

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 23rd April 2023

**3rd 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:

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

### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Andrew Neill, and Ian McLean

And those whose Years Minds fall around this time, Olga Russell, Rosemary Brandt, Ben Richardson, and Vera Brown,

... and all who mourn.

### Our Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May after the 10:30 Mass and lasting about 45 minutes. It would be great to see as many as 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](mailto:admstjohns30@gmail.com)

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## The ParkinSongsters



## Singing for Spring

Our Favourite Songs

with

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Tenor



**Monday April 24th**

**St. John's Church Hall  
Brittany Road  
St Leonards-on-Sea**

**3pm - 4.30pm**

**Tea and Cake**

Free admission - donations invited in aid of  
Parkinson's UK - Bexhill, Hastings & Rother Group

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## Opening Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine  
gives the guests his blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!  
With sincerity and love  
eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave;  
See the prince of darkness quelled,  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
from sin's death do thou set free  
souls reborn, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.

*Latin, tr. Robert Campbell (1814-68)*

## 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.

*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

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,  
you filled your disciples with boldness  
and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

***All* Amen.**

### **A reading from Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 2.14a,36-41*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing  
with the eleven, raised his voice and  
addressed the crowd:

'Let the entire house of Israel know with  
certainty that God has made him both  
Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you  
crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut  
to the heart and said to Peter and to the  
other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we  
do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be  
baptized every one of you in the name of  
Jesus Christ so that your sins may be  
forgiven; and you will receive the gift of  
the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you,  
for your children, and for all who are far  
away, everyone whom the Lord our God  
calls to him.' And he testified with many  
other arguments and exhorted them,  
saying, 'Save yourselves from this  
corrupt generation.' So those who  
welcomed his message were baptized,  
and that day about three thousand  
persons were added to their number.

For the Word of the Lord

***All* Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the First Letter of Peter**

*1 Peter 1. 17-23*

If you invoke as Father the one who  
judges all people impartially according to  
their deeds, live in reverent fear during  
the time of your exile. You know that  
you were ransomed from the futile ways  
inherited from your ancestors, not with  
perishable things like silver or gold, but  
with the precious blood of Christ, like that  
of a lamb without defect or blemish. He  
was destined before the foundation of the  
world, but was revealed at the end of the  
ages for your sake. Through him you  
have come to trust in God, who raised  
him from the dead and gave him glory, so  
that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by  
your obedience to the truth so that you  
have genuine mutual love, love one  
another deeply from the heart. You have  
been born anew, not of perishable but of  
imperishable seed, through the living and  
enduring word of God.

For the Word of the Lord

***All* Thanks be to God**

**Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us**

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from Death's  
domains  
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all;  
Earth, Heav'n and hell before him bow  
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

*St Fulbert of Chartres (952-1028), tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868).*

**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 Luke  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 24.13-35*

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.



As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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**

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...

we pray to the Father.

**All Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter...

we pray to the Father.

**All Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility  
to be subject to one another in  
Christian love ...  
we pray to the Father.  
**All Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who  
lack food, work or shelter...  
we pray to the Father.  
**All Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may  
cease through all the world ...  
we pray to the Father.  
**All Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his  
presence to the sick,  
the weak and the dying,  
to comfort and strengthen them ...  
we pray to the Father.  
**All Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises,  
all who have died in the faith of the  
resurrection  
may be raised on the last day ...  
we pray to the Father.  
**All Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy  
Spirit upon his people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to  
his resurrection,  
we pray to the Father.  
**All Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power  
of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of  
your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us  
to life,  
so his continual presence in us may  
raise us to eternal joy;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**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.*

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ has broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
singing evermore on high: Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today!  
We too sing for joy, and say: Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the Cross  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!

He whose path no records tell  
who descended into hell;  
who the strong man armed has bound  
now in highest heaven is crowned. Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we too may enter heaven. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today, thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!

*German, Michael Weisse (c1480-1534)  
tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

## **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 George, 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 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: The strife is o'er  
(Henry G. Ley)*

## Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## Prayer after Communion

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

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his  
disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his  
redeeming work;  
who 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**

*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 lives! thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath,  
When we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;  
Then, alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
 Nought from us his love shall sever;  
 Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
 Tear us from his keeping ever.  
 Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne  
 Over all the world is given;  
 May we go where he is gone,  
 Rest and reign with him in heaven.  
 Alleluia!

*Christian Gellert (1715-69) tr. Frances Cox (1812-97)*

### 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.

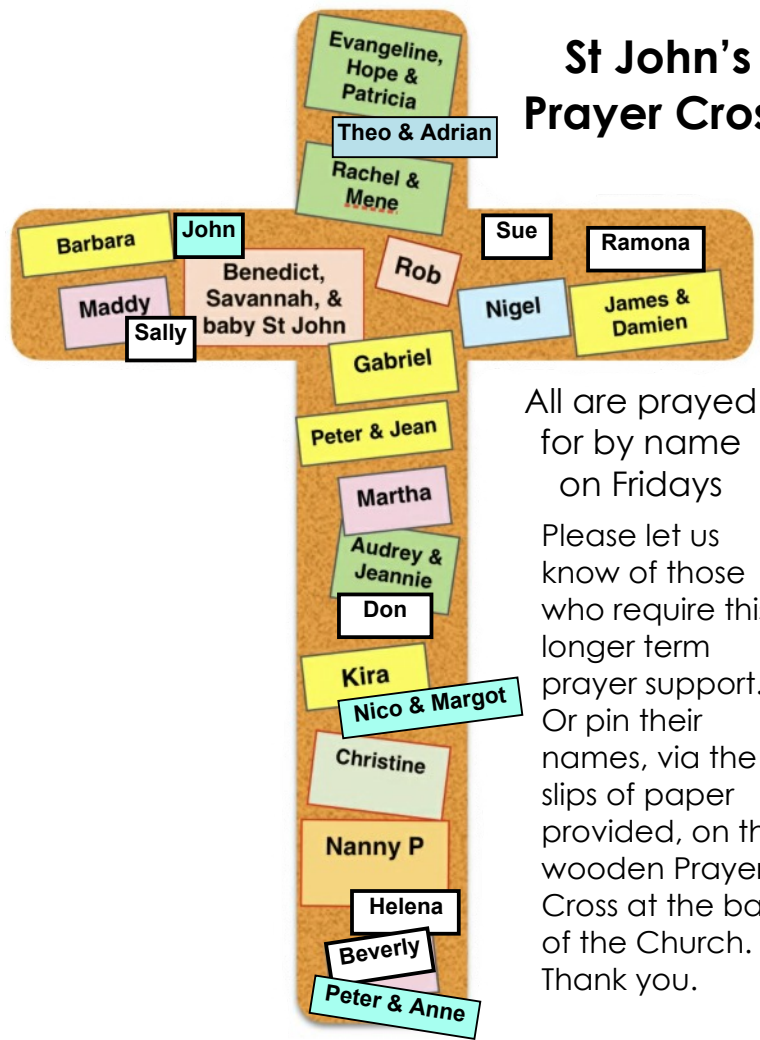
**Dcn** Go in the the peace of  
 Christ. Alleluia, alleluia  
**All** Thanks be to God.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

**Organ voluntary: Ceremonial  
 March (Sumsion)**

 Join us for coffee  
 after the 10:30 Mass

Do you have an item, prayer list  
 update, or info for the Pews  
 News? Please send to  
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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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