



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Easter Sunday
31st March 2024**

**Welcome
to Mass
this morning
Easter Sunday**



**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**



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, Pauline, Patrick & 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

Jean & Geoff
 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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Tina is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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*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 : O come ye servants of the Lord – Tye

Opening Hymn

**The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high
triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.**

*Greek, St John of Damascus c 750 Tr J.M.
Neale (1816-66)*

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 Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty
resurrection of your Son overcame
the old order of sin and death to
make all things new in him: grant
that we, being dead to sin and
alive to you in Jesus Christ, may
reign with him in glory; to whom
with you and the Holy Spirit be
praise and honour, glory and
might, now and in all eternity.

All. Amen

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 25. 6-9

On this mountain the LORD of
hosts will make for all peoples a
feast of rich food, a feast of well-
aged wines, of rich food filled with
marrow, of well-aged wines

strained clear. And he will destroy
on this mountain the shroud that is
cast over all peoples, the sheet
that is spread over all nations; he
will swallow up death forever. Then
the Lord GOD will wipe away the
tears from all faces, and the
disgrace of his people he will take
away from all the earth, for the
LORD has spoken. It will be said
on that day, Lo, this is our God; we
have waited for him, so that he
might save us. This is the LORD
for whom we have waited; let us
be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Acts

Acts 10. 34 -43

Then Peter began to speak to
them: "I truly understand that God
shows no partiality, but in every
nation anyone who fears him and
does what is right is acceptable to
him.

You know the message he sent to
the people of Israel, preaching
peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord
of all.

That message spread throughout
Judea, beginning in Galilee after
the baptism that John announced:
how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
with power; how he went about
doing good and healing all who
were oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him. We are
witnesses to all that he did both in
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put
him to death by hanging him on a
tree; but God raised him on the
third day and allowed him to
appear, not to all the people but to
us who were chosen by God as

witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day,
Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day,
Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross,
Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us
sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and
grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured
Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured;
Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King,
Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluya!**

Lyra Davidica (1708)

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. 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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...

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 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.*

**The strife is o'er, the battle
done;**

Now is the Victor's triumph won;

O let the song of praise be sung.

Alleluia!

**Death's mightiest powers
have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes
dispersed;**

**Let shouts of praise and joy
outburst. Alleluia!**

On the third morn he rose again

**Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.**

Alleluia!

**He brake the age-bound chains
of hell;**

**The bars from heaven's high
portals fell;**

**Let hymns of praise his triumph
tell. Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which
wounded thee**

**From death's dread sting thy
servants free,**

**That we may live, and sing to
thee. Alleluia!**

*Latin 17th century Tr Francis Pott (1832-
1909)*

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 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: `And the Glory of the
Lord` from `Messiah` - Handel

Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch,
the seal,
Christ has burst
the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death,
is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;

Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now
where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave,
the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and
heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of Life, who for our
redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the
cross, and by his glorious
resurrection have delivered us
from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin, that
we may evermore live with him in
the joy of his risen life; 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 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

**Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er
death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled
the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er
death hast won.***

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters
fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death
hath lost its sting: *Refrain*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious
Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid
us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to
thy home above: *Refrain***

*French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) Tr
Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

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: Toccata from
Symphony No 5 – C. M. Widor*

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.



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).



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LOAF First Sunday Walk. April 7th, 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.

