

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 27th February 2022

Sunday next before Lent



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.

Ash Wednesday Mass at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.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

The graphic includes a Nescafé Dolce Gusto logo, two green mugs with coffee, and a packet of coffee.

Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Ana, Pat, David D, Denise H, Marion H, Rachel W, Mike, Jean & Geoff, Rob, and Jon.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Margaret Ross,
... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Mila, Clive Riddell, Frank Jenkins, Jack Sampson, Charlie Menzinger, Laura Green, Eric Kingsnorth (Priest), Eloise Mann, and Alan Horsburgh,
... and all who mourn.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday: there's Mass in church at 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., with Imposition of Ashes

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. As part of their repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.



Lent Course

Fr David is planning to offer the Diocesan Lent Course - it will be on Zoom. It's called *Comfort ye my people*, and will run for five sessions beginning on Wednesday 9th March at 6.30 p.m.

We can follow it individually using the diocesan website. But if we wish to join with Fr David on a Wednesday we need to let him know in advance so that he can set up the Zoom link and send it to us.

*Introit: O Lord my God to thee
(Arcadelt)*

Opening Hymn

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet
lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart
he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps
as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter
his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings
to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept
for the name that is dear.
Mornings of joy
give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

J.S.B. Monsell (1811-75)

Welcoming of the people

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

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

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

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

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

Priest Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung:

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Holy God,
you know the disorder
of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 34.29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past!
promise of things to be!
We hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.

All Alleluia.

Dcn The Lord be with you

All And also with you

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9.28-36(37-43)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Church and for the
world, and let us thank God for his
goodness

The response may be:

Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer

and at the end:

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace *is introduced*

We are the body of Christ. In the one
Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for
peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of Peace with
those around us*

Hymn

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

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee
grow,
Let them his glory also show;
O praise him...

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One;
O praise him...

*St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
tr. William Draper (1855-1933)*

Preparation of the Table

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

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

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**All It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our
salvation,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your
gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the
breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this
day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one
bread.

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:
**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall
be healed.

The priest partakes of the consecrated bread - and wine on behalf of us all - to which we respond **Amen.**

Holy Communion is then distributed in one kind - The Body of Christ.

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus
(Mozart)

Communion Hymn

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and
God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most
cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may
know
the hope and peace which from thy
presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we
see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be:
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy
face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

*St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
tr. James Woodford (1820-85)*

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to
change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all,
 we give you thanks and praise,
 that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son
 and brought us home.
 Dying and living,
 he declared your love,
 gave us grace,
 and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body
 live his risen life;
 we who drink his cup
 bring life to others;
 we whom the Spirit lights
 give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have
 set before us,
 so we and all your children shall
 be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise
 your name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Final hymn

From glory to glory advancing,
 we praise thee, O Lord;
 Thy name with the Father
 and Spirit be ever adored.
 From strength unto strength
 we go forward on Sion's highway,
 To appear before God
 in the city of infinite day.

Thanksgiving, and glory and worship,
 and blessing and love,
 One heart and one song
 have the saints upon earth and above.
 O Lord, evermore to thy servants
 thy presence be nigh;
 Ever fit us by service on earth
 for thy service on high.

*Liturgy of St James
 tr. Charles Humphreys (1840-1921)*

The Blessing & Dismissal

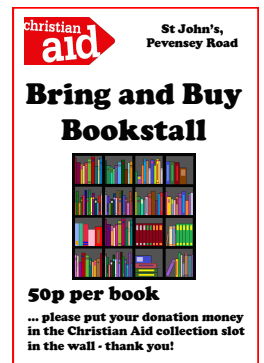
Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

The God of hope
 fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the
 Lord
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Prelude and fugue in A
 minor BWV 551 (J.S. Bach)**

*There are some great books
 on the Bring & Buy
 Bookstall at the back of
 church... 50p per book,
 proceeds to Christian Aid*



Positive.News

Need a dose of good news in the current world situation? Tim A's drawn our attention to the "Positive.News" online magazine, which is packed with uplifting items. It's also available in printed form, quarterly. This week it features items on Iceland agreeing to ban whaling, Asda making its cheapest

food range available in all of its stores, and a study of chimpanzees demonstrating care and compassion towards their fellow creatures...



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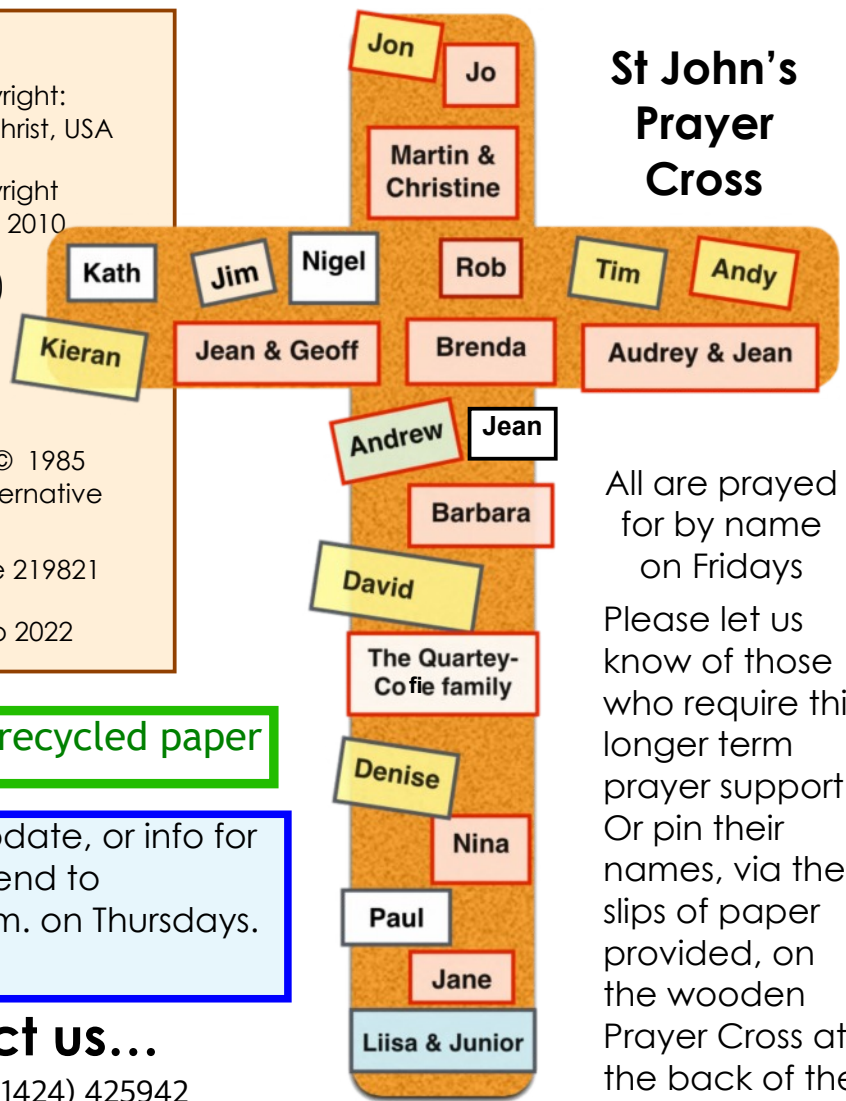
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All are prayed
for by name
on Fridays

Please let us
know of those
who require this
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