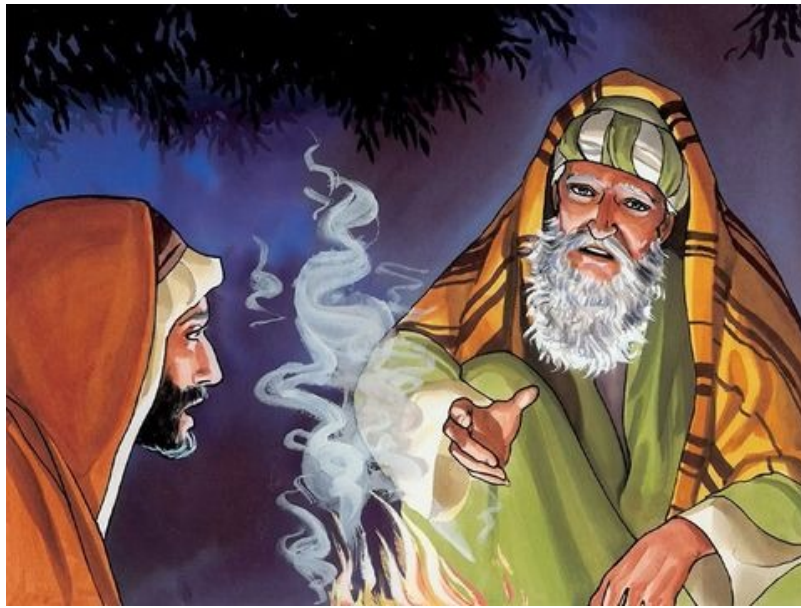


St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 5th March 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

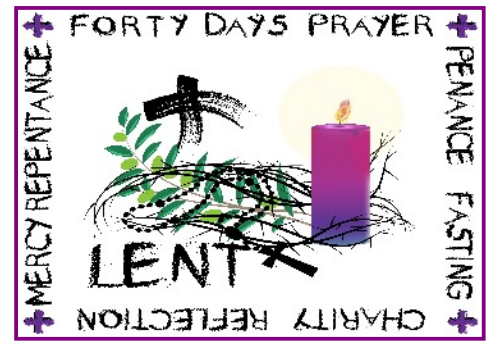
Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, in St Peter's Chapel.

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 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, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine, Della, Tim, and Pat.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Jo Bacon, Alex McMillan, and The Reverend Terry McNulty,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Andrea Clarke, Margaret Ross, Eloise Mann, Alan Horsburgh, and Margaret Masters,

... and all who mourn.



The parents of Della (age 5) thank you all for your continuing prayers and ask especially for prayer for her operation on 8 March. CC



Hansel and Gretel

We are delighted to announce (and no doubt Father David will too) that we made a very positive just over £1700 profit from the weekend, despite costs of roughly £800!

A very big thank you to everyone who made such tasty food and very inventively decorated gingerbread men (which were a great hit) and helped in so many ways to ease the huge amount of work such evenings present, from lighting and design to moving sets and seats; this all in addition to the preparation and rehearsal period.

We all felt that the atmosphere was the real profit, it was a super community event and we shall do our very best to think up another entertaining event next year. (Father Michael felt that Aida was possibly just out of our reach... no elephants in St Leonards...)

Lesley Ann and the Team

Parish Lent course 2023. Currently being held on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. in St Peter's Chapel. More details from Dcn Michael.



*Introit: Hide not thou thy face
(Farrant)*

Opening Hymn

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place,
no weakness of the soul;
take every virtue, every grace,
and fortify the whole.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day;

That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Dcn The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not
despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of
compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in
penitence and faith.

All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse
us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salva-
tion,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Then the Kyrie Eleison is sung:

All Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.

Absolution

Priest 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 Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 12.1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

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Gradual Hymn

My God, I love thee, not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love thee not
are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
upon the Cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear,
and manifold disgrace,

And griefs and torments numberless,
and sweat of agony;
e'en death itself - and all for one
who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,
should I not love thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
not seeking a reward;
but as thyself has lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love,
and in thy praise will sing;
solely because thou art my God,
and my eternal King.

17th century Latin, tr. Edward Caswell
(1814-78)

Gospel Reading

Dcn Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his
voice.

Harden not your hearts.
*All Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.*

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 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

With confidence and trust let us pray to
the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic
Church ...

