

St John's, Pevensey Road



Behold the Lamb of God, by Inita Steele

Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 15th January 2023

2nd Sunday of Epiphany



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, in Saint Peter's Chapel. Friday in Church.

Church open weekdays, where possible.

Midweek Mass: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizer for a "link" to join in

Morning Coffee and Warm Space: Friday 10 - 12 noon in the Church Hall

Our prayers are asked for:

Andrew N, Holly H, Andy, Sue T, Don F, Helena, Ramona, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Tilly, Nigel & Carrie, and Della.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Su, Janet Benkyi, Rita, Betty, and Fr David Fentiman,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Maurice Harper,

... and all who mourn.

Clean sheets, duvet covers and towels that you no longer need would be

welcomed by Mallydams Wood Wildlife Centre.

Please leave at back of church and a volunteer will transport them.

Thank you!



A date for your diary:

Big Breakfast - Saturday 28th January 8.30 a.m. at St Johns Church.

You are welcome to coffee and croissants and an opportunity to hear our own Peter [King] telling us about his work and faith. He was born a King and was a Baptist minister for some years and he will

tell us more of his story. Peter's current work is in theological education.



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Welcome to St John's

Coffee and Tea

Menu

- Hot chocolate
- White Coffee/decaff.
- Black Coffee/decaff.
- Tea
- ... with biscuits

Suggested donation

50p



The Friday coffee and warm space in the Church Hall is proving quite popular. Would you like to lend a hand with facilitating it? Any extra volunteers would be warmly welcomed! Pop along on a Friday, 10-12.

Introit: Lead me, Lord (S.S. Wesley)

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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.

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

Deacon The grace of God has dawned
upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a
people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

**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.**

Absolution

Priest May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins
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

Let us pray:

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far
away!

The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he
named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing
and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be
his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered
to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the
LORD,

and my God has become my
strength –

he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be
my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the
end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his
Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by
the nations,

the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has
chosen you.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of
Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our
brother Sosthenes, To the church of
God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints, together with all those who in
every place call on the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, for in
every way you have been enriched in
him, in speech and knowledge of every
kind – just as the testimony of Christ has
been strengthened among you – so that
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as
you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you
to the end, so that you may be blame-
less on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful; by him you were called
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

The race that long in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
the gath'ring nations come,
Joyous, as when the reapers bear
the harvest-treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him, all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread;
his reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

John Morison (1750-98)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed
among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

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 1.29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 that Christ may be seen in the
life of the Church.

You have called us into the family
of those who are the children of God.
May our love for our brothers and sisters
in Christ
be strengthened by your grace.
Jesus, Lord of the Church
All in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a temple
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.
Give us clean hands and pure hearts
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.
Jesus, Lord of the Church
All in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the
world
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine as a witness
to the saving grace you have given for all.
Jesus, Lord of the Church
All in your mercy hear us.

You have called us members of the body
of Christ,
so when one suffers all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort and healing
power
to bring hope to those in distress...
Jesus, Lord of the Church
All in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride
where Christ the Lord is the Bridegroom.
Prepare us for the wedding feast
where we will be united with him for
ever...
Lord of the Church
All in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, Lord of the Church
you have called us into fellowship with
all your saints.

We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with joy
where you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.
All Amen.

Sermon

The Peace is introduced

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of
Peace.

Of the increase of his government and
of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

*We exchange a sign of Peace with
those around us*

Hymn

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

From the eastern mountains
pressing on they come,
wise men in their wisdom,
to his humble home;
stirred by deep devotion,
hasting from afar,
ever journeying onward,
guided by a star.

There their Lord and Saviour
As an infant lay,
wondrous light that led them
onward on their way,
ever now to lighten
nations from afar,
as they journey homeward
by that guiding star.

Thou who in a manger
once hast lowly lain,
who dost now in glory
o'er all kingdoms reign,
gather in the peoples,
who in lands afar
ne'er have seen the brightness
of thy guiding star.

