

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 14th May 2023

6th 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.

Thursday at 4 p.m. Said Mass for Ascension Day

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, Anna, Peter, and Anne C.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the departed, especially Amber, and also those whose Years Minds fall around this time, Robin Allcorn, and Simon Counsell, ... and all who mourn.



This week we celebrate the fantastic work of Christian Aid throughout the world. Although we focus on the work Christian Aid partners are doing in Malawi they also work in 28 other countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

Any support you can give is valuable and will help some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. You can put cash or a cheque (payable to St Johns PCC) into the Christian Aid envelope at church today or bring it back in the next two weeks. Please put envelopes into the collecting box at the back of church or hand to one of the welcomers or clergy. If you pay tax please complete the Gift Aid section to add to your donation.

Online donations are easy through this link to our "e-envelope" on our St John's Website

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or scan the QR code on the left with your phone/device.

People at St Johns have always been generous supporters of Christian Aid so thank you in anticipation. MC



The Story Group (home group featuring discussion around a story) meets tonight, May 14th, 7.30 -9.00 p.m. All welcome; Pen W or Alison D are the people to contact for info. PW

Is anyone able to help with cutting the grass in the church grounds? Please have a word with Mary, Sally or Libby.

Our next Healing Prayer Service

will be held on Sunday 21st May 4 p.m. here at St Johns. This quiet service will give the opportunity to receive anointing and prayer for yourself or a loved one. We continue to explore the theme of suffering and "Where is God when it hurts?" All are welcome. MC



The Campaign for Equal Marriage in the Church of England

The Rev'd Dr Charlie Bell - priest, psychiatrist and a Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge - will be speaking NEXT SATURDAY, 20th May, at a Coffee Morning here at St John's, 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.

Join us here in church from 10.30 to 12 noon. CC

Introit: O come, ye servants of the Lord (Tye)

Opening Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Sion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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,
by the lakeside you renewed your call
to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command
and draw the nations to the fire of your
love,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3.13-end

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never ending treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

**All accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim, and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

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
Matthias, 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: God's goodness (Frederick Bridge)

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all...

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all...

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all...

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all...

For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all...

F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Prayer after Communion

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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him 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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy host above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia

All **Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Organ voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott
(Karg-Elert)*



...grab a coffee and stay
for our **Annual Church
Meetings.**

The Annual Meeting for
the Election of Churchwardens
and the Annual Parochial
Church Meeting take place
TODAY after the 10:30 Mass and
last about 45 minutes.

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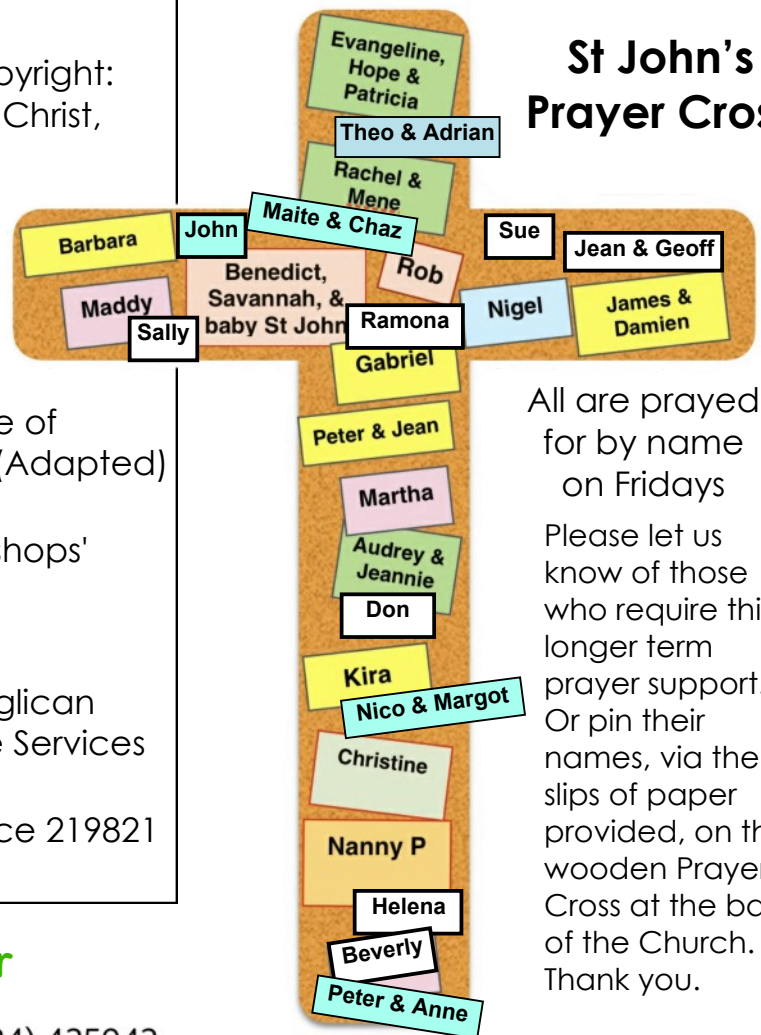
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for by name
on Fridays
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