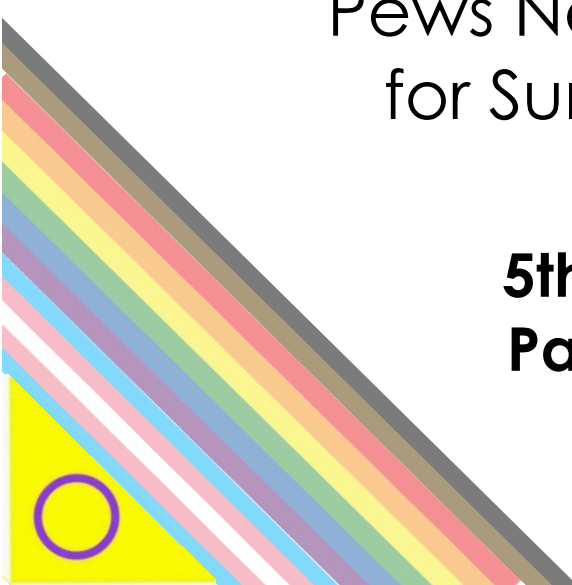


St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 3rd April 2022

**5th Sunday of Lent:
Passiontide begins**



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 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, Jon, and Jackie N.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Murray, and those whose Years Minds fall around this time - Sophie Taylor, Peter Howorth, Vera Sheppard, John Vaughan, and Edna Wheeler,

... and all who mourn.

Today there will be a table at the back of Church, selling preserves, Easter goodies and Church Mice. *Katy*



Here this afternoon: Godly Play, for 5-15 year olds, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. This is the first session and we hope to hold them monthly.

Email for more details:
godlyplayonsea@yahoo.com

Our friend **Murray MacDonald's funeral** will take place here at St John's on Tuesday 19th April, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is very welcome, and we will have refreshments in church after the service.

HASTINGS OLD TOWN PARISH OF ST CLEMENT & ALL SAINTS

Lent Taizé Service PASSION SUNDAY

3rd April at 6 p.m.

in St Clement's Church

(Swan Terrace off High Street, Old Town)



*All are welcome to this ecumenical service
for all denominations
- a time of reflection, prayers in song & words,
readings and quietness
around candlelights.*



Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter: We are having our **Stations of the Cross Service on Good Friday** (15th April) and if you would like to do a brief 1 minute meditation at one of the stations, please sign the sheet at the back of church and take the appropriate reading. Any queries please see Fr David or Katy Harper - thank you. There will be no Good Friday soup lunch available this year but you are welcome to bring your own if needed. *KH*

Forms for purchasing **Easter Lilies** in memory of loved ones are also available at the back of church.

Introit: God so loved the world (Goss)

Opening Hymn

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O, who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

Welcoming of the people

Bishop In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop 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 shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence
and faith.

All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your
salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

Bishop 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

Let us pray:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of
his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished,
quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for
myself
so that they might declare my praise.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from
heaven,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and
died
for love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord!
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

W. Walsham How (1823-97)

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became
obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above
every name.

**All Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

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 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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 bring to the Father our prayers of
intercession
through Christ who gave himself for the
life of the world.

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.**

A Special Prayer for Ukraine



God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and
breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is your
overwhelming presence
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine
and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into
ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword
against nation.
We cry out to you for peace.
Protect those who only desire and deserve
to live in security and safety

Comfort those who fear for their lives
and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on
violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that
leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our
neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail
and a renewed recognition that we all
play a part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole.
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*

Offertory Hymn

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

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Toplady (1740-78)

Preparation of the Table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might
live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.
All Amen.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created
all things
and all your works echo the silent music
of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in
your image,
the crown of all creation.

And now we give you thanks
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the
cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree
of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has
been restored.

You give us breath and speech, that
with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands,
O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her
children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our
Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the
cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at
your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring
before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in
your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your
glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop 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: Praise to thee, Lord Jesus (Schütz)

Communion Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1758)

Prayer after Communion

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

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers
and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign,
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

Final hymn

Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O generous love! That he, who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

The Blessing & Dismissal

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All Amen.

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Overture from
'Messiah' (G.F. Handel)**



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

Next Sunday's
LOAF WALK,
April 10th,
will start at

Salehurst Church at 2:30 p.m. It is 3.25 miles long, crossing the Rother, and over fields and through woods with wonderful views. Sadly a bit early for bluebells. You will pass the remains of Salehurst Abbey, whose monks built the 13th Century Church. The pub "The Selhurst Halt" is adjacent and serves food so perhaps a booking for Sunday Lunch would add to the enjoyment. It's name celebrates a pre-Beeching station on the Robertsbridge to Ashford line. Bring your friends!

