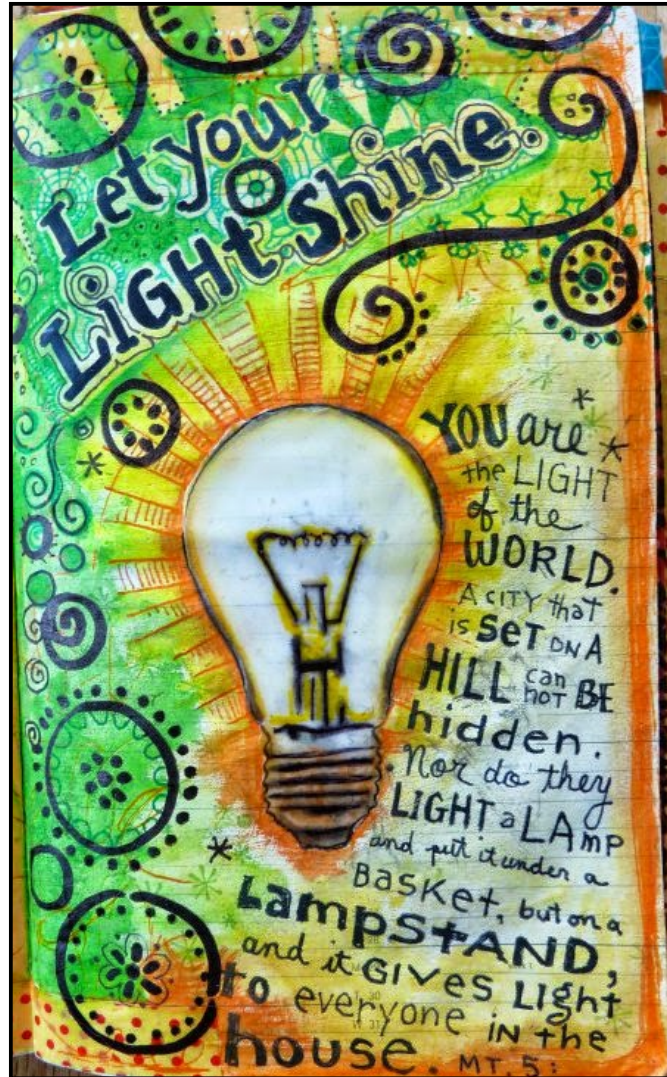


St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 5th February 2023

3rd Sunday before Lent



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: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch for a link to join in.

Morning Coffee and Warm Space: Friday 10 - 12 noon in the Church Hall

Our prayers are asked for:

Andrew N, Holly H, Andy, Sue T, Don F, Helena, Ramona, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine, and Della.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Fr David Fentiman,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Violet Fisher, Ruby Crighton, and Charity Oware,

... and all who mourn.



St John's Church Hall,
Brittany Road

Beetle Drive

Saturday 18th March

3.00pm

Come and have an Afternoon of Fun
with Friends, Games, Tea and Cake!

Tickets £3 from Katy Harper



You are invited to return your Palm Crosses in preparation for Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 22 Feb

Rev'd David Fentiman's funeral will be here at St John's at 12.30 p.m. this Wednesday, 8th February. All welcome.

HANSEL & GRETEL

presented as a Fairy Tale in two parts

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ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

St John the Evangelist,
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Saturday February 25th
7:30 p.m.

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beautiful music and an early night:
book early to avoid disappointment!*

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST JOHN'S WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY



Hastings Foodbank's updated list of urgently needed items:

UHT milk (full fat & semi-skimmed), tinned meat (not pork

or corned beef), tinned fruit, tinned veg, coffee.

Also needed: toiletries, loo rolls, tinned fish, tinned rice pud, jam, fruit juice. *Thank you!*

Introit: *God be in my head (Walford Davies)*

Opening Hymn

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1632)

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

Deacon 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 command-
ments
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

Priest Let us pray:

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,

and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 58.1-9a[9b-12]

Thus says the Lord:

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised
righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of
their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

‘Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do
not notice?’

Look, you serve your own interest on
your fast-day,

and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to
fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on
high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into
your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your
own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up
quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your
rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.
[If you remove the yoke from among
you, the pointing of the finger,
the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched
places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the
breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor.2.1-12[13-end]

When I came to you, brothers and
sisters, I did not come proclaiming the

mystery of God to you in lofty words or
wisdom. For I decided to know nothing
among you except Jesus Christ, and him
crucified. And I came to you in weakness
and in fear and in much trembling. My
speech and my proclamation were not
with plausible words of wisdom, but with a
demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
so that your faith might rest not on human
wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak
wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this
age or of the rulers of this age, who are
doomed to perish. But we speak God's
wisdom, secret and hidden, which God
decreed before the ages for our glory.
None of the rulers of this age understood
this; for if they had, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is
written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who
love him' –

these things God has revealed to us
through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches
everything, even the depths of God. For
what human being knows what is truly
human except the human spirit that is
within? So also no one comprehends what
is truly God's except the Spirit of God.
Now we have received not the spirit of
the world, but the Spirit that is from God,
so that we may understand the gifts
bestowed on us by God. [And we speak
of these things in words not taught by
human wisdom but taught by the Spirit,
interpreting spiritual things to those who
are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive
the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are
foolishness to them, and they are unable to
understand them because they are
discerned spiritually. Those who are
spiritual discern all things, and they are
themselves subject to no one else's
scrutiny.