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the
gospel to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us

For those preparing for baptism and
confirmation...

and for their teachers and sponsors,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ...

that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick,
and all who suffer...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or
offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to
further the reign of God,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have
walked in the way of holiness ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you
in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The Peace is introduced

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

Hymn

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

Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee hath in hate
pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this
upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is
offered;
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath
suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing
heeded,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesu, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter
passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesu, since I cannot pay
thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deservng.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) from J. Heermann (1585-1647)

Preparation of the Table

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
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.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of
repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and
discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of
service
you bring us back to your generous
heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in
the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter
feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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
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

Trusting in the compassion 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 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:

**O Lamb of God, our Lord most holy,
who redeems us from our sin.
Have mercy on us, meek and lowly,
make us clean and pure within.
Grant us peace we humbly pray,
as we who worship you today
receive your body and your blood,
renewed in faith by heav'nly food.**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

Holy Communion is then distributed

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins
(Attwood)*

Communion Hymn

Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle Child of gentle Mother,
in a stable born our Brother,
give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere!

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Prayer after Communion

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

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him;
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

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west
where'er man's foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,

'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of
God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God as the waters cover the sea.

A.C. Ainger (1841-1919)

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 Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Concluding voluntary: Toccata in D
minor (Dorian) BWV 538 (J.S. Bach)*

Coffee is available after the 10:30 Mass

HASTINGS OLD TOWN PARISH OF ST CLEMENT & ALL SAINTS

Lent Taizé Service SUNDAY 5th MARCH

at 6 p.m.

in St Clement's Church

(Swan Terrace off High Street, Old Town)



St John's Church Hall,
Brittany Road

Beetle Drive

Saturday 18th March

3.00pm

Come and have an Afternoon of Fun
with Friends, Games, Tea and Cakes!

Tickets £3 from Katy Harper



Colin Bewes (who sings in the choir)
is running his 12th Hastings Half
Marathon on 26th March 2023 to raise
funds for the Coastguard Association.
Please help him at
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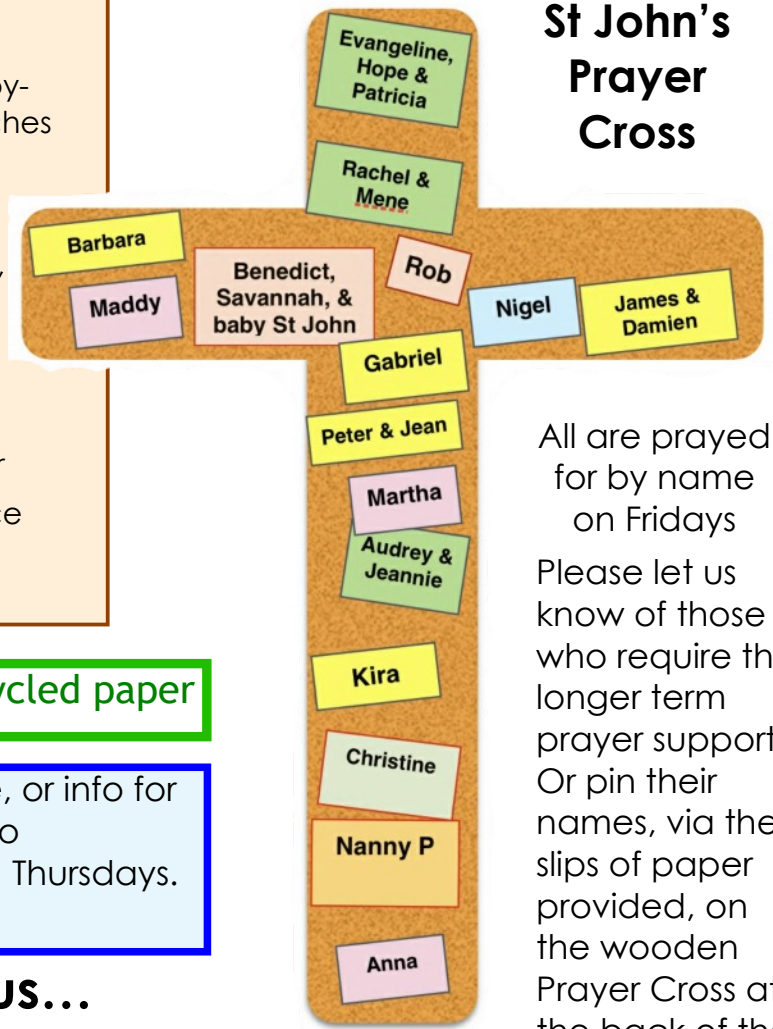
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St John's Prayer Cross

All are prayed for by name on Fridays

Please let us know of those who require this 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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