

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 4th December 2022

The Second Sunday of
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 the Church Hall

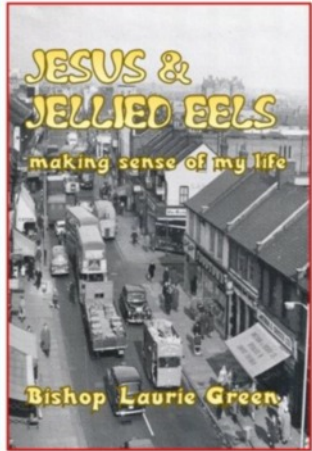
Our prayers are asked for:

Andrew N, Holly H, Andy, Fr David F, Sue T, Don F, Helena, Betty, Ramona, Jackie N, Marie N, and John T.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the departed, especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Druscilla, Brian Webb, Jean Broscheit, Thomas Scanlan, Peter Turnbull, and William O'Braith,

... and all who mourn.



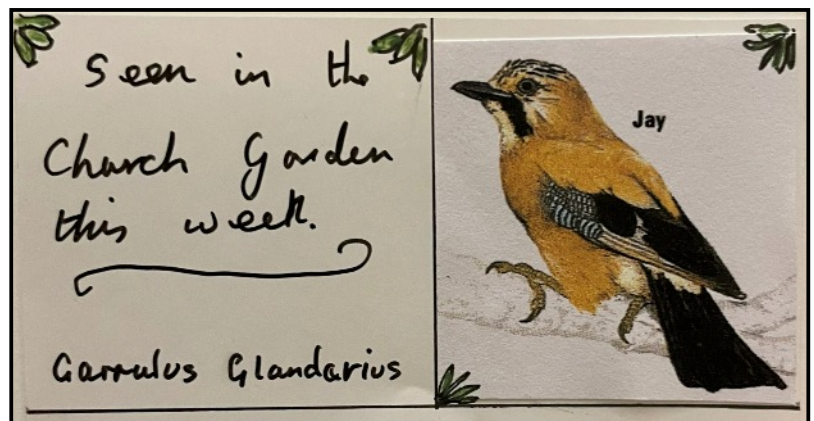
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making sense of my life
Bishop Laurie Green

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BISHOP LAURIE's AUTOBIOGRAPHY

is getting rave reviews!
He's bringing some along to church & will happily sign them for you.

£9.99 paperback.



Church of St John the Evangelist, Pevensey Rd, St Leonards-on-Sea

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 10th December
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
in the Church Hall,
Brittany Road,
TN38 0RD
(next to the church)

- Refreshments
- Light lunches
- Tombola
- Stalls
- Crafts
- Raffles
- Toys
- Cakes
- Gifts
- Toiletries
- Mulled Wine



The annual Christian Aid Christmas Card is now displayed at the back of the church. Save sending lots of individual cards, and instead write on the big card provided and put donations in the Christian Aid slot above the welcoming desk. Thank you!

JB

Please support our church **Christmas Fayre**, in the Church Hall next Saturday, 10:30 - 2:00. Posters and flyers for this are available at the back of church. And a box for donating items for the stalls. Thank you!

Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

Introit: *A great and mighty wonder* (Trad.)

We stand for the Opening Hymn

Hark! A herald voice is calling;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

so when next he comes in glory,
and earth's final hour draws near,
may he then as our defender
on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run. Amen.

Latin, tr. E. Caswall (1814-78)

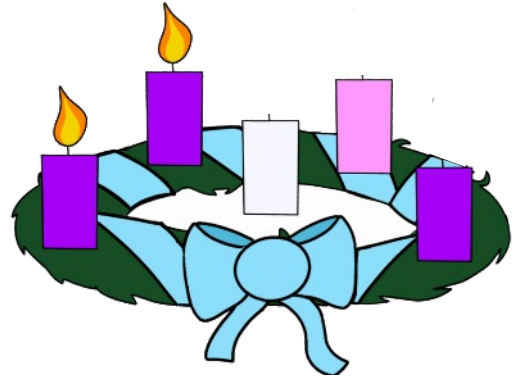
Welcoming of the people

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.



The lighting of the Second Candle on the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your
prophets,
but in our days you speak through your
Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all
things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and
judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the
heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

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.

Then the Kyrie Eleison is sung:

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.

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 Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of
Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the
LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the
LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the
poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the
earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill
the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around
his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling

together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the
hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand
on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge
of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand
as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling
shall be glorious.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 15.4-13

Whatever was written in former days
was written for our instruction, so that by
steadfastness and by the encourage-
ment of the scriptures we might have
hope. May the God of steadfastness
and encouragement grant you to live in
harmony with one another, in accord-
ance with Christ Jesus, so that together
you may with one voice glorify the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as
Christ has welcomed you, for the glory
of God. For I tell you that Christ has
become a servant of the circumcised on
behalf of the truth of God in order that
he might confirm the promises given to

the patriarchs, and in order that the
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written,
'Therefore I will confess you among the
Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';
and again he says,
'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';
and again,
'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';
and again Isaiah says,
'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'
May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gradual Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

John Milton (1608-74)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of
God.

