

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 30th April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday



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, Weds, 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, Richard Boulton, Derek Warner, and Beatty McNulty,

... 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 14th May after the 10:30 Mass and last 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 and a copy will be emailed to you. TG

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

Is anyone able to help out with cutting the grass in the church grounds?

Please have a word with Sally,

Libby or Mary. Thank you!



**THE FINAL
OF THE
ASHBURNHAM
ENGLISH SONG
AWARDS 2023**

President
Dame Felicity Lott
Artistic Director
Louise Winder

May 18th (at 6.45 p.m. for arrival of dignitaries before) 7 p.m. start.

Great Hall, Ashburnham Place, TN33 9NF.

Tickets (£20 including wine) available on EVENTBRITE, or from Rother Books in Battle (cash only) AN

The Campaign for Equal Marriage in the Church of England

Please join us to hear Rev Dr Charlie Bell, our speaker for a Saturday coffee morning at St John's. The Campaign for Equal Marriage in the Church of England have responded to an invitation from St John's LGBT+ group and are sending Rev Dr Charlie Bell - priest, psychiatrist and a Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge. He will speak about the issue of marriage equality for gay and lesbian people, the campaign in the Church of England and why it matters theologically. Your questions are welcome. Saturday May 20th in church from 10.30 to 12 noon. Clare C

Introit: *O taste and see (Vaughan Williams)*

Opening Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

*Greek, St John of Damascus c750,
tr. JM Neale (1816-66)*

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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2.42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 2.19-25

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not

threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

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 10.1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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

We pray to Jesus who is present with us
to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel
to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the
way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your
life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new
pastures...

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have
lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

All Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us,

**accept our prayers, and be with us
always.**

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.

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Vv 1-3 Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, tr
J.M.Neale v4 Hymns A&M eds*

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 Philip,
Saint James, 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 Lord's my shepherd
(Brother James Air) (trad)*

Hymn

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to the heav'nly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more:

Hallow ev'ry pleasure,
ev'ry gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

T.B. Pollock (1836-96)

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post

Communion for the day:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be
the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life
and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their
worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee. Alleluya!

Latin, 17th century, tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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: Fanfare (J. Lemmens)

Join us for coffee after the 10:30 Mass



... do you shop online? Enter online shopping sites via the "Easyfundraising" website/app, and you may be able to raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!



The Hastings Foodbank, run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current "Urgent" list is shown, right. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

Upcoming day retreats at Penhurst Retreat Centre

Penhurst Retreat Centre is a small, friendly Christian retreat centre where a warm welcome is offered to all. Situated near Battle, the beauty, peace and comfort of this place create an ideal setting in which to draw closer to God and experience His love.

We have space on the following led retreats coming up – why not come, step aside and take time to hear from the Lord?

Tuesday 30 May: Philemon - A Small Book With A BIG Message. Led by Rev Gary Cregeen.

Monday 5 June: Quarterly Day of Prayer for Mission

Monday 5 – Friday 9 June: Refilling Whilst we Pour Out - Staying Sustainable In Service. Led by Hilary Murdoch.

Saturday 10 June: Treasures In The Darkness - A Quiet Day For Christians Working In End Of Life Care

Tuesday 20 June: Jewellery Making Workshop. Time to relax and play with a large selection of beads. Learn to make beaded earrings and either a simple beaded bracelet or beaded star decoration.

Monday 26 – Friday 30 June: The Beauty Of Negative Shapes In Watercolour. Suitable for beginners and improvers. Led by Viv Walkington.

See www.penhurst.org.uk for more information and booking, or contact the office on info@penhurst.org.uk or 01424 892088.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

UHT MILK FULL FAT(BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)

TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)

TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED SPAGHETTI IN SAUCE

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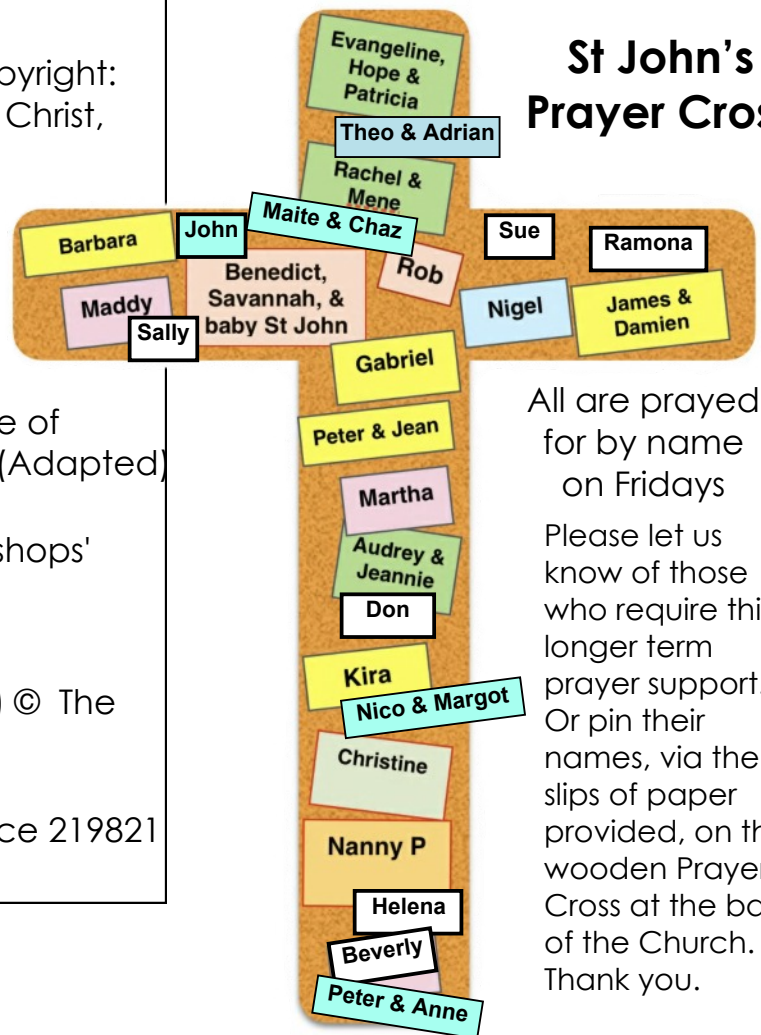
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St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed
for by name
on Fridays

Please let us
know of those
who require this
longer term
prayer support.
Or pin their
names, via the
slips of paper
provided, on the
wooden Prayer
Cross at the back
of the Church.
Thank you.

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