

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 19th February 2023

Sunday next before Lent



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

This week:

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

Church open weekdays, where possible.

Midweek Mass: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Also evening Mass with "Ashing" at 7 p.m.

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

Morning Coffee and Warm Space: Friday 10 - 12 noon in the Church Hall

**THIS WEDNESDAY is
Ash Wednesday.**

**Mass with Imposition of Ashes
will be held here at 7 p.m.**

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, and Pat.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Jo Bacon, and Alex McMillan,

and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Peter Harvey (Priest), Mila, Norman Illman, Clive Riddell, Frank Jenkins, and Jack Sampson,

... and all who mourn.

Hansel & Gretel THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY in church...

HANSEL & GRETEL BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS

Would all **volunteers** kindly try to be in the church by 6.45 p.m. on the performance nights please (Feb 24/25th) Thank you.

Anyone unsure of their role, please have a chat with Lesley Ann.

Please could **bakers** kindly let Lesley Ann know on which evening they will be bringing goodies, to ensure a sufficiency on each evening. We have 7 bakers and upwards of 200 over the 2 nights, so we need approx 30 gingerbread men per gingerbread man volunteer!

Please could all delicious goodies be left covered in the bell tower room on Friday a.m./Sat a.m. or be brought to the church by 6.45 p.m. on the performance evening.

Please have a word with Lesley Ann if you have any difficulties. Thank you.

Please continue to promote these performances to as many friends/acquaintances as possible. Thank you everyone for your support.

HANSEL & GRETEL

presented as a Fairy Tale in two parts

by

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

St John the Evangelist,
Pevensey Road,
St Leonards
TN38 0LF

Professional cast

Tickets: £15

accompanied under 12s: £10

Available in advance from the
church office (Mon. Tues. Thurs.
9am -1pm)

Friday February 24th
Saturday February 25th
7:30 p.m.

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Licensed bar
Mulled wine &
refreshments

*Rolling good fun for all the family,
beautiful music and an early night:
book early to avoid disappointment!*

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST JOHN'S WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteer urgently needed please!

We need someone for Friday/Saturday 24/25th Feb who could ensure that plates, cutlery, knives etc are brought over to the church from the church hall, cleaned and brought back to the church ready for the next day after Friday's performance please. We would be most grateful if someone could act as Leader please.

Please speak to Lesley Ann
THANK YOU.

Introit: O come, ye servants of the Lord (Tye)

Opening Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Sion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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

Deacon 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 command-
ments
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.

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 Gloria in Excelsis is sung:

**All 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

Priest Let us pray:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 24.12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

2 Peter 1.16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most,
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly, love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Dcn 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 17.1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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.

**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

In the power of the Spirit and in union
with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.
In peace we make our prayer to you.
In trust we confirm our faith in you ...
Help us to set our faces steadfastly to
where you would have us go.
Lord, look with favour.

All Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on your
Church,
proclaiming your beloved Son to the world
and listening to the promptings of his Spirit.
May she be renewed in holiness that she
may reflect your glory.
Lord, look with favour.

All Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on the
nations of the world,
scarred by hatred, strife and war ...
May they be healed by the touch of your
hand.
Lord, look with favour.

All Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in
need and distress,
suffering as your Son has suffered
and waiting for the salvation you promise...
May the day break
and Christ the Morning Star bring them the
light of his presence.
Lord, look with favour.

All Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you
so that we shall be glorified with you.
According to your promise bring all Christ's

brothers and sisters ...
to see him with their own eyes in majesty
and to be changed into his likeness from
glory to glory.

To him be praise, dominion and worship
now and for all eternity.

All Amen.

The Peace is introduced

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his
peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

Hymn

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

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;

the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Vv 1-3 Bernard of Cluny 12th century,
tr. J.M.Neale (1818-66) v4 Hymns A&M 1861*

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands
have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

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.

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 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

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:

**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 priest says the invitation to
communion.*

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

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

Holy Communion is then distributed

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Anthem: The Lord's my Shepherd
(Brother James' Air - trad.)*

Hymn

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail thy Body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to
change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of
glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to
others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope

**you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your
name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ
Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the
faith;
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

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine...



