

St John's, Pevensey Road

Pews News & Service Sheet

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Trinity 4

**Welcome to St John's for today's Mass
and the baptism of Harry**



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.

Coffee morning - Fridays 10 a.m.- 12 noon



Our prayers are asked for:

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

Please pray also for...

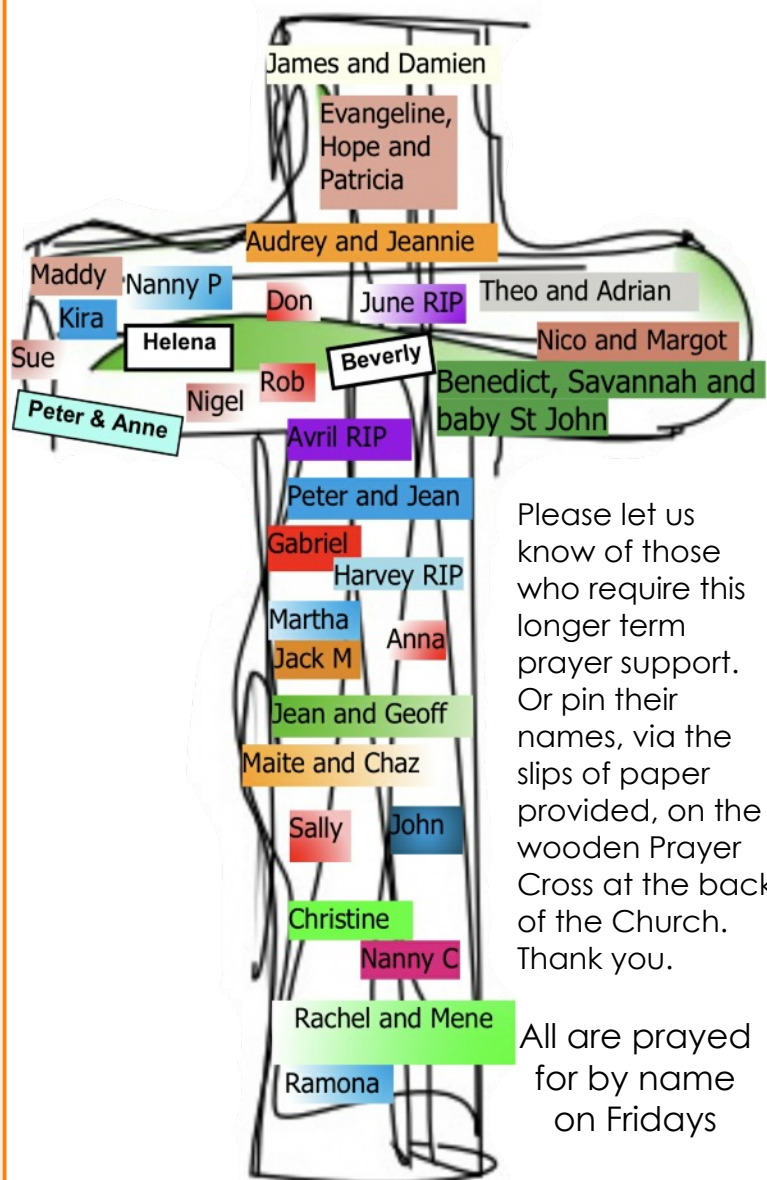
the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Barbara Sommerville
...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, including Ena Mitchener, Jean Usher, and Bridget Cooper
... and all who mourn.



A note from our Organist, Richard:

We will be using a new mass setting through the Sundays of Trinity. The mass of St Thomas by David Thorne was published in 1995 and has become a popular and widely used setting. It should be easily learned by a congregation as well as having a few challenging moments for the choir. We will be adding the Gloria next week. You can find more information about the mass online; search David Thorne music. I hope you will enjoy a change for the Summer.

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

Introit: O come, ye servants of the Lord - Tye

Opening Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance
he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the
German of J. Neander (1650-80)

Welcoming of the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all
All and also with you.

The priest may say

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal
of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and
made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ, being dead
to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

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

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will, that we
may find all things restored in him, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. **All Amen.**

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

(Jer. 28:5-9)

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the
prophet Hananiah in the presence of the
priests and all the people who were standing
in the house of the LORD;

and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May
the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the
words that you have prophesied, and bring
back to this place from Babylon the vessels of
the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in
your hearing and in the hearing of all the
people.

The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Romans 6.12 -end

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

We stand for our Gradual Hymn during which the Deacon prepares to read the Gospel

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere!**

Gospel Reading

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
I know them, and they follow me.

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.

(Matt. 10:40-end)

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism

The priest addresses the whole congregation
Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The priest then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *his* growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with *him* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *this child* begins *his* journey in faith. You speak for *him* today.

Will you care for *him*,

and help *him* to take *his* place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The priest addresses Harry's parents, godparents and sponsors

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means being dead to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life? **I come to Christ.**

Signing with the Cross

The president or another minister makes the sign of the cross on Harry's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

The ministers and candidate gather at the baptismal font.

Prayer over the Water

The priest stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

The priest addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism

The priest pours water on the child, saying

Harry Edward, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

The priest says

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The priest and baptismal party return from the font.

Commission

*A minister addresses the congregation,
parents and godparents,*

We have brought Harry to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ he will know the forgiveness of *his* sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As he grows up, *he* will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that *he* may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve *his* neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support *Harry* by prayer, example and teaching. As *his* parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping *him* in *his* early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding *Harry* in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for *this child* and grant *them* your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon *them* your healing and reconciling love, and protect *their homes* from all evil.

Fill *them* with the light of your presence and establish *them* in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Harry, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a

life-long journey.

Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

Prayers of Intercession

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations; may peace abound and justice flourish.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with all the saints in glory. Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Harry, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same Heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation may greet the newly baptized.

The Peace *is introduced by the priest*

We are all one in Christ Jesus; We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Dcn 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.

**He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.**

**There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what they say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

John Bunyan (1628-88) and Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

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.

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, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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, Mary the Mother of God, St
Thomas 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 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: The Lord's my shepherd - trad

Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come,

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height
to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Prayer after Communion

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

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and
healer of the broken, you have fed us at
the table of life and hope; teach us the
ways of gentleness and peace, that all the
world may acknowledge the kingdom of
your Son 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

Priest May God the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who is the source of all
goodness and growth, pour his blessing
upon all things created, and upon you his
children, that you may use his gifts to his
glory and the welfare of all peoples, 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

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his light
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter (1615-91) 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:
Processional - Mathias*

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



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update, or info for the Pews
News? Please send to
pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com
by 11am on Thursdays. Thanks!

If you would like to receive a link
to the Wednesday zoom service
please also use this email address
to request it.

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.

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