

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 1st May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter



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

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. 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 noon 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, Marion H, Mike, Jean & Geoff, Jackie N, and Gladys.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Olga Russell, and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Derek Warner, Vera Brown, Beatty McNulty, and Ernest Nunes,

... and all who mourn.

If you would like to attend, Gwen Beecher's ashes are being interred in the Church grounds this Wednesday, 4th May, at 2 p.m.

Our Annual Meetings

The annual meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year NEXT Sunday, 8th May after the 10.30 Mass and will last about 45 minutes. Nomination forms for the PCC and Deanery Synod are available in Church.

It will be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's. If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina Garton on admstjohns30@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you.

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Christian Aid Week this year is 15th - 22nd May. We are really excited to welcome Pete Moorey to the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 15th May. He is Head of Campaigns and UK Advocacy at Christian Aid. Pete is an experienced campaigner, communicator and public affairs professional who has worked across the non-profit, private and public sectors. I am sure he will inform, encourage and challenge us in our support for Christian Aid.

MC

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!

Introit: *O taste and see* (Vaughan Williams)

Opening Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives the guests his blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Love the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
conquering Satan and the grave:
see the prince of darkness quelled,
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
only sin can this destroy;
from sin's death do thou set free
souls reborn, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise,
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
ever with the Spirit be.

From a Latin Breviary hymn,
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-68)

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 Christ our passover lamb has been
sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all
malice and evil
and confessing our sins
with a sincere and true heart.

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

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life
in 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'*

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

Zeph. 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements
against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9.1-6[7-20]

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against
the disciples of the Lord, went to the high
priest and asked him for letters to the

synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and

after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

*St Fulbert of Chartres (d 1028)
tr Robert Campbell (1814-68)*

Gospel Reading

Dcn Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last,
says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold
I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia

Dcn The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 21.1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it

was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon 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

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

The following response 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

Deacon The risen Christ came and stood
among his disciples and said "Peace be with
you!" Then were they glad when they saw the
Lord. Alleluia!

Priest Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always
with you

All and also with you. Alleluia!

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.*

I danced in the morning when the world was
begun
And I danced in the moon, and the stars, and
the sun
I came down from Heaven and I danced on
the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said he
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance said he*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee
But they wouldn't dance, and they wouldn't
follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and
John –
They came with me and the dance went on.
Dance, then...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
They left me there on a cross to die
Dance, then...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance, and I still go on
Dance, then...

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.
Dance then...

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour
and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,

and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the
image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in
paradise
and opened to them the gate of life
eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the
powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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, Saint Philip,

Saint James, 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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

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 president says the invitation to
communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is
sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

Communion is received.

Anthem: Come, ye faithful (R.S. Thatcher)

Hymn

Now is eternal life,

If risen with Christ we stand,

In him to life reborn,

And holden in his hand;

No more we fear death's ancient dread,

In Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
My life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.

G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
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

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal
covenant,
make you perfect in every good work
to do his will,
working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight;
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

The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
now is the mighty Captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Dcn Go in the the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia

All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Concluding voluntary: Ceremonial March
(Sumsion)*



Spring Fair - 21st May

Could I put out a plea for some things for the Spring Fair please? Old crockery - for the crockery smash, bottles (not necessarily alcohol) for the Tom Bola, items for a Hamper, or financial donations towards stocking up the stalls. Please - no books!

I will be asking for cakes nearer the actual date. Thank you! *Katy*



Church Together in Hastings & St Leonards



Next Sunday's LOAF Inter-Church Walk:
Powdermills and Pepperingeye.

May's event for all and friends is on Sunday May 8th. We will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the car park in Powdermill Lane. This is about a ¼ mile further on the right-hand side as you drive beyond the Powdermills Hotel towards Catsfield. The full walk is 4 miles long but you can drop out after about 2 miles if you wish. *Roger Mitchell*



1st May: James the Less. Just who was James the Less, son of Alphaeus? Sometimes he is identified as the James whose mother stood by Christ on the cross. Sometimes he is thought to be the James who was 'brother of the Lord'. Sometimes he is thought to be the James who saw the risen Christ. He has also, and often, been called the first bishop of Jerusalem. And finally, sometimes James the Less has been thought of as the author of the Epistle of James.

But, who really knows? Perhaps on this day we can simply recall *all* of the James' above, and thank God for the mother who stood by the cross, the brother that supported Jesus, the apostle who saw his risen Lord and gave his life to proclaiming the truth, the first bishop of Jerusalem, and the author of the marvellous Epistle of James. Whether it was one James or several, they were all faithful to Jesus, and proclaimed him as the Messiah. So perhaps that should make them James the More!

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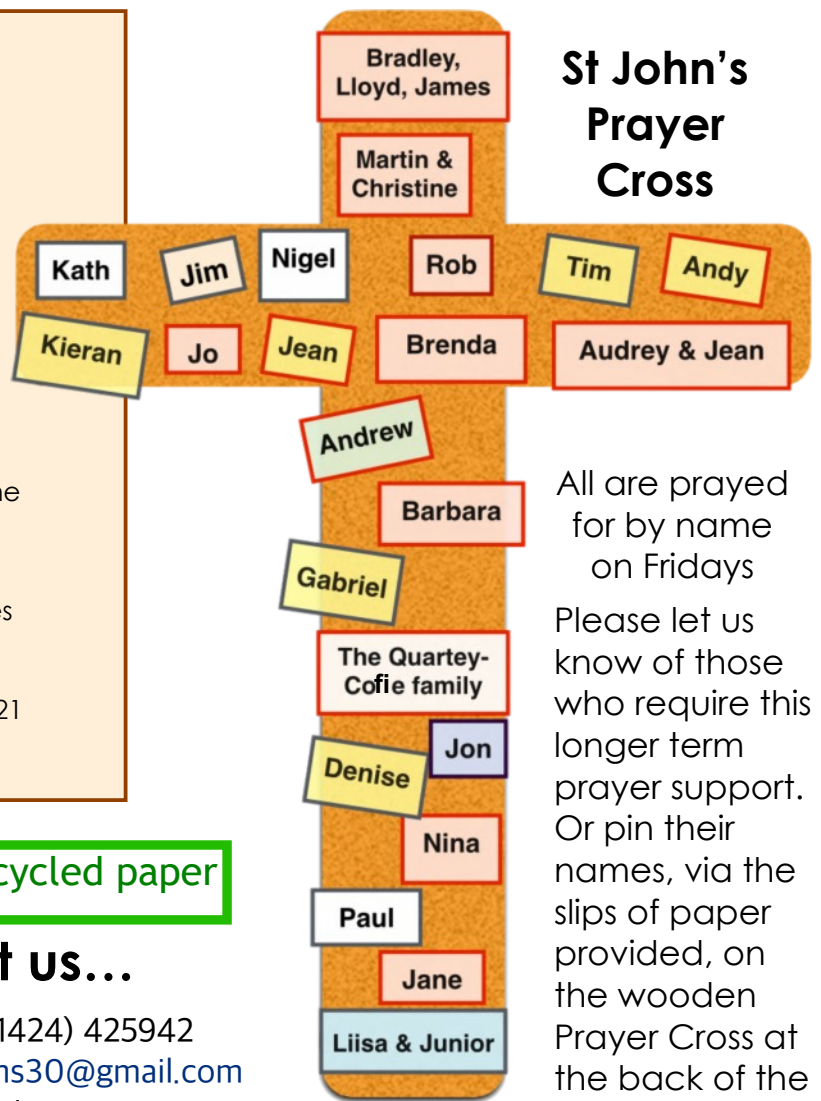
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St John's Prayer Cross

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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