Gather in the outcasts,
All who've gone astray,
Throw thy radiance o'er them,
Guide them on their way;
Those who never knew thee,
Those who've wandered far,
Guide them by the brightness
Of thy guiding star.

Onward through the darkness
of the lonely night,
shining still before them
with thy kindly light,
guide them, Jew and Gentile,
homeward from afar,
young and old together,
by thy guiding star.

Until every nation,
whether bond or free,
'neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follows thee,
o'er the distant mountains
to that heavenly home,
where nor sin nor sorrow
evermore shall come.

Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

Preparation of the Table

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;
may we be willing to share his baptism,
ready to share his cup
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

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.

All honour and praise be yours always and
everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the
nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the
wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your
name

and sing our joyful 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

Believing the promises of God,
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

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:

**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 priest says the invitation to communion.

Christ is the true bread which has
come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Holy Communion is then distributed

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: O Saviour of the world (Goss)

Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come,

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of 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

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

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.

Deacon We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Concluding voluntary: Grand choeur in B flat major (Dubois)



Please stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass.

St John's Prayer Cross

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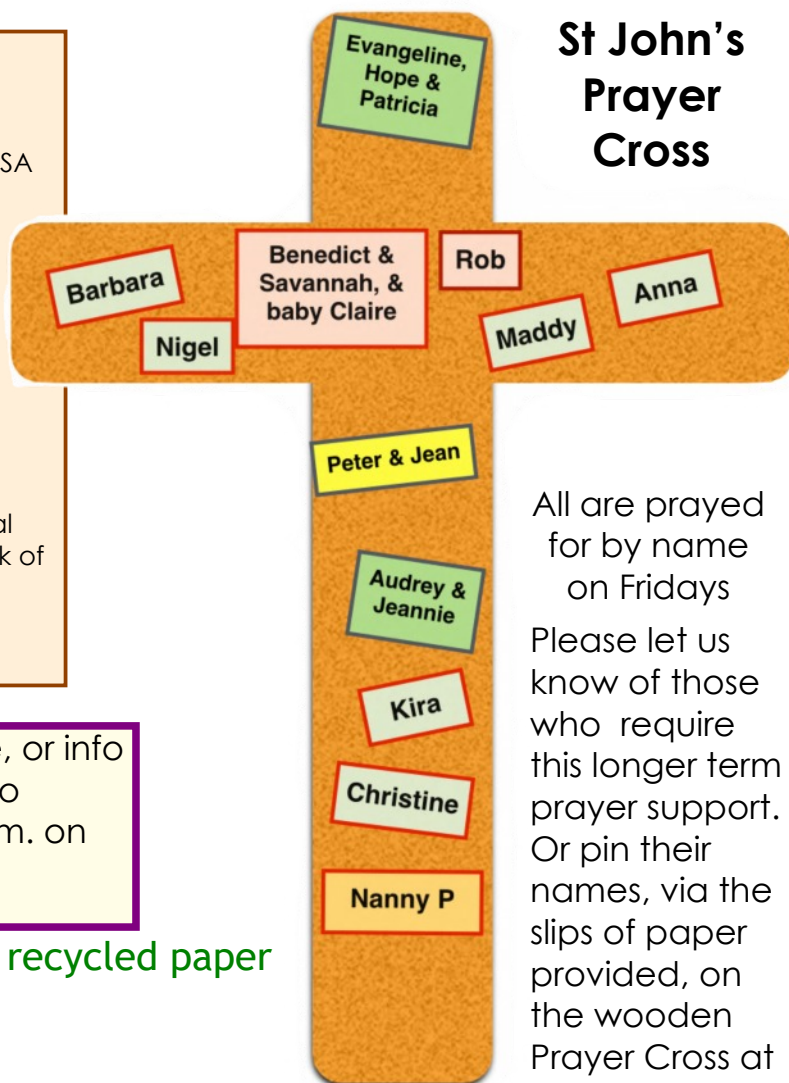
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for by name
on Fridays

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