



**St John's
Pevensey
Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
the Second Sunday
of Easter
7th April 2024**

During the week
10am Midweek Mass -
in St Peter's Chapel
Online Zoom service*:
Wednesdays at 10am
Morning Coffee/Warm
Space: Fridays
10 – 12 noon in Church

**Welcome
to Mass
this morning**



**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



**... and to spend some time in this
beautiful church**



Our prayers are asked for: David S, Tony G; Ken, Shirley K, & Rachel T
Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Robert, Jean & Malcolm ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

All are regularly prayed for by name



Ramona
John H
Don
Bostik
Diane
Goldie
Lorenzo

Dulcie Zack
Miri Peter
Della Olli

Lori-Leigh M
Maite & Chaz
Janie H-D
Michelle
Helena O

Pauline
Anna

Michelle
Jeannie
& Audrey
& family

Terry S

Nigel D

Thomas

Tia K

Everyone
in the
Holy
Land
under
duress

Please let us know of those who require this longer-term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com
Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet asap. (Print date is dependent on Tina's working days) Thank you.

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Tina is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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Introit : *This joyful Eastertide –*

Charles Wood

Opening Hymn

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven
and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen,
Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads
before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious
sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew,
and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord,
with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands
be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Praise the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and
hope. He has raised Jesus from
the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.
He has brought us out of
darkness. He has made us light
to the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Christ died to sin once for
all, and now he lives to God. Let
us renew our resolve to have done
with all that is evil and confess our
sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Dcn Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your
presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Like the disciples behind
locked doors, we are afraid to be
seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Like Thomas in the upper
room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Priest May the God of love and
power forgive you and free you

from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

The Gloria in Excelsis 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

Priest Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. *All. Amen*

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

**A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles**

Acts 4. 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**A Reading from the first letter of
St John**

1 John 1. 1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in

darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Saviour;
waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord.**

Refrain:

**Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes;
he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives for ever
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus my Saviour;**

**vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord. Refrain**

**Death cannot keep its prey,
Jesus my Saviour;
he tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord. Refrain**

Robert Lowry (1826 -99)

Gospel Reading *When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **All Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death. **All Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **All Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Deacon 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 20. 19 -end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not

with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with
God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,**

**he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him
on high, and given him the name
above every name: that at the
name of Jesus every knee
should bow, and every voice
proclaim that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

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

Our loving Father in heaven, as we recall the change that came over the disciples when they met the risen Christ on that first Easter Day, we pray for the renewal of faith, hope and love among your people today:

We pray for our fellow human beings living in fear of persecution and violence... Strengthen their hope that peace and justice will prevail. Guide our King and the leaders of the nations.

At Eastertide, Lord, **renew our hope in your victory over evil.**

We pray for those who, like Thomas, struggle with doubts and hard questions... Make yourself known to them through the good news that Christ is alive, and through the witness of his followers.

At Eastertide, Lord, **renew us by your Spirit.**

We pray for those who, like the disciples, are burdened by guilt, failure or grief... Give them a fresh awareness of Christ's love and forgiveness.

At Eastertide, Lord, **renew our joy in your amazing grace.**

We pray for all who are sent into the world to bear witness to Christ; for all missionaries, aid workers and ministers of your Gospel... Lead us by your Holy Spirit into new ways of serving you.

At Eastertide, Lord, **renew our commitment to your service.**

We pray for those who are ill or frail... Grant them healing and encouragement.

At Eastertide, Lord, **renew our trust in your fatherly care.**

We remember those who have died... We join with all Christians in lifting our voices to proclaim the living Christ as **our Lord and our God. Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you; Alleluia.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of God's 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 danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,**

**said he,
and I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance,
said he.**

**I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John –
they came with me and the
dance went on. Refrain.**

**I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high;
they left me there
on a cross to die. Refrain.**

**I danced on a Friday when the
sky turned black –
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I'm the dance
and I still go on. Refrain.**

**They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
– I am the Lord of the Dance
said he. Refrain.**

Sydney Carter (1915 – 2004)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread

may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise

Priest It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

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

Dcn Jesus Christ is Lord

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

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

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 the bread of life, and
that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

*We sit as **Agnus Dei** is sung by all.*

Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy upon us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy upon us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world:
give us your peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation.

