

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 9th April 2023

Easter Day



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Friday, in St Peter's Chapel

NB: NO Midweek Mass this Wednesday

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:

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

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the departed, especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Kiran, Deborah, Doug, Peter Howorth, Vera Sheppard, John Vaughan, Edna Wheeler, Rosanna MacCarthy, Olive Bennett and Megan Traice,

... and all who mourn.

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*

Battle Choral Society
Musical Director : Vincent Wade

G F Handel's
Messiah

Saturday 15th April 2023
at 7.30

St Mary's Church
by kind permission of the Dean
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Donations are appreciated

Soloists including
Helen Walker & Gary Marriott

Anita Strevens : oboe
Andrew Gill : trumpet
Ian McLeod : timpani
Duncan Reid : continuo (virginals)

Refreshments available during the interval
Please join us in the Autumn here at St Mary's, for Fauré's Requiem and Jenkins' The Armed Man

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Mass for Easter Day

Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*Greek, St John of Damascus (c.750)
tr. J.M.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 Jesus Christ,
risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

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 goodness,
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'***

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be
the God of all the families of Israel, and
they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far
away.

I have loved you with an everlasting
love;

therefore I have continued my
faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be
built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the
merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels
will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:
'Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assem-
bled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly
understand that God shows no partiality,
but in every nation anyone who fears
him and does what is right is acceptable
to him. You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace
by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That
message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John announced: how God anointed
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit

and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave,
Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Lyra Davidica 1708

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 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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, greeting
one another with these words:*

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Offertory Hymn

*During which the table is prepared and
bread and wine are placed upon it.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
the risen Lord.

All Amen.

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

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, 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: Zadok the Priest
(G.F. Handel)*

Hymn

Now the green blade riseth
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again, that
with the dead has been:

*Love is come again, like
wheat that springeth green.*

In the grave they laid Him,
Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never
He would wake again,
Laid in the earth like
grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again...

Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
He that for three days
in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead
my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again...

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us
back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that
dead and bare have been:

Love is come again...

Prayer after Communion

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

God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power
of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
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

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.

*Organ voluntary: Toccata from Symphony
no.5 (Widor)*



Join us for coffee after the 10:30 Mass

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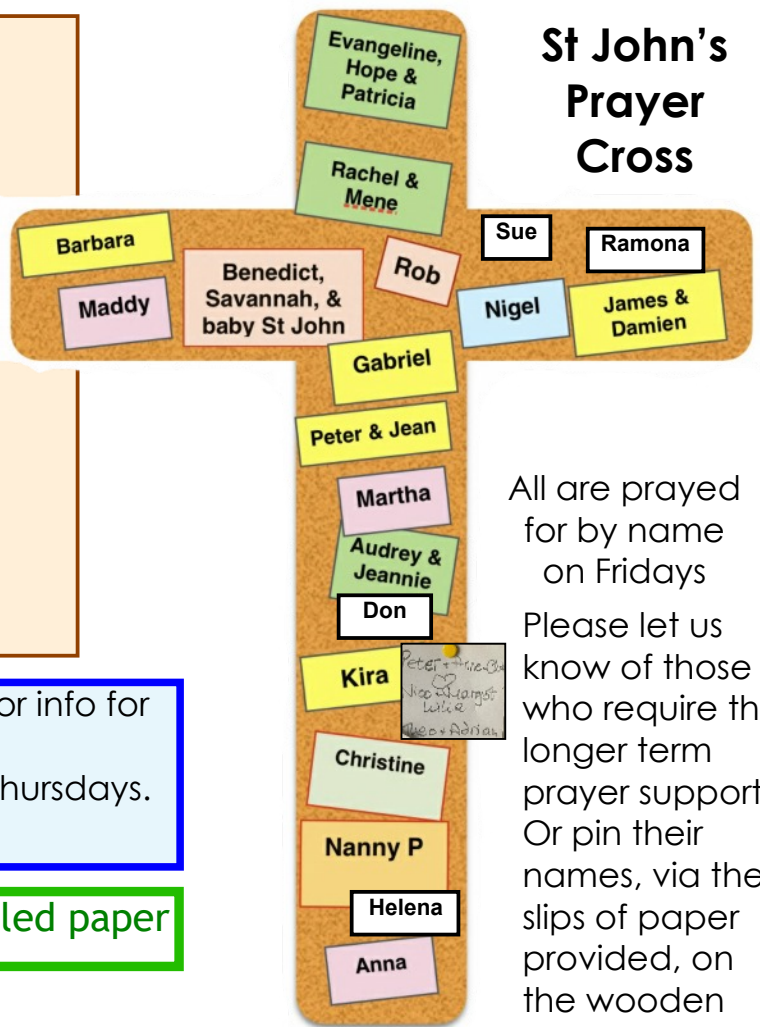
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St John's Prayer Cross

All are prayed
for by name
on Fridays
Please let us
know of those
who require this
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Or pin their
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