

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 7th May 2023

5th 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, 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, Amber, Kathryn, Lesley, Ember Collins, Anna, Peter, and Anne C.

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, Beatty McNulty, and Ernest Nunes,

Our Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held NEXT 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.

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**21ST MAY, 3 P.M. FREE ENTRY,
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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: *Peace I leave with you*
(Amy Beach)

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.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weak-
ness,
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,
your wounds declare your love for the
world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious;

but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
and
'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'
They stumble because they disobey the
word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priest-
hood, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty
acts of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvellous light.
Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;

and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice

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 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let
your hearts be troubled. Believe in God,
believe also in me. In my Father's house
there are many dwelling-places. If it were
not so, would I have told you that I go to
prepare a place for you? And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again
and will take you to myself, so that where
I am, there you may be also. And you
know the way to the place where I am
going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do
not know where you are going. How can
we know the way?' Jesus said to him,
'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me. If you know me, you will know
my Father also. From now on you do
know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the
Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus
said to him, 'Have I been with you all this
time, Philip, and you still do not know me?'

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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.

O God, you are present everywhere through your Spirit

and your Word is a light upon our path.

Hear us as we pray for King Charles, for Camilla the Queen Consort, and for all the Royal Family;

and grant that we, together with them, may be led by beauty and music,

word and sacrament,

to a greater knowledge and love of

your Son,

Jesus 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.

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless
decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, Ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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

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: Sound ye trumpets (J. Clarke)

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,

he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans

Prayer after Communion

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

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the
truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

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

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above:
Thine be the glory...

*French, Edmund Budry (1854-1932)
tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

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.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

**Organ voluntary: Pomp and Circumstance
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*Join us for coffee
after the 10:30 Mass*

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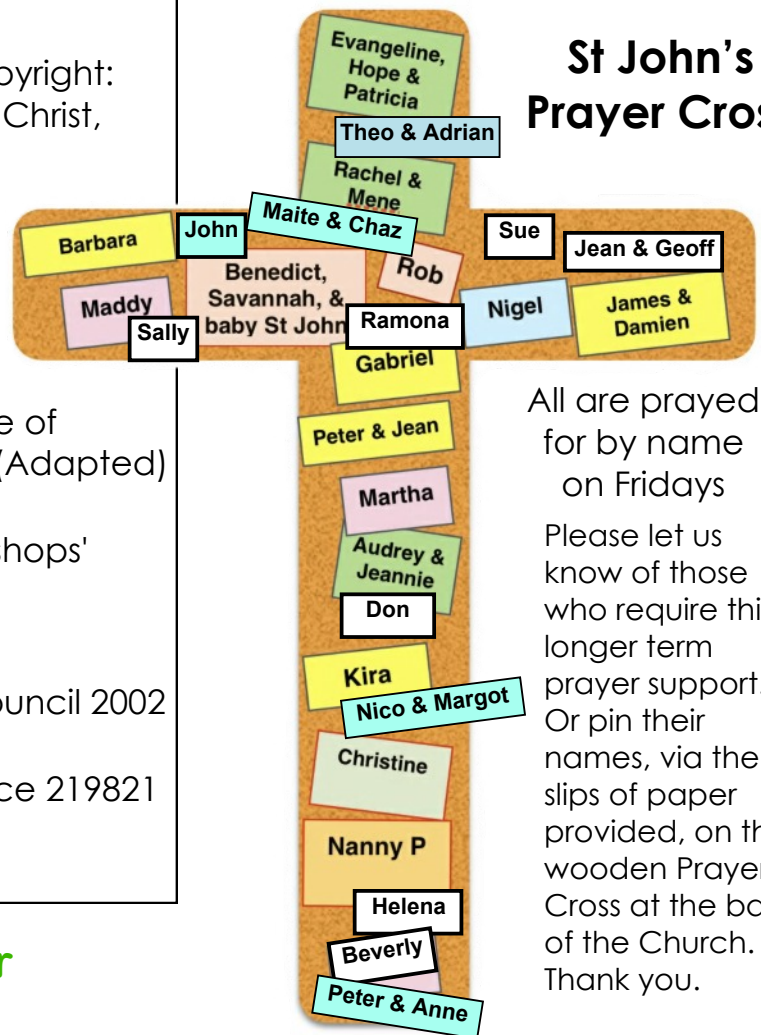
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St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed
for by name
on Fridays

Please let us
know of those
who require this
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provided, on the
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of the Church.
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