



**St John's
Pevensey
Road**

**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
the Fourth Sunday of
Easter
21st 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**

St John's Electoral Roll

Our parish electoral roll is currently being updated. If you would like to be added to the roll and able to vote at the annual church meeting, please collect a form from the welcome desk and return it to me. Thanks,
Clare C.

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.

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admstjohns30@gmail.com

Tina is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on
safestjohns30@gmail.com

*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.

Introit : *Peace I leave with you – Amy Beach*

Opening Hymn

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion
burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him,
from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws
the prey
alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts
pursue their way
where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell
before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus
his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluya! Amen.**

*St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028) Tr R
Campbell (1814-68)*

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 Jesus Christ, risen master
and triumphant Lord, we come to
you in sorrow for our sins, and
confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

Silence is kept

Dcn We have lived by our own
strength, and not by the power of
your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Dcn We have lived by the light of
our own eyes, as faithless and not
believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Dcn We have lived for this world
alone, and doubted our home in
heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

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, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **All. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4. 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the first letter of St John

1 John 3. 16 -end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in

need and yet refuses help?
Little children, let us love, not in
word or speech, but in truth and
action. And by this we will know
that we are from the truth and will
reassure our hearts before him
whenever our hearts condemn us;
for God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.
Beloved, if our hearts do not
condemn us, we have boldness
before God; and we receive from
him whatever we ask, because we
obey his commandments and do
what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that
we should believe in the name of
his Son Jesus Christ and love one
another, just as he has
commanded us. All who obey his
commandments abide in him, and
he abides in them. And by this we
know that he abides in us, by the
Spirit that he has given us.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

**The King of love
my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams
of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant
pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish
oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,**

**and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing,
brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff
my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table
in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all
the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

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 10. 11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The
good shepherd lays down his life
for the sheep. The hired hand,
who is not the shepherd and does
not own the sheep, sees the wolf

coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

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

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry ... and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

The Peace

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. Alleluia.

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.*

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!**

Vv1-3 Bernard of Cluny (12th Century; tr J.M. Neale 1818-66) v4 Hymns A&M 1861

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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 Peter, 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: Flocks in pastures green abiding – J. S. Bach

Hymn

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.
Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

T. B. Pollock (1836-96)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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

Priest The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

Come, ye faithful,
raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's
bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day:
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep
in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons,
bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

*Greek, St John of Damascus (c750) Tr J M
Neale (1816-66)*

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: March in D –
Guilmant*



Do stay a while!





The Hastings Foodbank,

run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current `urgent` list is show below.

Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

UHT Milk (full fat -blue top; and semi-green top)

Tinned Meat (but not corned beef or pork)

Tinned Vegetables (especially peas and carrots, and potatoes)

Tinned Fish

Tinned rice pudding, jam

Coffee, fruit juice,

Toilet Rolls.

At the moment they have plenty of tea, pasta, cereal and baked beans.

THANK YOU.

We are looking to re-form the Social Committee and are having a meeting on

Wednesday 24th April

7-8.30pm.

Please see Kate H or Katy H for details.

Many thanks.



Our Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 12th May 2024 after the 10:30 Mass and lasting about 45 minutes. It would be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's.

If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina Garton on admstjohns30@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you when it is available.

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).

Individual and group retreats at Penhurst Retreat Centre

See www.penhurst.org.uk for more information and booking, or contact their office on info@penhurst.org.uk or 01424 892088.



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