

St John's, Pevensy Road

Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 21st May 2023



7th Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week 14-20th May

This week we have celebrated 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 next week. 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: StJohnspevenseyroad.org.uk
People at St Johns have always been generous supporters of Christian Aid so thank you in anticipation. MC

**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



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

Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00



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: Wednesdays at 10 a.m

(For a link contact pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com)

Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church

Our prayers are asked for:

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

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Amber,
...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Marjorie F
... and all who mourn.

THIS AFTERNOON 4PM here at St John's

Healing Prayer Service

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.

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Introit: *Drop, drop slow tears -
Orlando Gibbons*

Opening Hymn

Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight
received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool,
heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and
Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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 What God has prepared for those who
love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our
hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those
who love him.

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

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all good-
ness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus 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'***

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom
in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where
our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together,
they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time
when you will restore the kingdom to
Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to
know the times or periods that the Father
has set by his own authority. But you will
receive power when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you; and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'
When he had said this, as they were
watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud
took him out of their sight. While he was
going and they were gazing up towards
heaven, suddenly two men in white robes
stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee,
why do you stand looking up towards
heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken
up from you into heaven, will come in the
same way as you saw him go into
heaven.'

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery
ordeal that is taking place among you to
test you, as though something strange
were happening to you. But rejoice in so
far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings,
so that you may also be glad and shout for
joy when his glory is revealed. If you are
reviled for the name of Christ, you are

blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
Enters now the highest heaven!
Alleluya!

There the glorious triumph waits;
Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;
Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!

Lord, though parted from our sight,
Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise,
Seeking thee beyond the skies.
Alleluya!

There we shall with thee remain,
Alleluya!
Partners of thine endless reign;

Alleluya!

There thy face unclouded see,
Find our heaven of heavens in thee,
Alleluya!

Charles Wesley (1707-88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779 - 1823)

Gospel Reading

Dcn Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

¶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the

world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹All mine are yours, and yours are mine and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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.

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.

Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

All Amen.

The Peace is introduced

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia!

The priest

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All and also with you.

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.

Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic rose,
as of that rose the stem;
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the infinite!
who lives - and loves - and saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

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,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager
longing
as angels and archangels sing the
endless hymn of praise:

**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: King of Glory, King of Peace - J. S. Bach

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ
you have come to us
You are one with us, Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you;
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us
Born as one of us, Mary's Son;

Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (b.1924)

Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post
Communion for the day*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we pro-
claim;
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 Spirit of truth lead you into all
truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the
word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you al-
ways.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
*lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, etc.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, etc.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, etc.

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 the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia

All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ voluntary:
Processional - Grayston Ives

*Join us for coffee
after the 10:30 Mass*



**Friday June 9th 7:30pm
doors open 7:00**

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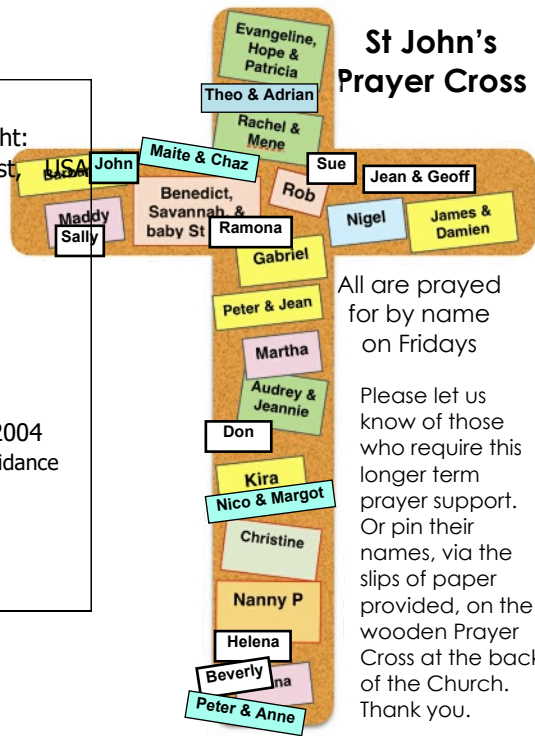
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All are prayed for by name on Fridays

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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