



St John's Pevensey Road



Pews News and Service Sheet for 19th November 2023 2nd Sunday before Advent

This week:

**10am Wednesday: Mass in St
Peter's Chapel**

Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee: Fridays

10 – 12 noon in Church



Big Breakfast @ St Johns Saturday 25th November 8.30 -10am

**You are invited to enjoy croissants
and coffee in good company here at
the church.**

**Tony Collins Green Party Councillor
for Central St Leonards will speak on
his faith and how it influences his
work on Hastings Council.**

Our prayers are asked for:

Baby Frankie and her parents, Vivian, David S, Julia, Teresa, Holly H, Samantha B, Goldie, Lorenzo, Rachel T, Gladys, Anna, John T, Nigel and Carrie, Geraldine, Clare, Janet F, Tim, Basia S, Kathryn, Francisco M, Wendy, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Marie N.

Please pray also for

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, including John and Margaret, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time including Peter Clarke, Joseph Quartey-Cofie, Maggie, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

James &
Damien
Jackie N
Deborah
Ollie

Peter & Jean

Jean &
Geoff

Tom

Nicola

Krystyna

Ramona

Beverly

Helena

Sue T

Don F

John H

Nigel

Peggy S

Maddy

Tina

Dulcie

Aspen

Gabriel

Anna

Jack M

Patrick

Xander

Kiran

Nanny

Christine

Brenda

KIP

Harvey

Avril

June

Nanny P

Mum

Barbara

Evangeline, Hope
and Patricia

Audrey
& Jeannie

John &

Robert S

Gill T

Rob

Andy

All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name



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 Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

As Christians we believe that when we pray for others we are sharing in Christ's intercession for them. That is partly why the Intercession list and Prayer Cross, both physical and on the Pews News, are much valued. We have been seeking how best to keep these ministries whilst trying to keep lists updated, and would like to suggest:

The Prayer Cross: At the start of Advent and Lent each year we will remove all names and ask that if people would like the prayers of St John's to continue for people named there, a new piece of paper be used, and of course new prayer requests can be added at any time - this is mainly for those with longer term prayer needs.

The Weekly Intercession list: names will be left on this urgent prayer list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified, but please would you let us know if the urgent prayer need continues, so we continue to include that person.

The Year's Mind list would include those notified to us each year, but not automatically include names from the list read out at All Souls' or in memory of whom Easter Lilies are given, as at present. These opportunities for remembrance at All Souls and Easter will of course be continued.

Please use the email: pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com to give names or updates for the intercession lists and printed prayer cross. Thank you.

Introit: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace- Tye

Opening Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance
he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his
trust;
what with care and toil he
buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye
endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing
thought:
splendour, light and life attend
him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.

**Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the
German of J Neander (1650-80)*

The 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.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

Deacon Jesus says, `Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand.` So let us turn away from sin
and turn to Christ, 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 to us the joy of your
salvation; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

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

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest
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.
***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest***

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.

***Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.***

The Collect

Priest Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be
healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Zeph. 1.7, 12- end

Be silent before the Lord God! For
the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a
sacrifice, he has consecrated his
guests.....

At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps, and I will punish the
people who rest complacently on
their dregs, those who say in their
hearts, "The LORD will not do
good, nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they
shall not inhabit them; though they
plant vineyards, they shall not

drink wine from them. The great

day of the LORD is near, near and

hastening fast; the sound of the

day of the LORD is bitter, the

warrior cries aloud there. That day

will be a day of wrath, a day of

distress and anguish, a day of ruin

and devastation, a day of darkness

and gloom, a day of clouds and

thick darkness, a day of trumpet

blast and battle cry against the

fortified cities and against the lofty

battlements. I will bring such

distress upon people that they

shall walk like the blind; because

they have sinned against the

LORD, their blood shall be poured

out like dust, and their flesh like

dung. Neither their silver nor their

gold will be able to save them on

the day of the LORD's wrath; in the

fire of his passion the whole earth

shall be consumed; for a full, a

terrible end he will make of all the

inhabitants of the earth.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thess. 5. 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

In Christ

**there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

**Join hands, then,
brothers of the faith,
what'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as a son
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east
and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in
him,
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matt. 25. 14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more

talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and

on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in God.