Ladies Coffee Morning

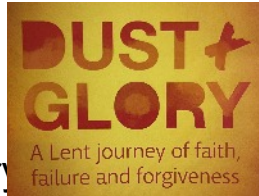
Saturday 25th
February
10.30am to 12
noon



Elim Pentecostal
Church
Elphinstone Avenue
Hastings

Come and hear Caroline's exciting life story where she changed from Atheist to Christian, from Recruitment Consultant in Crawley to Rehabilitation of drug addicts in Spain, moved from Denmark to the Philippines, experienced the miraculous provision of God on the many adventures she and her late husband Bruce embarked on with the Lord. Jesus said: "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly" and this is exactly what she has experienced.

Women of FGB event, which will be held at Elim Church on Saturday 25th February 10.30am to 12 noon. Teas, coffees and cakes.



Parish Lent course 2023. Commences Wednesday March 1st, 7-9 p.m. in St Peter's Chapel. It will run for five Wednesdays.

We are using the C of E course "Dust and Glory". Booklets are available for £ 2.00 from Dcn Michael.

The course will be led by Fr David and Dcn Michael. All are welcome. Please sign the list at back of Church. MT



St John's Church Hall,
Brittany Road

Beetle Drive

Saturday 18th March
3.00pm

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with Friends, Games, Tea and Cake!

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Colin Bewes (who sings in the choir) is running his 12th Hastings Half Marathon on 26th March 2023 to raise funds for the Coastguard Association. Please help him at bit.ly/ColinRunsHastings

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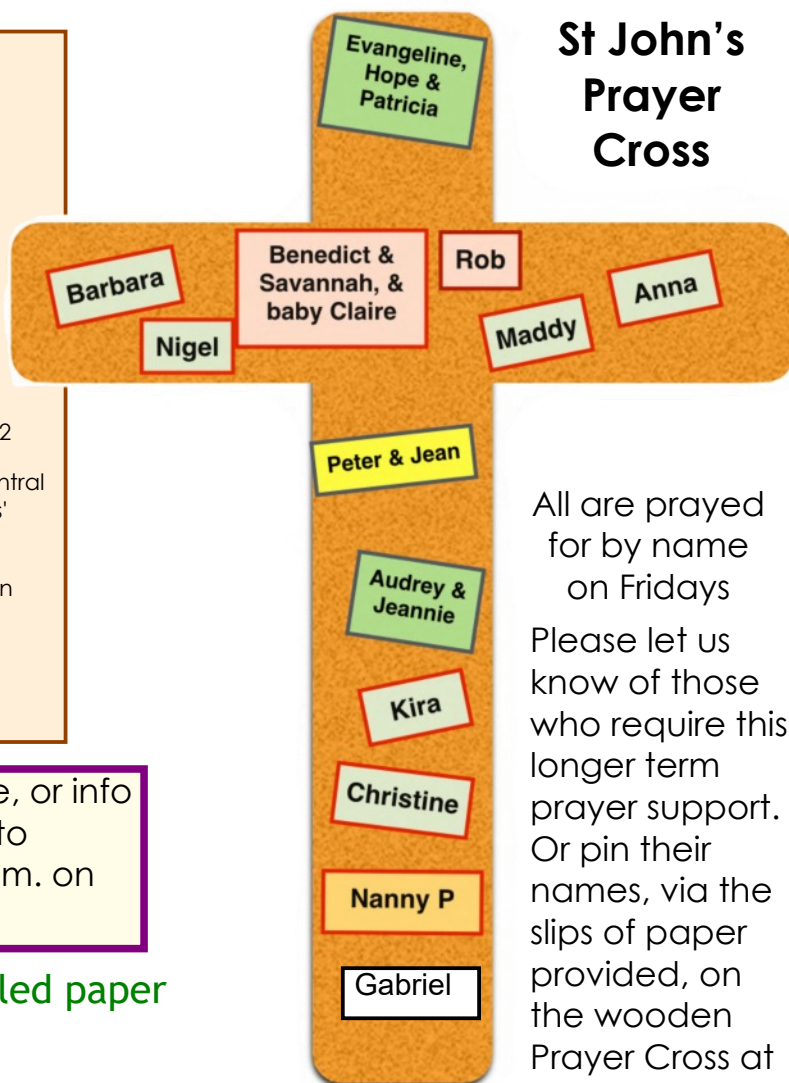
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All are prayed
for by name
on Fridays

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.
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