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**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
12th November 2023**

This week:

**Wednesday 10am Mass in
St Peter's Chapel**

**Wednesday 10am Online
Zoom service***

**Morning Coffee: Fridays
10 – 12 noon in Church**

**St John's,
Pevensey Road.
Welcome to Mass
this morning on
Remembrance
Sunday**



Our prayers are asked for:

Rachel T, David S, Ollie, Vivian, Julia, Teresa, Holly H, Tim, Samantha B, Bostik, Dianne, Goldie, Lorenzo, Gladys, Anna, John T, Nigel and Carrie, Geraldine, Clare, Janet F, Basia S, Kathryn, Gill T, Francisco M, Wendy, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Marie N.

Please pray also for

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time including Rhodesia and Jenny Burge and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

Ramona
Beverly
Helena
Sue T
Don F
John H

Peter & Jean

Rachel and Mene
Maite and Chaz
Jamie F; Barbara

Evangeline, Hope
& Patricia

Benedict,
Savannah &
baby StJohn

Jean &
Geoff
Tom
Nicola
Krystyna

James &
Damien
Jackie N
Deborah

Nigel
Peggy S

Maddy
Tina
Dulcie
Aspen
Gabriel
Anna
Jack M
Patrick
Xander
Audrey
Jeannie
John &
Robert

RIP
Nanny
Christine
Barbara

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 Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

All are regularly prayed for by name



As Christians we believe that when we pray for others we are sharing in Christ's intercession for them. That is partly why the Intercession list and Prayer Cross, both physical and on the Pews News, are much valued. We have been seeking how best to keep these ministries whilst trying to keep lists updated, and would like to suggest:

The Prayer Cross: At the start of Advent and Lent each year we will remove all names and ask that if people would like the prayers of St John's to continue for people named there, a new piece of paper be used, and of course new prayer requests can be added at any time - this is mainly for those with longer term prayer needs.

The Weekly Intercession list: names will be left on this urgent prayer list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified, but please would you let us know if the urgent prayer need continues, so we continue to include that person.

The Year's Mind list would include those notified to us each year, but not automatically include names from the list read out at All Souls' or in memory of whom Easter Lilies are given, as at present. These opportunities for remembrance at All Souls and Easter will of course be continued.

Please use the email:

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com to give names or updates for the intercession lists and printed prayer cross. Thank you.

Introit: Oculi omnium – Charles Wood

Opening Hymn (Psalm 90)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy
blast,
and our eternal home;

under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles
last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1647-1748)

The 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

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,**

all desires known, and from
whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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

Invitation to confession

Deacon Let us confess to God the
sins and shortcomings of the
world; its pride, its selfishness, its
greed; its evil divisions and
hatreds. Let us confess our share
in what is wrong, and our failure to
seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart. We have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we
have been, help us to amend
what we are, and direct what we
shall be; that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly
with you, our God. Amen.**

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

Priest God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Wis. 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the first letter to the Thesalonians

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose

again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**I vow to thee, my country, all
earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no questions,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the
dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the
love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,**

**her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her
shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of
gentleness and all her paths are
peace.**

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced
the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the
Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, one God, who was,
and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

All Alleluia.

Deacon 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 25.1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will
be like this. Ten bridesmaids took
their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps,
they took no oil with them;
but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed,
all of them became drowsy and
slept.

But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up
and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, 'Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps
are going out.'

But the wise replied, 'No! there will
not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet; and the door
was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to
us.'

But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I
do not know you.'

Keep awake therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in
God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is
named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts
through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy
Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Act of Remembrance

The priest takes a poppy wreath to our War Memorial Porch

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them

All We will remember them.

Here follows the Last Post, The Silence, the Reveille

Deacon Almighty and eternal God from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Prayers of Intercession - *led by the intercessor using their own words or ...*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms

on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn *during which the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the
restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean
deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves
submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming
deep,
and calm amid its rage didst
sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bad'st its angry tumult
cease,
and gavest light and life and
peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's
hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and
foe,
protect them whereso'er they
go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land
and sea.**

W. Whiting (1825-78)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

As the grain once scattered in the fields, and grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Dcn Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of God and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon 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 by all.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

All Jesus Christ is holy

**Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.

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

*Anthem: The Souls of the Righteous –
Stanley Marchant*

Hymn

**For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise
and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and
hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and
goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or
schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response
and service
earth its destiny may find.**

