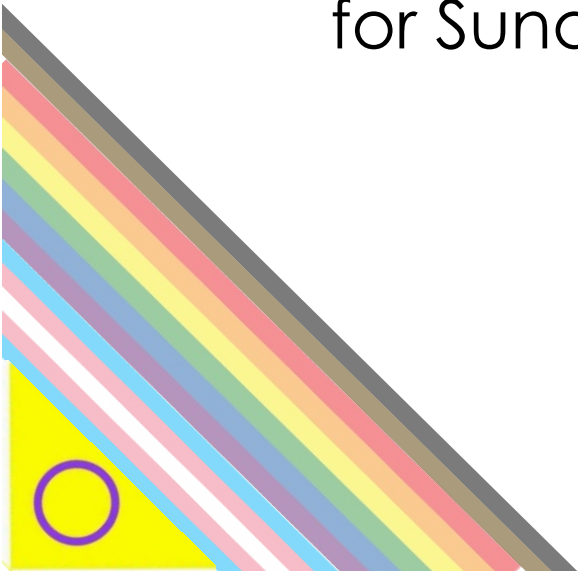


# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## 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.**

**Lent Course:** Wednesday, 7 p.m, St Peter's Chapel

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on [admstjohns30@gmail.com](mailto:admstjohns30@gmail.com), to put you in touch for a link to join in.

**Morning Coffee:** Friday 10 - 12 noon in the Church



### 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 departed, especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Ken, and Murray MacDonald,

... and all who mourn.

**Drop in for  
Morning  
Coffee**



**NB: BACK IN CHURCH  
this Friday, 10:00 - 12:00**

All welcome



As many of us know, the Rev Jill Hartman, who served as deacon and priest at St John's for several years, has retired from frontline ministry. In recognition of her ministry and in thanksgiving we will be accepting donations towards a thank-you gift for Jill. Please pass cash or cheques, if you are able, to one of the clergy, or one of the churchwardens, or on the collection plate that will be at the back of the church. God bless,

Fr D

The new **monthly evening service** (a "Service of the word", rather than Mass) will be starting on Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, at 4 p.m. It will include a series of sermons under the broad title of "Where is God when it hurts?" - looking at how our faith can make sense to us in the face of suffering and hardship. The service will include the opportunity to receive prayer for healing for yourself or others. Bishop Laurie will speak at the first service.

You are invited to buy an Easter Lily, £2.50, to form part of the Easter decoration of the church, in memory of a loved one. For further details, please take a form, which you will find at the back of church. KH



Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com) by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

## Mass for Mothering Sunday

Introit: *Blest are the pure in heart*  
(Walford Davies)

### Opening Hymn

Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
sing the wonders that were done,  
when the love of God the Father  
o'er our sin the victory won,  
when he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.

*Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary,*  
*full of grace.*

Blessed were the chosen people  
out of whom the Lord did come,  
blessed was the land of promise  
fashioned for his earthly home;  
but more blessed far the mother  
she who bore him in her womb.  
*Hail Mary...*

Wherefore let all faithful people  
tell the honour of her name,  
let the Church in her foreshadowed  
part in her thanksgiving claim;  
what Christ's Mother sang in glad-  
ness  
let Christ's people sing the same.  
*Hail Mary...*

Let us weave our supplications,  
she with us and we with her,  
for the advancement of the faithful,  
for each faithful worshipper,  
for the doubting, for the sinful,  
for each heedless wanderer.  
*Hail Mary...*

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
praise the everlasting Spirit,  
who hath made thee ark and throne;  
o'er all creatures high exalted,  
lowly praise the Three in One.  
*Hail Mary...*

*V.S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)*

## 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

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.

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
*All* save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
*All* save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away  
from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

*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:

God of love, passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

*Exodus 2.1-10*

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians**

*Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion,



kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn**

The King of Love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction, grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*H.W. Baker (1821-77)*

### **Gospel Reading**

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 19.25-27*

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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**

As children of a loving God who always  
listens to our cries,  
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Loving God, you have given us the right to  
be called children of God.  
Help us to show your love in our homes  
that they may be places of love, security  
and truth.  
God of love,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into  
the family of Mary and Joseph;  
bless all parents and all who care for  
children;  
strengthen those families living under stress  
and may your love be known where no  
human love is found.  
God of love,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for the family of  
the Church.  
We pray that all may find in her their true  
home;  
that the lonely, the marginalized, and the  
rejected may be welcomed and loved in the  
name of Jesus.  
God of love,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of  
our world  
we pray for healing among the nations;  
for food where there is hunger;  
for freedom where there is oppression;  
for joy where there is pain.  
We pray for those who are sick, especially...  
We pray that your love may bring peace to  
all your children.  
God of love,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for the dying,  
for those who mourn,  
and for the faithful whom we entrust to  
the Lord in hope...  
as we look forward to the day when we  
share the fullness of the resurrection.