'For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?'
But we have the mind of Christ.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Dcn 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.

Matthew 5.13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt
has lost its taste, how can its saltiness
be restored? It is no longer good for
anything, but is thrown out and trampled
under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built
on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after
lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel
basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives
light to all in the house. In the same way,
let your light shine before others, so that
they may see your good works and give
glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish
the law or the prophets; I have come not
to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you,
until heaven and earth pass away, not
one letter, not one stroke of a letter,
will pass from the law until all is accom-
plished. Therefore, whoever breaks one
of the least of these commandments, and
teaches others to do the same, will be
called least in the kingdom of heaven; but
whoever does them and teaches them
will be called great in the kingdom of
heaven. For I tell you, unless your
righteousness exceeds that of the scribes
and Pharisees, you will never enter the
kingdom of heaven.

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

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you promised through your Son Jesus
Christ
to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Martin, Ruth and Will, our
bishops, and all your Church in the
service of Christ,
that those who confess your name may
be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal
your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Bless and guide Charles our King;
give wisdom to all in authority;
and direct this and every nation in the
ways of justice and of peace;
that we may honour one another, and
seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Give grace to us, our families and
friends, and to all our neighbours,
that we may serve Christ in one
another, and love as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in
body, mind, or spirit ... ;
give them courage and hope in their
troubles;
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Hear us as we remember those who
have died in the faith of Christ ... ;
according to your promises,
grant us with them a share in your
eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 exchange a sign of Peace with those around us

Hymn

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

Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

John Whittier (1807-92)

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

*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.**

Holy Communion is then distributed

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: O Lord, my God, to thee (Arcadelt)

Hymn

Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be
here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! O how blest
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Mary Maude (1819-1913)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of
life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where 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

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

The 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: Processional
(William Mathias)*



Please stay for coffee after today's
Parish Mass.

St John's Prayer Cross

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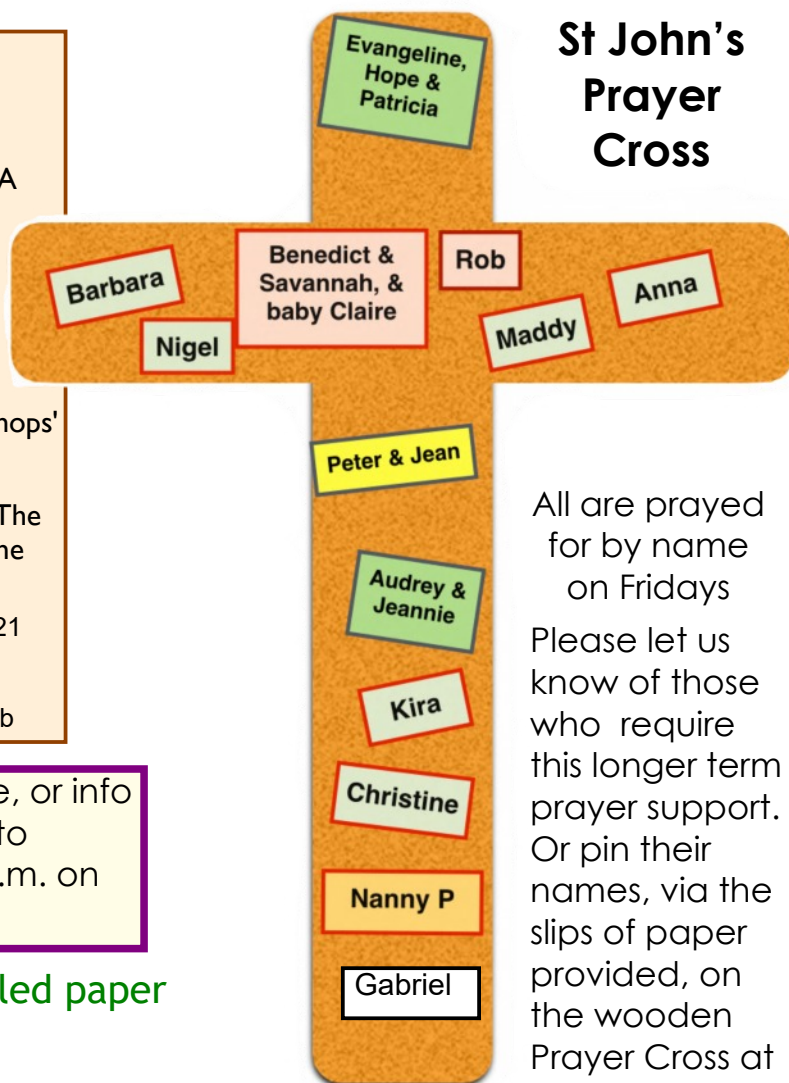
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All are prayed
for by name
on Fridays

Please let us
know of those
who require
this longer term
prayer support.
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slips of paper
provided, on
the wooden
Prayer Cross at
the back of the
Church.
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