

# St John's, Pevensey Road

Pews News & Service Sheet

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Trinity 5



**Welcome to today's Mass at St John's**

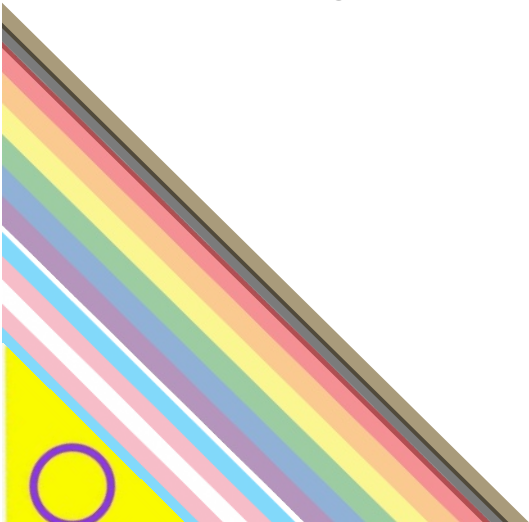
**This week:**

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

**Midweek Mass**, Wednesday 10 a.m. St Peter's Chapel

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

**Morning Coffee:** Fridays 10 - 12 noon in church



## Our prayers are asked for:

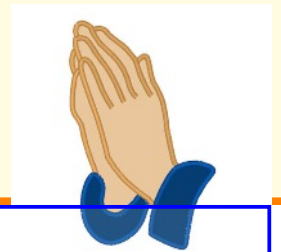
Holly H, Arlene, Andy, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine, Della, Basia S, The Rev Lizzie Green, Tim, Kathryn, Lesley, Jack P, Sheila, Peter, and Anna.

## Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Mike Stone, Anne Pickard, Barbara Sommerville, and Jo Heyworth

...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Scott MacGregor, Sybil Warner, Wendy Lewis, Sally Lee

... and all who mourn.



### *A Prayer for Sea Sunday:*

*Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for your creation and all the beauty in this world. We thank you for the ocean, in its abundance, and for the people who toil on its surface. Without our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, we would not be able to enjoy all the blessings of this world. Enfold them in your fatherly love, guide their passage through storm, swell and darkness. May we always be mindful of our Global Family and be truly grateful for the sacrifices seafarers make each day. Amen*

Seafarers are responsible for transporting over 90% of the world's goods and fuels..Collectively there are an estimated 1.89m seafarers across the world operating on 74,000 ships. These men and women of all nationalities, spend up to nine months at sea, far from families, friends and loved ones. With a history dating back to 1836, The Mission to Seafarers supports the men and women working at sea when they need us most, as they experience loneliness and mental health issues, combined with limited access to internet onboard ships. We have over 200+ ports in 50 countries, operating day and night, 365 days a year. Help us to help these essential key workers - who bring more than 90% of our goods and fuels - in a variety of ways, from donating online, corporate support or volunteering.

To donate online - <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/donate>

We can also put donations in the box at the back of church.

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

## Opening 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*

## 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

*Dcn* God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*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.

### *The priest says the Absolution*

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 Gloria in Excelsis is sung by All*

**Glory to God , Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
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.  
Glory to God , Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
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.  
Glory to God , Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
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.  
Glory to God , Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

### **The Collect**

*The priest introduces the Collect with  
the words 'Let us pray'*

Almighty God,

send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

### **A reading from the prophet Zechariah**

Zech. 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout  
aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king  
comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the  
foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and  
the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle  
bow shall be cut off, and he shall command  
peace to the nations; his dominion shall be  
from sea to sea, and from the River to the  
ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my  
covenant with you, I will set your prisoners  
free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of  
hope; today I declare that I will restore to you  
double.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the letter to the Romans**

Rom. 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do  
not do what I want, but I do the very thing I  
hate.

Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that  
the law is good.

But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin  
that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells within  
me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right,  
but I cannot do it.

For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I  
do not want is what I do.

Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer  
I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us**

**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 waters dark and rude,  
and bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, 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)*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. **All Alleluia.**

**Dcn** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matt. 11:16-19, 25-end

"But to what will I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

' We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ' He has a demon';

the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ' Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ....

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## The Creed

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

*All* 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 God's grace.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your peo-  
ple: through your Son you have redeemed us;  
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for ... (*new Christians, the Church, ..*)  
Make our hearts respond to your love.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*the world, seafarers, society,  
the local community*)  
Make our lives bear witness to your  
glory in the world.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*people in need, Christian service*)  
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands  
ready to heal.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ...  
Make our voices one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life, hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

## The Peace

God is love, and those who live in love I  
live in God and God lives in them.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always  
with you

*All* and also with you.

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*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

*Daniel L Schutte, SJ*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Holy God, holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**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 in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
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, give 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, until he comes in glory.

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 Saint 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**

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**

*Priest* 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:*

**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 president says the invitation to  
communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*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:*

*Never weather-beaten sail – Charles Wood*

### **Hymn**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
to Thy glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never,  
nevermore!**

**How He watches o'er His loved ones,**



died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean full of blessing,  
'tis a haven giving rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to Thee!

*Samuel T. Francis (1875)*

***Prayer after Communion*** *The priest prays the  
Post Communion Collect for the Day*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be  
so peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you  
in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our  
souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

## **Notices**

### **The Blessing**

***Priest*** *The Lord be with you*

**All** *And also with you*

***Priest*** The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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***

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of  
strife?

When the strong tides lift, and the cables  
strain,

Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

#### ***Refrain:***

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the bullies roll;  
fastened to the Rock  
which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep  
in the Saviour's love!***

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar  
and the reef is near?