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession - led by
*the intercessor using their own
words or ...*

We pray for the coming of God's
kingdom.
You sent your Son to bring good
news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in his name.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing
love.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead
of grief.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time
is here
for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Lord of the Church,
All hear our prayer,
**and make us one in mind and
heart to serve you in Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Priest To crown all things there
must be love, to bind all together
and complete the whole. Let the
peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a
sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn *during which the
altar is prepared, and bread and wine
are placed upon it.*

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
be thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father,
and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance
now and always;
be thou and thou only**

**the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys
after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

Irish c8th century tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints, where
heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the
breaking of the bread. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

Priest 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, that we should always sing of
your glory, holy Father, almighty
and eternal God, through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord. For you
are the hope of the nations, the
builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus
Christ brings home the lost,
restores the sinner and gives
dignity to the despised. In his face
your light shines out, flooding lives
with goodness and truth, gathering
into one in your kingdom a divided

and broken humanity. Therefore
with all who can give voice in your
creation we glorify your 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, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly
Father, through your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we
follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the power
of your Holy Spirit these gifts of
bread and wine may be to us his
body and his blood; 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.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of
himself made once for all upon the
cross; we proclaim his mighty
resurrection and glorious
ascension; we look for the coming
of your kingdom, and with this
bread and this cup we make the

memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Dcn Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Deacon With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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 by all.
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia'. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins - Attwood

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)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness
of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest May God give to you and to
all those whom you love his
comfort and his peace, his light

and his joy, in this world and the
next; 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

**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**

**Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!**

John Marriott (1780-1825)

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

All May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, and 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...

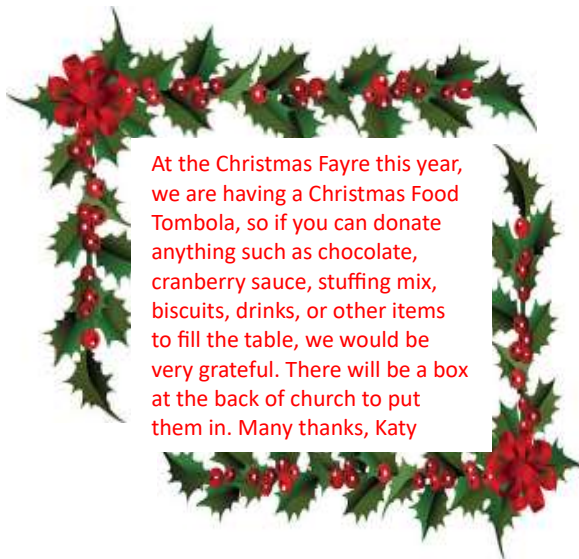
All and rise in glory. Amen.

Dcn Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Organ voluntary: Sortie in B flat – Lefebure-Wely

Do stay for coffee!



At the Christmas Fayre this year, we are having a Christmas Food Tombola, so if you can donate anything such as chocolate, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, biscuits, drinks, or other items to fill the table, we would be very grateful. There will be a box at the back of church to put them in. Many thanks, Katy

CONGRATULATIONS
to
Janet on her 80th
birthday.

Jonathan Veira, world famous singer and raconteur, is coming to perform "A Christmas Audience" at Pett Village Hall on 2nd December at 7.30 pm. Pett Methodist Chapel is putting on the concert and tickets, for £15, can be bought through their website. (If you search YouTube you will find a video of our own Father David invited to the stage to sing with Jonathan).

Notes from the PCC held on 8th Nov
(changed from 30/10 owing to weather)

This was a shortened meeting as the Rector and Treasurer could not be present and some items were deferred to the next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding a date for a newcomers event, and a leaflet aimed at newcomers was considered.

The office furniture has been installed in the new office in the hall. It is hoped that Tina will be able to move into it within the next fortnight.

Repairs to the clerestory window on the south side are necessary. Quotations for the work are being sought. Scaffolding will be put up (indeed, it is now up).

The only matter with regard to the Hall is that some necessary work to the toilets is in hand.

Jenny B was pleased to report that 9 nursing homes are being visited, by invitation, by a team which she is co-ordinating.

Next meeting: 11th December.

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Tina is our Administrator.
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13.00, Mon, Tues, Thurs.

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Church Hall bookings.

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contacted on
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asap. (The print deadline is dependent
upon when Tina is in the office to do the
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