Merciful Father,  
**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
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**

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

O worship the King all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender,  
the Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour  
and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy  
space;  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath 'stablished it fast  
by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender!  
How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to thy praise.

*Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

**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.**

*Communion is then distributed*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Anthem: Mary's Magnificat (Andrew Carter)*

### **Communion Hymn**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could  
destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of  
the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the  
plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the  
noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to  
embrace.  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we  
pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of  
the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose  
presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we  
pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of  
the day.

*Jan Struther (1901-53)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament  
with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace  
within the household of faith;  
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**

#### **Distribution of flowers**

#### **The Blessing**

**Priest** The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

May God, who gave birth to all creation,  
bless you:

May God, who became incarnate by an  
earthly mother, bless you:

May God, who broods as a mother over  
her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

#### **Final hymn**

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The One eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.

*German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)  
tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

## 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 peace to love and serve the  
Lord

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Coffee is available after the 10:30 Mass*

## The Church of St John the Evangelist

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## Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 8 a.m. - **Said Mass**  
10:30 a.m. - **Parish Mass**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 6 p.m. - **Said Mass**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 6 p.m. - **Said Mass**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10 a.m. - **Said Mass**

Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 6 p.m. - **Sung Mass**  
with washing of feet

Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon - **Stations of the Cross**  
2 p.m. - **Veneration of the Cross**  
with Administration of the Sacrament

Holy Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8 p.m. - **The First Mass of Easter**

Easter Day, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 8 a.m. - **Said Mass**  
10:30 a.m. - **Easter Sung Mass**

**All welcome!**

Thank you for  
supporting



Here is their latest list of  
most-needed items:

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI  
(GREEN)

TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR  
PORK)

TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS  
AND CARROTS)

TINNED FRUIT

COFFEE

### OTHER ITEMS WE NEED ARE;

TOILETRIES (SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO,  
DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE)

TOILET ROLLS

TINNED FISH

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED RICE PUDDING

JAM

FRUIT JUICE

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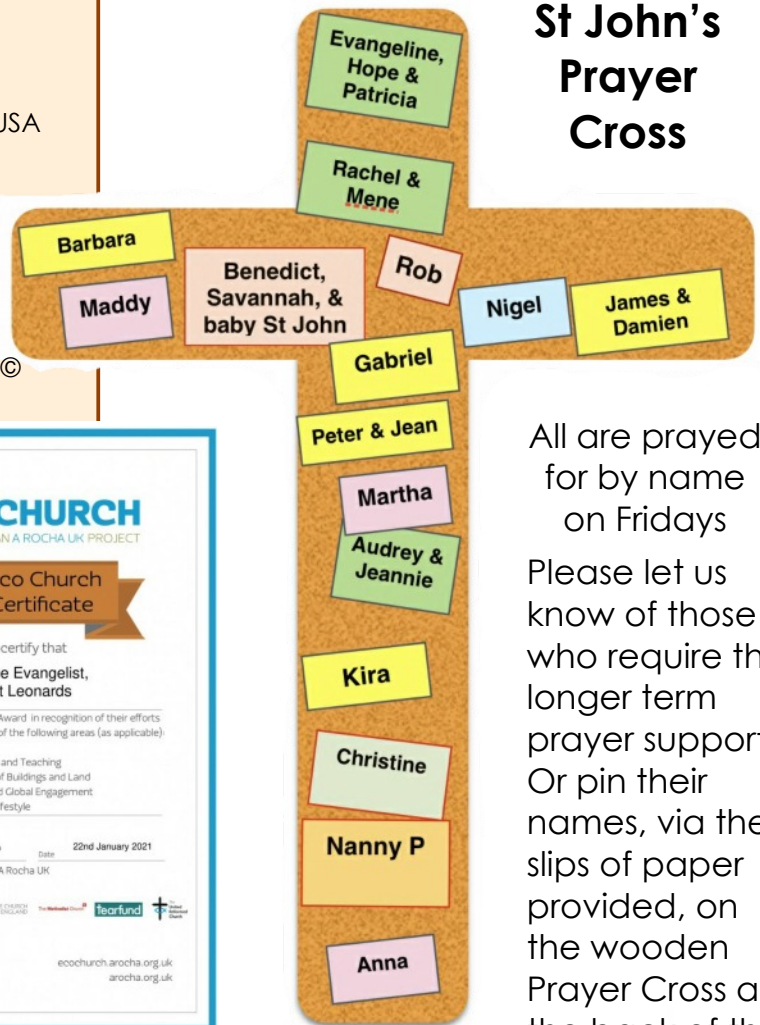
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## St John's Prayer Cross



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.