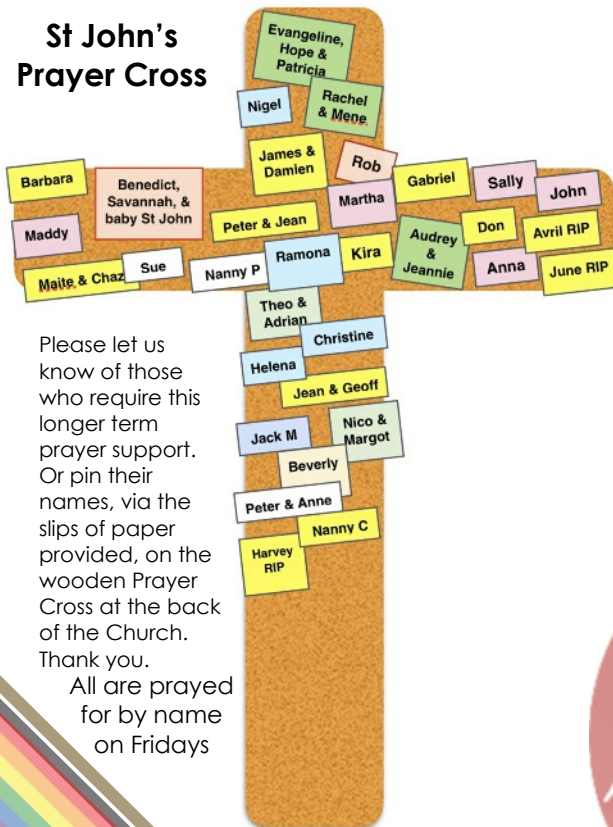


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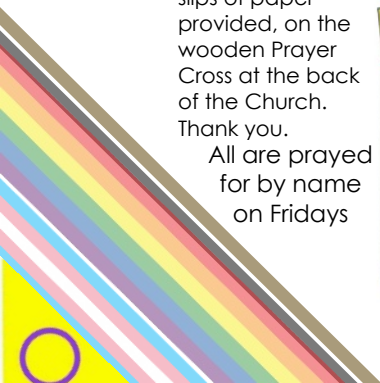
Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle

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



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.

(For a link contact pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com)

Fridays 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee morning

The Funeral for
Amber will be held
in St John's at 11am
on Wednesday 21st
June

Do you have an item, prayer list
update, or info for the Pews
News? Please send to
pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com
by 11am on Thursdays. Thanks!



14th JUNE
7.30 - 9.00PM
THE STORY GROUP
(Home group featuring
discussion around a story)
ALL WELCOME
Pen or Alison
are the people to contact

Christian Aid - a fantastic
total of £949.50 has been
donated to Christian Aid over
the last month which has now
been passed on to the charity.

Our prayers are asked for:

Holly H, Mike H, Andy, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine,
Della, The Rev Lizzie, Tim, Kathryn, Lesley, Sheila, Peter, and Anna.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially John and Amber,
...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Anne Forty,
Les Harston and Michael Aldridge,

... and all who mourn.



Introit: *Lead me, Lord -*
S. S. Wesley

Opening Hymn

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise
forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth
adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.
Amen.**

William Kethe (d.1594)

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 The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom
for ever. As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and
weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

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 is sung:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the
right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

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

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon
your servant Barnabas
and gave him grace to encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgements
and unselfish in our service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of Job

Job 29.11-16

Job said to his companions: When the ear heard, it commended me, and when the eye saw, it approved; because I delivered the poor who cried, and the orphan who had no helper. The blessing of the wretched came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11. 19 - end

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the

word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

**City of God, how broad and far
outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered
freemen are
of every age and clime:**

**One holy Church, one army
strong,
one steadfast, high intent;
one working band,
one harvest-song,
one King omnipotent.**

**How purely hath thy speech
come down
from man's primeval youth!
How grandly hath thine
empire grown
of freedom, love, and truth!**

**How gleam thy watch-fires
through the night
with never-fainting ray!
how rise thy towers,
serene and bright,
to meet the dawning day!**

**In vain the surge's angry shock,
in vain the drifting sands:
unharm'd upon the eternal rock
the eternal city stands.**

Samuel Johnson (1822-82)

Gospel Reading

Dcn Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Alleluia.

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 15.12-17

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon 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

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Bishop Martin, Bishop Will, Fr. David, for all Christian leaders, and for those who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear us, Lord.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them ...

Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear us, Lord

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for our local communities; for those who live and work here, and for those who visit this place ... Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear us, Lord

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those who do not believe, and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life ... Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ. Hear us, Lord

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, especially ...

May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need.

Hear us, Lord

Hear us, good Lord.

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with St John the Evangelist, St Barnabas, and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

Lord of life,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.

The Peace is introduced by the priest

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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 table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

**The `Son of Consolation`,
Saint Barnabas the good,
Filled with the Holy Spirit
and faith in Christ the Lord,
in lowly self-oblation,
to make an offering meet,
laid down his earthly riches
at the Apostles' feet.**

**The Son of Consolation,
in following his Lord
attained the martyr's glory,
and entered his reward;
with him is faith now ended
for ever lost in sight,
where love made perfect fills him
with praise and joy and light.**

**All sons of consolation,
how great their joys will be
when Christ the King shall tell
them**

**`You did it unto me`:
the merciful and loving
the loving Lord shall own,
and set them as his jewels
around the Father's throne.**

Maud Coote (1852-1935) and eds.

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

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, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word, through whom you have
created all things; who was sent by you in

your great goodness to be our Saviour. By
the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he
lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the
cross; he put an end to death by dying for
us; and revealed the resurrection by rising
to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won
for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks that your glory
is revealed in Barnabas and all the saints.
In their lives you have given us an example
of faithfulness to Christ. In their holiness
we find encouragement and hope. In our
communion with them we share the unity of
your kingdom

Therefore with angels and archangels, and
with all the company of heaven, we
proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.**

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 Barnabas, 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

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 Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

*The 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: Come, Holy Ghost - Attwood

Hymn

**Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt
and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts
unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

Augustus Toplady (1740-78)

Prayer after Communion

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

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples
with the wind from heaven and in tongues
of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
send us out in the power of the same Spirit

to witness to your truth and to draw all to
the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life
to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give
light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you
have set before us,
so we and all your children
shall be free,
and the whole earth live to
praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Priest May Christ, who makes saints of
sinners, who has transformed those
we remember today, raise and strengthen
you that you may transform the world;
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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth
flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and
shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's
destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Welsh, William Williams (1717-91)
Tr. Peter Williams (1727-96) et al.*

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.

*Organ voluntary: Allegro &
Fugue from Sonata no. 2 -
Mendelssohn*

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

A message from Revd Jill with thanks
for the card and gift received on retiring
from St. John's.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all at
St. John's for your kindness and
support throughout the years and for the
card and gift Fr. David delivered to me.
It was so lovely to read all the kind
messages and I was extremely touched
by your generosity. I have enormously
fond memories of my 12 years serving
you in my roles of curate, deacon and
priest. It's been such a privilege!
It's been a strange time first with
lockdown and then my husband Mike's
illness, which has made retiring from St
John's a rather extended process, but
God has been at the centre guiding my
way. As many of you know prayer and
painting are central to my spirituality
and I feel led to deepen my
understanding of both and encourage
links between them day by day, both in
the studio and in a small way within the
community.

So thank you again for your very kind
gift, which I'll use both prayerfully and
joyfully!

Many blessings and be assured of my
prayers as you continue to take God's
love into the future.

Jill

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