

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 31st July 2022

7th Sunday after Trinity



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: Weds 10 a.m, St Peter's Chapel

Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizers for a "link" to join in

Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church

An Evening with The Vocal Tones

*In aid of The Blind Centre
and St John's Church*

**Saturday 6th August at 6
p.m.**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets £5, under 5's free

**Tea, coffee and cake
included!**

Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Pat P, David D, Denise H,
Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, and Jon W.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,
especially Sally Lee, and Douglas Killian,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Minnie Quartey-Cofie, Jill,
Pauline Peacock, and Vic Barnes,

and all who mourn.

Sally Lee's Requiem Mass will take place in St John's this Thursday 4th August at 11 a.m. All are welcome. No need to wear black.

New home groups starting.

At St John's we are planning a number of small groups to meet regularly in homes around the parish and beyond. Perhaps groups of 6-8 people who you can get to know and hopefully feel able to ask those questions that you wouldn't ask in church. These groups are ideal places to get to know others and deepen our faith. We will adapt groups to what people need and to when and where they want to meet. Suggestions so far have included a bible study group meeting in the evening, a book group meeting once a month, a Christian Basics group, a zoom group for those not able to go out and a group meeting in Bexhill.

We will need hosts to simply provide somewhere to meet with no obligation to organise things. Any costs for teas or coffees would be reimbursed. A number of people have offered to lead/coordinate groups but more would be welcome.

How to find out more:

On Saturday morning 3rd September there will be a coffee morning at the church from 10-12. We can find out who is interested in which group and answer questions about how they will work. Please put that date in your diary and in the meantime speak to Fr David, Deacon Mike or myself. *Mike C, Churchwarden*

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. Thank you!

*Introit: Peace I leave with you
(Amy Beach)*

Opening Hymn

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)*

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.

Prayer of Confession

Dcn 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.

The priest says the Absolution

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

*The priest introduces the Collect
with the words 'Let us pray'*

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

A reading from Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in
Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to
search out by wisdom all that is done under
heaven; it is an unhappy business that God
has given to human beings to be busy with.
I saw all the deeds that are done under the
sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing
after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under
the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those
who come after me – and who knows whether
they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be
master of all for which I toiled and used my
wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.
So I turned and gave my heart up to despair
concerning all the toil of my labours under the
sun, because sometimes one who has toiled
with wisdom and knowledge and skill must
leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not
toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.
What do mortals get from all the toil and
strain with which they toil under the sun? For
all their days are full of pain, and their work is
a vexation; even at night their minds do not
rest. This also is vanity.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 3.1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the
things that are above, where Christ is, seated
at the right hand of God. Set your minds on
things that are above, not on things that are
on earth, for you have died, and your life is

hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father
except through me.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'"

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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.

**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 the power of the Spirit, and in union with
Christ, let us pray to the Father

These responses 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

Priest 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.

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

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.

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west
where'er man's foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of
truth may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless
God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till
God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

A.C. Ainger (1841-1919)

Prayer at the 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took
flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the
cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to
new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a
holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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

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 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.

Communion is received.

*Anthem: O Saviour of the world
(Somervell)*

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
You are one with us,
Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.
Pouring Your love and goodness in.
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
Born as one with us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ
I would come to you
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect
in his love;
for he 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 peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;

praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound,
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! [Amen Amen]
H.W. Baker (1821-77)

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

**Concluding voluntary: Allegro con
spirito (Frank Bridge, 1879-1941)**

 Please stay for coffee after
today's Parish Mass.

RESTART A HEART



It's wonderful that modern technology has produced a device, available to the public, that can re-start a heart if someone has a heart attack, giving them the best possible chance of survival. These defibrillators are automated and can be used by people without medical training.

At the suggestion of our Hall Committee, the PCC is now planning to purchase a defibrillator, and a cabinet for it to go in. Sited on the outside wall of the Hall, the cabinet will be unlocked so that it is accessible to the public as well as to folk visiting the Hall and the Church. It will be registered with the local ambulance service so that they can direct a caller to the device before the ambulance arrives.

The PCC is looking into possible grants to help fund the device and its cabinet and to cover the small running costs that will be incurred. We thought that the congregation might also like the opportunity to support this worthwhile venture. The PCC welcomes donations towards the total cost which is estimated at £1,900.