Service times for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, 10th April:

8 a.m. Said Mass.

10:30 a.m. Sung Parish Mass.

Monday of Holy Week, 11th April:

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

Tuesday of Holy Week, 12th April:

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

Wednesday of Holy Week, 13th April:

10 a.m. - Said Mass.

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

Maundy Thursday, 14th April:

7:00 p.m. Sung Mass.

Good Friday, 15th April:

12 noon - Stations of the Cross.

1 p.m. - Silent Prayer.

2 p.m. - The Last Hour with Veneration of the Cross and Administration of the Sacrament.

Holy Saturday, 16th April:

8:00 p.m. - The First Mass of Easter.

Easter Day, 17th April:

8 a.m. Said Mass.

10:30 a.m. Parish Mass.

Could you donate a bottle for the **Tombola Stall at the Spring Fair** (21st May) please? I'm also looking for jigsaw puzzles, Good Quality Bric a Brac and items for a Spring Hamper. There is a box at the back of church for items. Many thanks, *Katy*.



... do you shop online? Enter online shopping sites via the "Easyfundraising" website/app, and you may be able to raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!

There's a selection of Gwen Beecher's tapestries and pictures at the back of church - please take any you might like. If you would like to make a donation to the church in return that would be very welcome.

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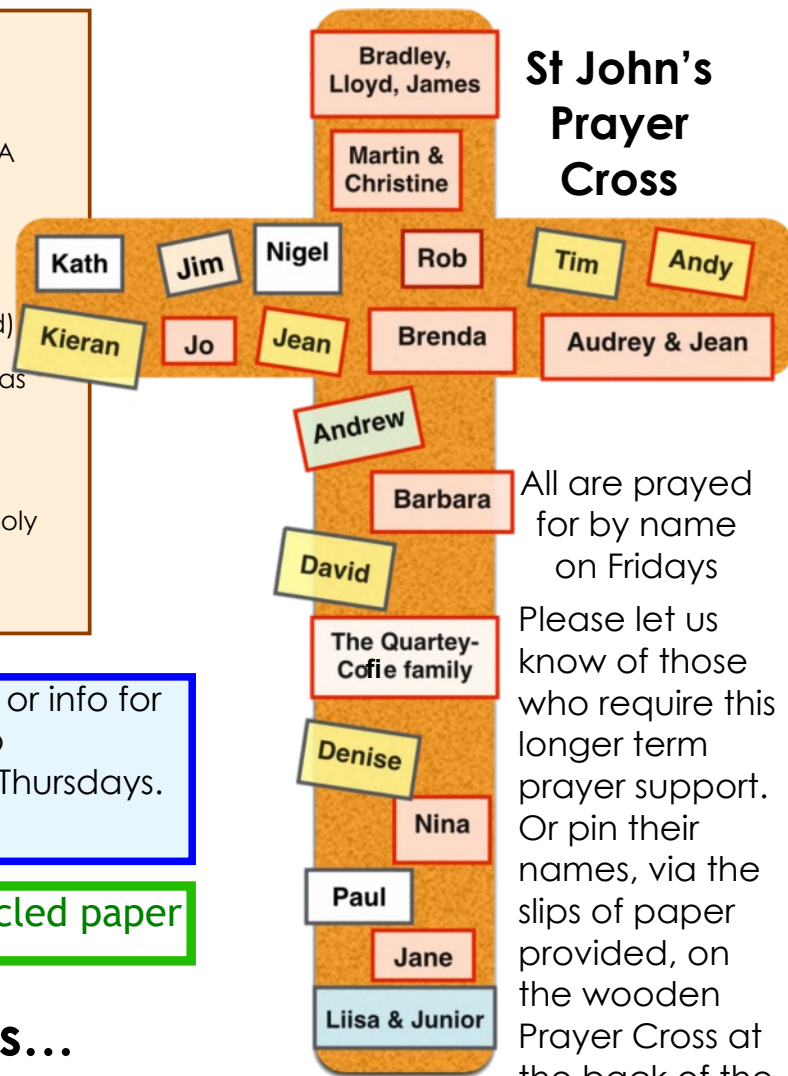
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St John's Prayer Cross



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.