

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 16th April 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday, in St Peter's Chapel

Midweek Mass Wednesday, 10 a.m. St Peter's Chapel

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

Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church

**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



... and to spend some time in this beautiful church

Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00



Our prayers are asked for:

Andrew N, Holly H, Andy, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine, Della, Tim, Kathryn & Ian, Lesley, Amber, Ember Collins, and Peter.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the departed, especially Claire Conely, whose Years Mind falls around this time,

... and all who mourn.

Healing service here TODAY Sunday 16th April at 4 p.m. The series entitled "Where is God when it Hurts" continues as Canon Val explores the theme of suffering. During the service there will be an opportunity to receive healing prayer. MC

The Story Group (home group featuring discussion around a story) meets tonight, April 16th, 7.30-9.00pm. All welcome; Pen W or Alison D are the people to contact for info. PW

Our Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 14th May after the 10:30 Mass and lasting about 45 minutes. It would be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's.

If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina on admstjohns30@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you when it is available.

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Christ Church Blacklands, Laton Rd

Harp Concert

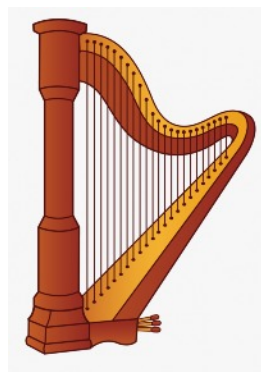
by Ukrainian twin sisters Catherine and Elizabeth Rajhans

This Weds, 19th April

Refreshments from 10 a.m.

Harp performance 10:30 a.m.

Entry by donation.
All welcome!



Introit: *This joyful Eastertide*

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;
to the Father, and the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 Christ our passover lamb has been
sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all
malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and
true heart.

Dcn Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The priest says the Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in 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'

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance
barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and
peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God

with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that

is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John -
they came with me
and the dance went on.
Dance, then...

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people
said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.
Dance, then...

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.
Dance, then...

They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then... Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Gospel Reading

Dcn Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for
evermore.

All Alleluia

Dcn The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John
All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of
the week, and the doors of the house
where the disciples had met were
locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon 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

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow ...

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises ...

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Peace *is introduced*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you!" Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

Priest Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All and also with you. Alleluia!

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.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him king of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Noel (1817-77)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us
the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour
and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death
and hell
and restored in men and women the
image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in
paradise
and opened to them the gate of life
eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with
gladness,
while angels and archangels and the
powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, 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 president says the invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast.
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: Come, ye faithful
(R.S. Thatcher)*

Hymn

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield:
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and you are my
Brother
even though you are a king:
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Martin Nystrom

Prayer after Communion

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

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one
with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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 The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal
covenant,
make you perfect in every good work
to do his will,
working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight;
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

Jesus is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it
For by his power each tree and flower
Was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it:
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry
'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias
For Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord!
Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree
Jesus is Lord!
From him all life proceeding -
Yet gave his life a ransom
Thus setting us free

Jesus is Lord!
O'er sin the mighty conqueror;
From death he rose, and all his foes
Shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sent his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power
That Jesus is Lord! *D.J. Mansell*

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.

Dcn Go in the the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia
All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ voluntary: Marche Militaire (Schubert)

Join us for coffee after the 10:30 Mass

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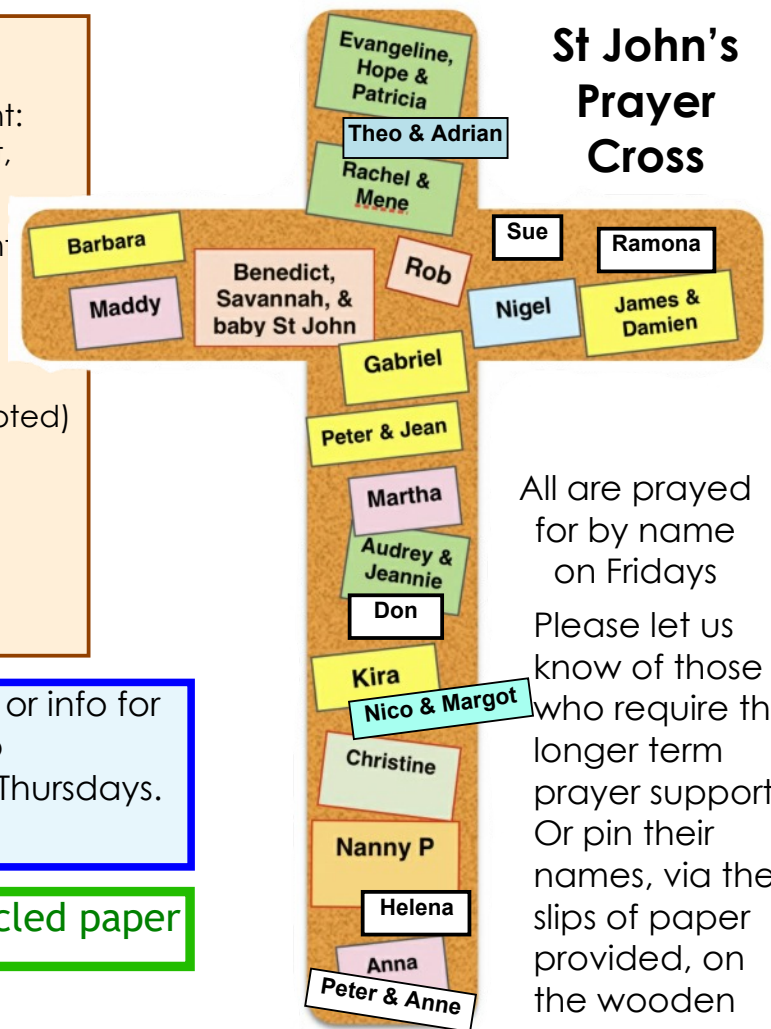
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