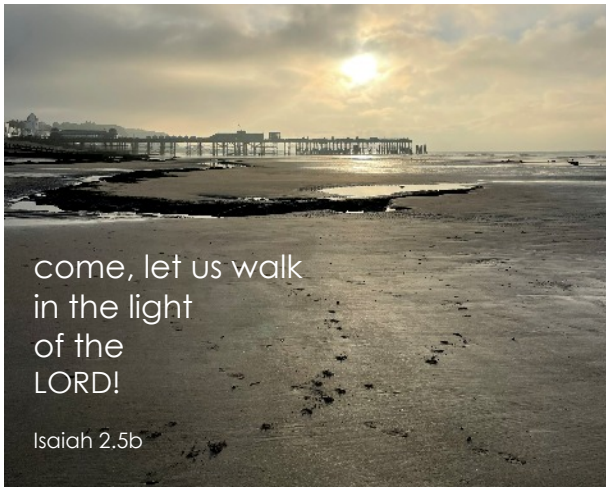
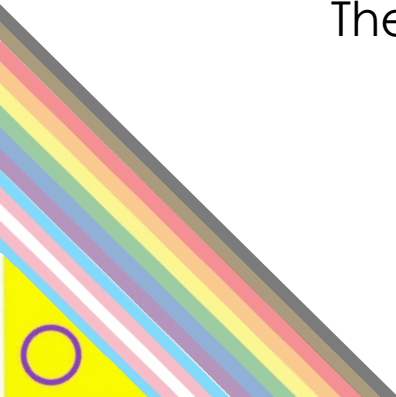


St John's, Pevensy Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 27th November 2022

The First 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,

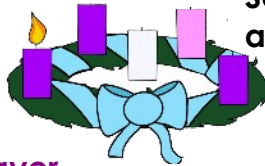
Please pray also for...

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

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Jean Young, Reginald Wartenburg, Meriel Curtis, and Donald Palmer

... and all who mourn.

A new Church year begins today. It is Year A in the Lectionary, and the Gospel readings come mainly from Matthew and John.



Later today: Advent Carol Service here at 6 p.m.



An Advent Bidding Prayer

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his Kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his pity and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end. Amen.

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. Thanks!

Mass for the First Sunday of Advent

Introit: *Adam lay y bounden* (Boris Ord)

We stand for the Opening Hymn

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
deeply wailing,
shall their true Messiah see.

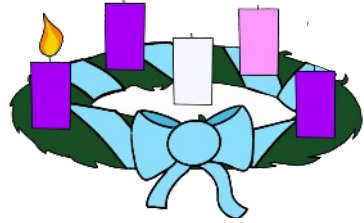
Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers.
With what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee
high on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
Come Lord Jesus! Come Lord Jesus!
Come Lord Jesus!
Everlasting God, come down!
Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 First Candle on the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the
light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your
promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive
your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our
path;
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 First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from
Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into
ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gradual Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew,
Christ would come, born a Jew
Come to make all things new,
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring bells ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
Ring bells ring...

Mary hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.
Ring bells ring...

Journey ends, where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring bells ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes, Jesus comes,
We will make him welcome!*
Fred Pratt Green (1903 - 2000)

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 24:36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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.*

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as
flame
"All hail," said he "Thou lowly maiden Mary
Most highly favoured lady"
Gloria!

"For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be
All generations laud and honour thee
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers
foretold:
Most highly favoured lady."
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify His holy
name"
Most highly favoured lady.
Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say
"Most highly favoured lady."
Gloria!

Basque carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

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: Break forth, O beauteous
heavenly light (J.S. Bach)**

Hymn

From heaven you came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your Glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
"Yet not my will but Yours", He said.
This is our God, the Servant King...

Come see His hand and His feet -
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
This is our God, the Servant King...

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving.
This is our God, the Servant King...

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Prayer after Communion

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

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son
our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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.**

We stand for The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.
All Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in
power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.
All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast
in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love.
All Amen.

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

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ;
While fields and streams and hills and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
The wonders of His love
The wonders of His love
The wonders, wonders, of His love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Notices

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 In the name of Christ. Amen.

Concluding voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo' (J. S. Bach)

 Please stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass.

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 ORD
(next to the church)



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

Posters and flyers for our Christmas Fayre are available at the back of church. And a box for donating items for the stalls. Thank you

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Songs reflecting the seasons of life

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Classical Guitar

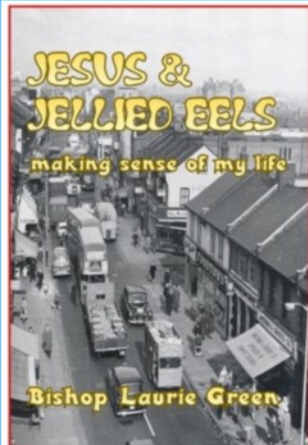
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St Leonards-on-Sea

3pm - 4.30pm

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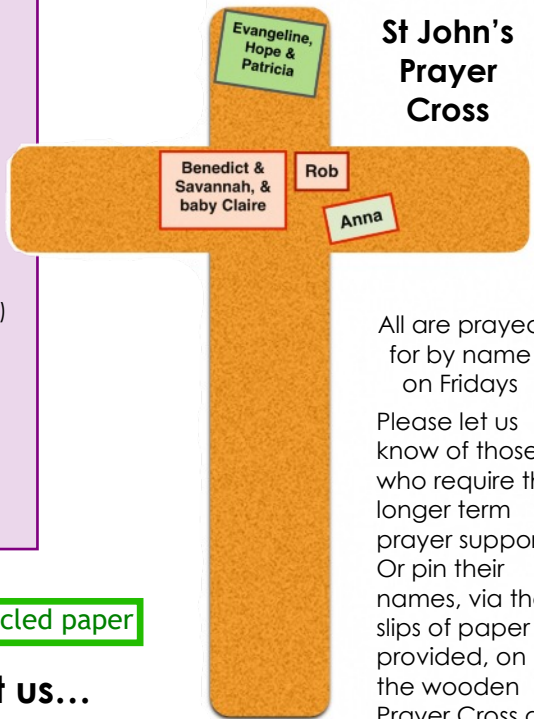
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St John's Prayer Cross



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.

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