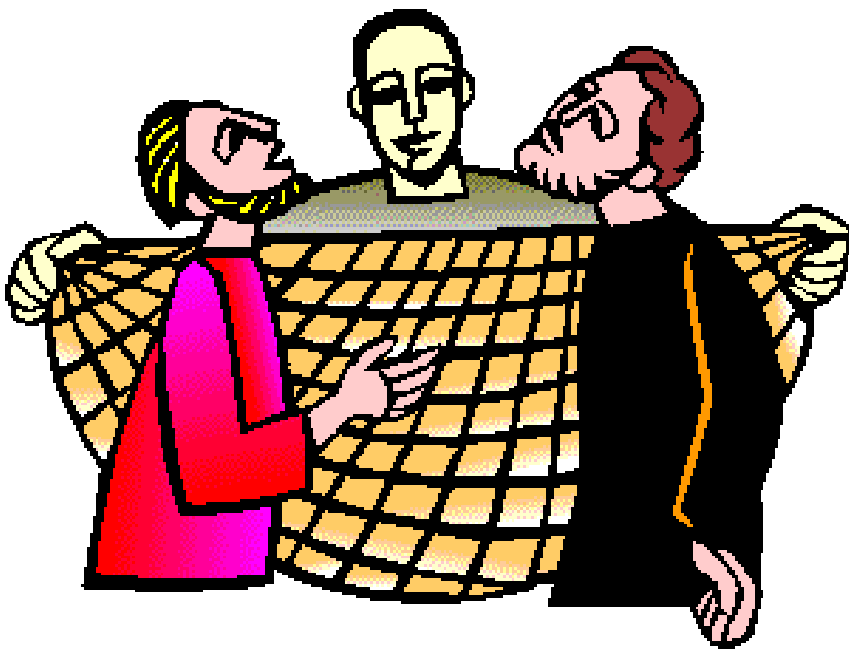


St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 22nd January 2023

3rd 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 Jeremy Lee, Gordon Ross, Doris Gordon, John Howie, and Mary Robson,

... and all who mourn.

After many years of dedicated service, Barbara F is standing down as Church Warden for personal reasons, with immediate effect.

Hansel and Gretel - our big fund raising spectacular. We need volunteers to help us with providing biscuit gingerbread men and also additional refreshments - possibly tasty cakes and ginger cake to sell during the interval. Please contact Lesley Ann if you feel you could help
Thank you!

Anyone who has junior school children/grandchildren or young teenagers who would like to take part, please also get into contact with Lesley Ann. It will be a fun evening, finishing about 9 p.m. and the children's roles are simple and stress-free.
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HANSEL & GRETEL

presented as a Fairy Tale in two parts

by

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

St John the Evangelist,
Pevensey Road,

St Leonards

TN38 0LF

Friday February 24th

Saturday February 25th

7:30 p.m.

Licensed bar
Mulled wine &
refreshments

Professional cast

Tickets: £15

accompanied under 12s: £10

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Rollicking good fun for all the family,

beautiful music and an early night:

book early to avoid disappointment!

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST JOHN'S WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Introit: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace (Tye)

Opening Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

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.

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ says,
'A new commandment I give you,
that you love one another, as I have loved you.'
Let us confess to almighty God
our failure to accept his love,
and to share it with others.

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:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who
were in anguish. In the former time he
brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in
the latter time he will make glorious the
way of the sea, the land beyond the
Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness –
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
all of you be in agreement and that there
be no divisions among you, but that you
be united in the same mind and the same
purpose. For it has been reported to me
by Chloe's people that there are quarrels
among you, my brothers and sisters.
What I mean is that each of you says, 'I
belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,'

or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Hail, thou Source of ev'ry blessing,
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, thy grace possessing,
In thy courts admission find.

Once far off, but now invited,
We approach thy sacred throne,
In thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.

Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love Divine.

Hail, thou universal Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings bring,
In thy temple seek thy favour,
Jesu Christ, our Lord and King.

Basil Woodd (1760-1831)

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 Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles –
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and
shadow of death
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets,

and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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 for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love... Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn...
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Father, use us, unworthy as we are,
to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice,
love and peace.
Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in
your Son,
that all our joy and delight may be to serve
you,
now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Peace is introduced

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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.*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and
stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)

Preparation of the Table

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

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: Lord, for thy tender mercies sake
(Farrant)*

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 (1924-2018)

Prayer after Communion

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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is
the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he 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

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way
more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the
kingdom of the Father;
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

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

J.S.B. Monsell (1811-75)

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 (William R. Spence 1867-1929)



Please stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass.

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

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.

MC



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, and have a chat.

St John's Prayer Cross

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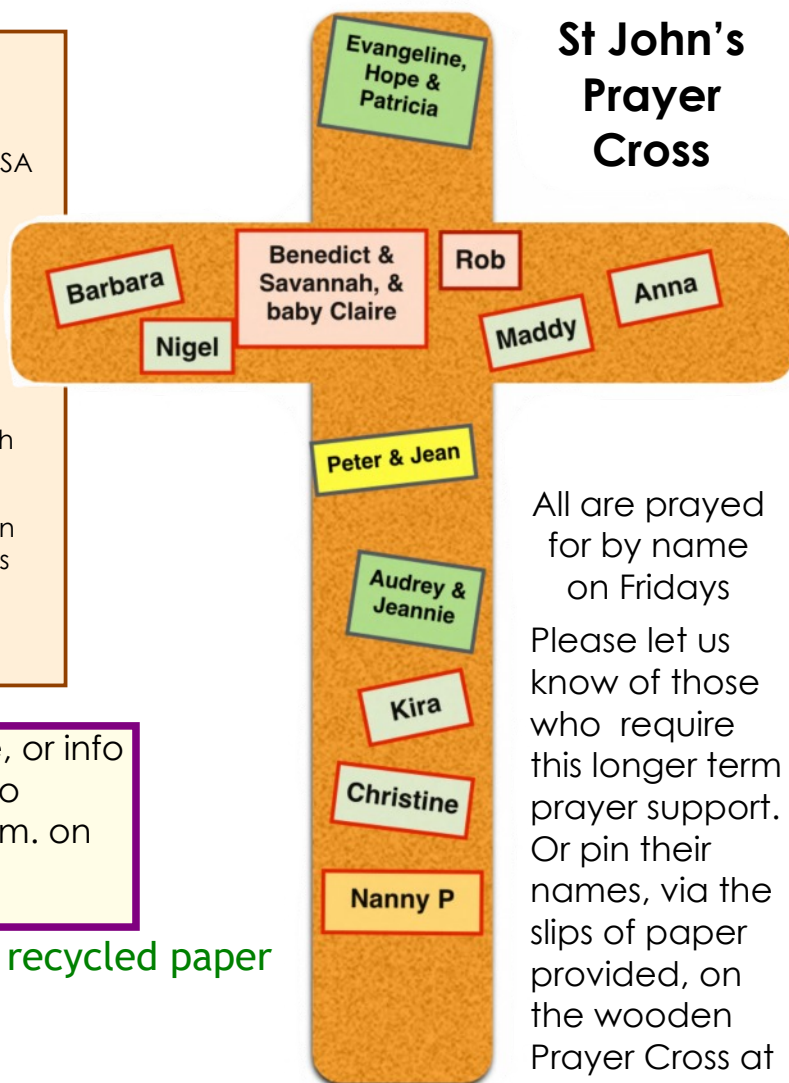
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Please let us
know of those
who require
this longer term
prayer support.
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names, via the
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provided, on
the wooden
Prayer Cross at
the back of the
Church.
Thank you.