While the surges rage, and the wild winds  
blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark  
o'erflow?

#### ***Refrain.***

Will your anchor hold in the floods of  
death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest  
breath?

On the rising tide you can never fail,  
While your anchor holds within the veil.

#### ***Refrain.***

Will your eyes behold through  
the morning light,

the city of gold and the harbour  
bright?  
Will your anchor safe by the  
heav'nly shore,  
when life's storms are past  
f or evermore?

*Refrain.*

### 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:*

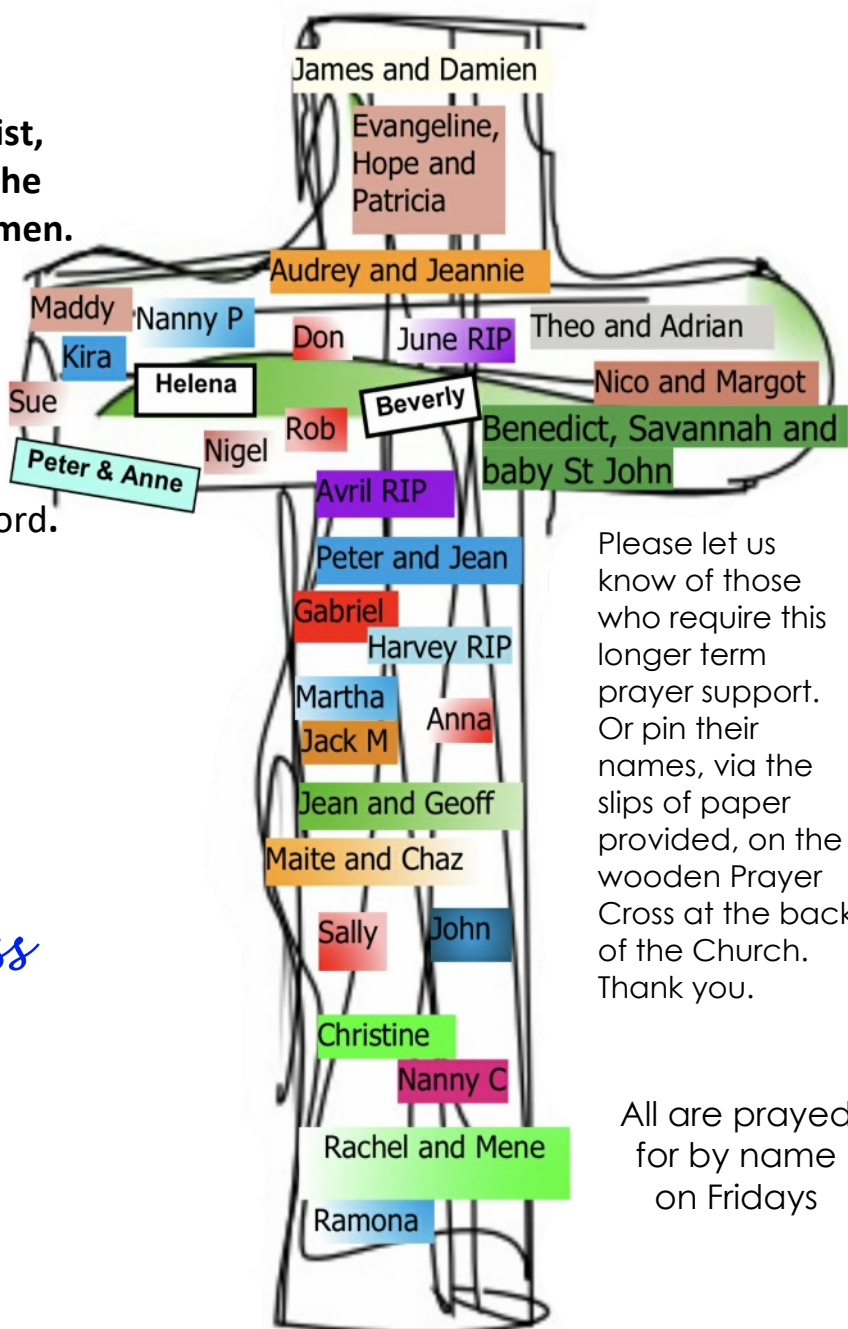
*Hornpipe Humoresque –*

*Noel Rawsthorne*

*Join us for coffee  
after the 10:30 Mass*



## St John's Prayer Cross



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.

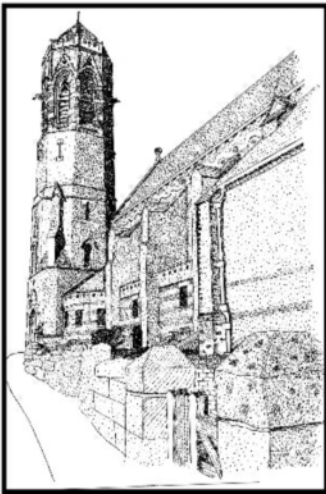
All are prayed for by name on Fridays

## Parish Lunch

There will be a bring and share lunch in church after mass on 23rd July.

There is a list of at the back of the church with suggestions, please put your name by what you would like to bring to avoid all bringing the same thing.

Any questions please speak to Katy or Jenny.



## Counting the cash

We would like volunteers for a rota to give 20 minutes or so of their time after the Sunday mass, every two months or so, to count the cash collection, in the Sacristy over a cup of coffee. This requires two people to count, check and record - a system we were using until Covid struck. If you are able to help, please let your churchwardens Ed or Patina know. Thank you.



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 11am on Thursdays. Thanks!

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