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist
appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven has come near.' This is the
one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke
when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair
with a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild
honey. Then the people of Jerusalem
and all Judea were going out to him,
and all the region along the Jordan,
and they were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins. But
when he saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism, he
said to them, 'You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do
not presume to say to yourselves, "We
have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell
you, God is able from these stones to raise
up children to Abraham. Even now the axe
is lying at the root of the trees; every tree
therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you
with water for repentance, but one who is
more powerful than I is coming after me; I
am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will
clear his threshing-floor and will gather his
wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We stand for 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.

We sit for the Prayers of Intercession

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength
to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

*The intercessions may include the
response:*

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.**

We stand for The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break
upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in
darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of 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

Offertory Hymn

*The table is prepared and bread and
wine are placed upon it.*

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with
peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Hosmer (1840-1929)

Preparation of the Table

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into
your Kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine;
she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O 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.

It is indeed right and good to give you
thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come
among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the
foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be
fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in
glory.

And so we join our voices with angels
and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heav'n 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,
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 St John the
Evangelist, St 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

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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:

**O Lamb of God, our Lord most holy,
who redeems us from our sin.
Have mercy on us, meek and lowly,
make us clean and pure within.
Grant us peace we humbly pray,
as we who worship you today
receive your body and your blood,
renewed in faith by heav'nly food.**

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 and people receive Communion

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: Come thou Redeemer of the world (Praetorius)

Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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

We stand for The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast;
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare,
for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.
Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr John Chandler (1808-76)

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 As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Chorale Prelude
on 'Von Himmel hoch' (Pachelbel)**



Please stay for coffee after today's
Parish Mass.

Musical events coming up... (Flyers for these
at back of church)

The ParkinSongsters' Winter Concert,
TOMORROW, Monday 5th, in the Church
Hall, 3 p.m, with tea and cake. In aid of
Parkinsons UK

**Whatlington Singers & Guests, Christmas
Music and Verse,** at St Clement's Church,
Old Town, Mon 19th Dec, 7:30 pm

Hastings Phil. Carols for All concert, at Christ
Church, St Leonards, on 17th December,
5pm. Come and join in:
hastingsphilchoir.org.uk/carolsforal/2022

Hastings Phil. Christmas Gala, Weds 21 Dec,
7:30 pm, Christ Church, St Leonards, £7.50,
concessions £5

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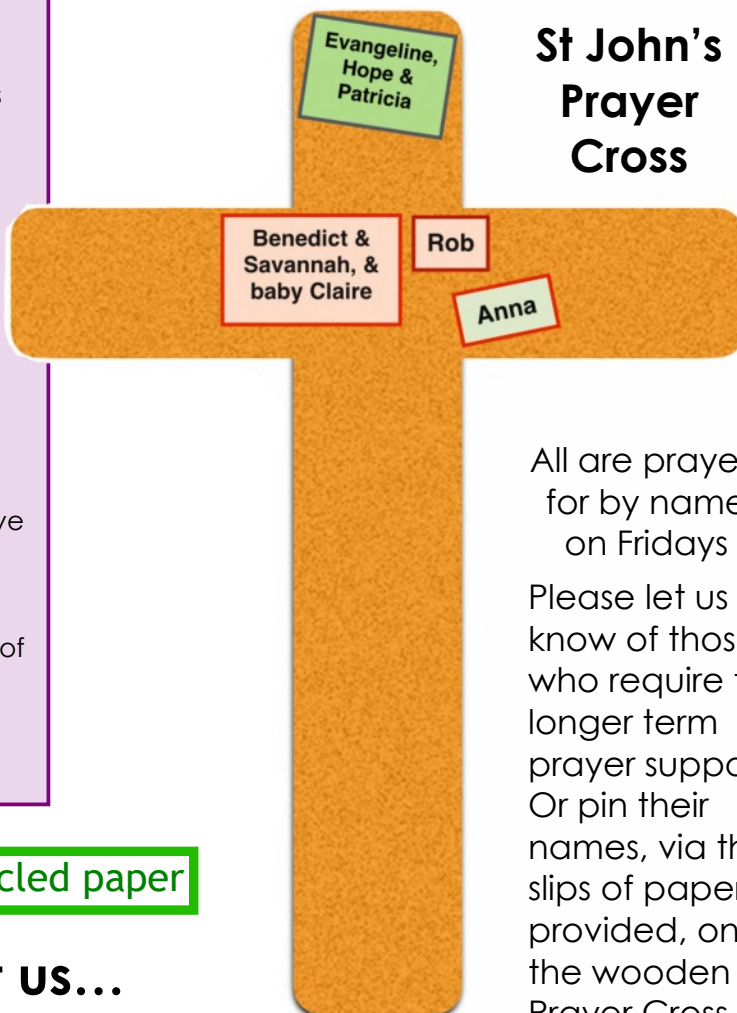
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St John's Prayer Cross



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
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