and the good of your Church
 and people;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Amen.



The Hastings Foodbank, run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current "Urgent" list is shown, right. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

- URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS**
- UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)
 - TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)
 - TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)
 - TINNED FRUIT
 - TINNED SPAGHETTI IN SAUCE

Introit: *Teach me thy way, O Lord*
(Fox)

Opening Hymn

Awake my soul, and with the sun,
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
live this day as if 'twere thy last:
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,
may your devotion me inspire,
that I like you my age may spend,
like you may on my God attend.

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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.

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and
faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's command-
ments
and to live in love and peace with all.

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.

Absolution

Priest 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:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw
the Lord sitting on a throne, high and
lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the
temple. Seraphs were in attendance
above him; each had six wings: with two
they covered their faces, and with two
they covered their feet, and with two
they flew. And one called to another and
said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of
hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at
the voices of those who called, and the
house filled with smoke. And I said:
‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of
unclean lips, and I live among a people
of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen
the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding a live coal that had been taken
from the altar with a pair of tongs. The
seraph touched my mouth with it and
said: ‘Now that this has touched your
lips, your guilt has departed and your sin
is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of
the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?’ And I said,
‘Here am I; send me!’ And he said, ‘Go
and say to this people:

“Keep listening, but do not
comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.”
Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their
eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.’

Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’

And he said:

‘Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the LORD sends everyone far
away,
and vast is the emptiness in the
midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.’

The holy seed is its stump.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared

also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah’s seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet’s ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

“Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.”

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels’ cry,
“Holy, Holy Holy,” singing,
“Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.”

With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

“Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.”

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

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 5.1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were

partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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,
and let us thank God for his goodness.

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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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.*

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 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 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.**

The priest 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: O praise the Lord (Goss)

Communion Hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Latin, 14th century

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive
everlasting life;
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

Final hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I shall not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake (1757-1827)

The Blessing & Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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: Nun danket
alle Gott (Karg-Elert)**



There's coffee after Mass
today, and home-made
marmalade and lemon
curd for sale - maybe even
a few catnip mice too!

Katy H

THE WIDOW OF EPHEBUS
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space in the lifeboat...



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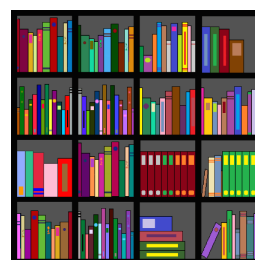
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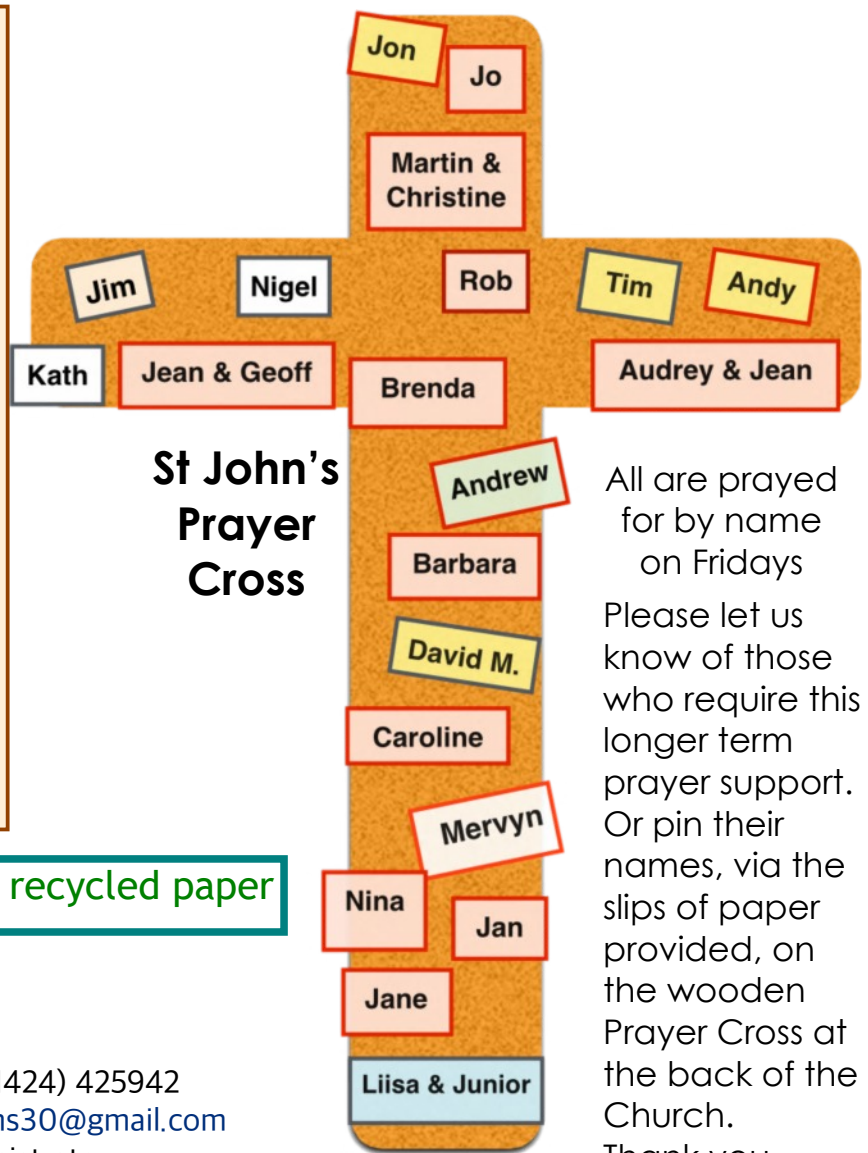
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