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **All Amen.**

We stand for **An Act of Commitment**

Deacon Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve
you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace, for the
relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit; give us
wisdom; give us courage; give
us hope; and keep us faithful
now and always.**

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,**

**And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you**

Priest God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; 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

**Christ triumphant, ever-reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives
sustaining, hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown,
the eternal name.***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

Chorus:

**Suffering servant, scorned,
ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross
defeated, sinners justified:
*Chorus:***

**Priestly king, enthroned for
ever, high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall
never stifle hymns of love:**

Chorus:

**So, our hearts and voices
raising, through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

Chorus:

Michael Seward (b. 1932)

The priest says **The Kohima Epitaph**

**When you go home tell them of us
and say, for your tomorrow
we gave our today.**

The Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you**

All **May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, and 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.**

*Organ voluntary: The Dam Busters
March – Eric Coates (1886-1957)*

Do stay for coffee!

**"White poppies for peace are
available at the back of church in
exchange for a donation to the
Mission to Seafarers. Just put
money in one of their envelopes
and drop in our collection box..
They are now plastic-free and
need safety pins to attach".**

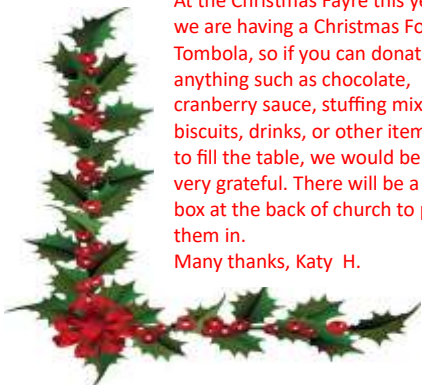


Malaysian cookery demonstration. Friday 17th November

12:30-2pm- The lovely Rose will be demonstrating how to cook Laksa.

Nibble on spring rolls, then enjoy the laksa with a light desert to end. £10 per ticket. Tickets limited and only available in advance. Text/ ring 07484818760.

All in aid of St Michael's Hospice. St John's Church Hall. Brittany Rd



At the Christmas Fayre this year, we are having a Christmas Food Tombola, so if you can donate anything such as chocolate, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, biscuits, drinks, or other items to fill the table, we would be very grateful. There will be a box at the back of church to put them in.

Many thanks, Katy H.

VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA

Some of you will already have heard of the new charity being set up by various members of St John's aimed at helping to lift villagers in various areas of Africa out of extreme poverty and give them some of the basic requirements not just to survive but also to build better lives independently in the future. Deacon Michael is on the Board and the charity has been 'adopted' by St John's. We have succeeded in registering with the Charity Commission and have now set up a charity bank account. Our important next step is publicity, the basic necessity being the creation of a website. We need a simple website which we can alter ourselves and which requires minimum financial outlay or maintenance costs.

Is there anyone who feels they can help us with this endeavour please?

Please contact Lesley Ann Dawes on:

aladawes@gmail.com

or Alan Privett on: alanprivett@gmail.com

Or catch them after the service please.

For those who would like to help relieve the suffering in Gaza, there are a number of charities working on the ground who would welcome donations.

Doctors without borders/ Medicines sans Frontieres is getting medics and equipment to those who need it, as well as supplying surgical teams:

msf.org/donate

Medical Aid for Palestinians is releasing its entire stock of drugs and supplies.

MAP says more help is needed and is asking for donations to continue its work:

www.map.org.uk/donate/

UNICEF Supporting children affected by the crisis, UNICEF says the young are paying the heaviest price for the fighting:

www.unicef.org.uk/donate

Parkinsonsters Autumn Concert.

Monday Nov 13th, 3pm, St John's

Church Hall, For this year's autumn

concert *The ParkinSongsters* offer an eclectic programme of firm favourites such as Autumn Leaves, traditional songs, alongside a Medley of Musicals, Gilbert & Sullivan, Ivor Novello, and a little Shakespeare thrown into the mix. Guest soloist is tenor Barry Clark, whose long and illustrious career has taken him from *D'Oyly Carte* to solo roles in *Phantom of the Opera*, appearances with *Scottish Opera* and numerous UK and international venues. He is a founder member of *Tarantara Productions*, a regularly touring Gilbert & Sullivan company, which has recently completed a UK tour that included a spot at the *Edinburgh Festival*.

Big Breakfast @ St Johns

**Saturday 25th November
8.30 -10am**

You are invited to enjoy croissants and coffee in good company here at the church.

Tony Collins Green Party Councillor for Central St Leonards will speak on his faith and how it influences his work on Hastings Council.

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