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, ye faithful – R S
Thatcher*

Hymn

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life,
our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love
will not remember?
Who can cease
to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's
eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened
deep and wide;
through the floodgates
of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love,
like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace
and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

William Rees tr. William Edwards (1848-1929)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life and in baptism have
made us one with him: deliver us
from the death of sin and raise us
to new life in your love, in the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 and Banns

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest God the Father, by whose
love Christ was raised from the
dead, open to you who believe the
gates of everlasting life. *All* Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from
the grave has won a glorious
victory, give you joy as you share
the Easter faith. *All* Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the
disciples with the life of the risen
Lord, empower you and fill you
with Christ's peace. *All* Amen.

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 Good Christians all,
rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world
glad news we bring: Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay;
Bring flowers of song
to strew his way;

Let humankind rejoice and say:
Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory
that Love,
that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted
high: Alleluya!

Thy name we bless,
O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down,
the life restored: Alleluya!

Cyril Alington (1872-1955)

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
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace...

All and rise in glory. Amen.

Deacon With the power that raised
Jesus from the dead at work within
you, go in peace to love and serve
the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Organ voluntary: Marche Militaire –
Schubert*

Do stay a while!



Village Force Africa

VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA

Following our first very successful Food Aid of £200 to village BH 29, we'd like to thank everyone who has supported us so far.

We are sending another payment for April. We are supporting 23 vulnerable villagers with every consignment, those with either no other means of support, elderly or orphans. They have been overwhelmed that we should help them and the whole village is thankful as others no longer have to share their meagre supplies.

Councillor Moyo (who represents all 54 villages in the area) has sent this message to you. "Everyone is so excited and happy. Children have food on the table and can go to school with food in their bellies and on the table at the end of the day. To funders on behalf of the community we are so thankful and grateful. May God bless you abundantly"

Please continue to support our efforts until their government finally move themselves to save lives. We are helping the Councillor and Queen Silibaziso to set up Food banks in local Victoria Falls shops. It's a huge task as companies are nowhere near as philanthropic as ours. However, they are trying , in order to help all the villages in the area. It's a desperate situation. Our pot will remain in church on Sundays for any regular donations to help us to continue our aid or our BACS details are as follows: Name of account: Village Force Africa

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account number : 67312524

Thank you all again for your magnificent help.

Janet, Tom, Patina, Jocelyn, Alan, Dcn Michael, Lesley Ann, Alistair, Happiness and Queen Silibaziso.



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On Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 19:00 (the eve of the Lesser Festival of Julian of Norwich) at All Saints' Church, Hastings Old Town (www.oldtownparishhastings.org.uk).

'Love was his meaning': a conversation about Julian of Norwich between Dr Claire Gilbert and Fr Eamonn Monson.

Claire Gilbert wrote her doctoral thesis on Julian in relation to the ecological crisis, but when she was diagnosed with myeloma, a cancer of the blood, Julian stopped being the subject of her academic study and became her spiritual companion and guide through two and a half years of gruelling treatment. Claire wrote about this in letters to friends, published as Miles to Go Before I Sleep. At the end of the treatment she heard a call to tell Julian's story and wrote "I, Julian", a fictional autobiography which seeks to do justice to this extraordinary woman's life.

Dr Claire Gilbert is the founding director of the Westminster Abbey Institute. She has worked for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England as policy adviser in medical ethics and environmental issues, and is a lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral. She co-founded the St Paul's Institute in 2003. Claire is visiting fellow at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, and has been a member of numerous public and advisory bodies. Fr Eamonn Monson, SAC, is parish priest of St Mary Star-of-the-Sea Roman Catholic Church, and was a great influence on Claire's books.

Admission free. No booking necessary. For further information contact Fr. Mat Phipps, Priest-in-Charge of St Clement and All Saints, Hastings (pic@oldtownparishhastings.org.uk).

Battle Choral Society
The Creation
Joseph Haydn

Saturday 20th April 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Battle.

Admission free – donations invited for
local charities.



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

LOAF First Sunday Walk. TODAY- meeting at
Crowhurst Recreation Ground Car Park at 2:30pm.

The route is 3.7 Miles long, muddy in places and
visits four farms around the area. The Plough is near
the Car Park and is open 12-6pm.

Donations of at least £2 per person please for the
Centre for Profound Education in Islamabad.

Walk Leader Roger Mitchell.