If you would like to donate, you can use electronic means – in Church or via the Saint John's website. Please let us know via the Parish Office that you intend this to be for the defibrillator. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to St John's PCC and mark the cheque on the back "Defibrillator".

Unlike most things we buy, we sincerely hope we will never have to use this defibrillator! But if the need arises we will have done our best to provide help in a desperate situation.

If you would like more information, please ask Mike C or Marion N.

This Thursday: Pre-school TOTSOPERA meets in church to sing, act and play, 10-11 a.m. Only £5, siblings £4. Contact LA for more details. interopera.ltd@gmail.com

On Saturday 6 August *Hastings Against War* will be holding their annual **Hiroshima Day Commemoration** in Alexandra Park. Lanterns will be placed round the edge of the lake, and those attending are encouraged to bring their own lanterns. Instructions for making lanterns can be found on the HAW website:
www.hastingsagainstawar.org/Lantern.html.
For those who can't bring lanterns, there will be spare ones available on the night. Gather at the memorial end of the lake from 8:30 p.m. *FM*

Next Sunday: ***The Blessing of the Sea*** returns, and will finish Old Town week. The ecumenical service will be at the Harbour Arm at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday August 7. The service will be led by the Old Town Parish and St Mary Star of the Sea, with the Salvation Army playing the hymns. All welcome.

An update from **Hastings Foodbank.**

"In June we gave out 853 food parcels which is the equivalent of 17,913 meals! The cost of this is staggeringly £18,000! The need for the Foodbank is likely to increase rapidly come the autumn. Hastings Foodbank is a Trussell Trust Foodbank which means that clients require a voucher to access food. This enables the referrer to signpost the client for additional help depending on the reason they are in crisis. Over the next few months we are hoping to have a dedicated advisor to work with clients to ensure they are getting the best support possible. Thank you to all those churches who collect food donations for us and / or make financial donations, and for the volunteers from churches across the town. We are extremely grateful!"

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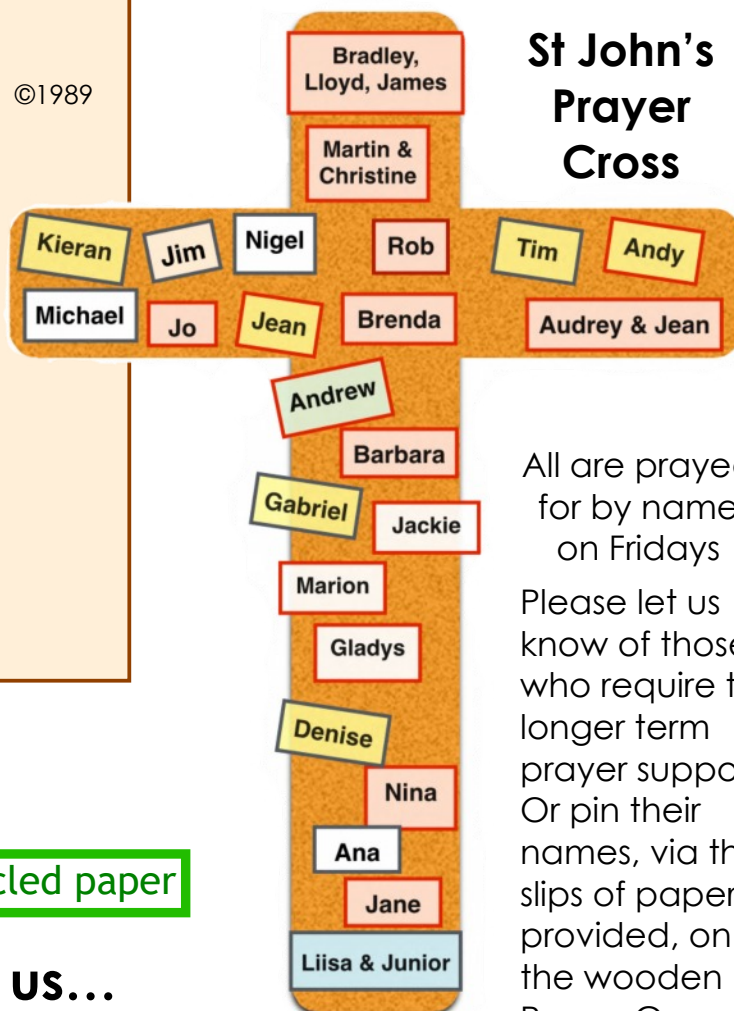
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St John's Prayer Cross



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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