



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday 21st January
2024**

During the week:
Wednesday 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
3rd Sunday
of Epiphany**

**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



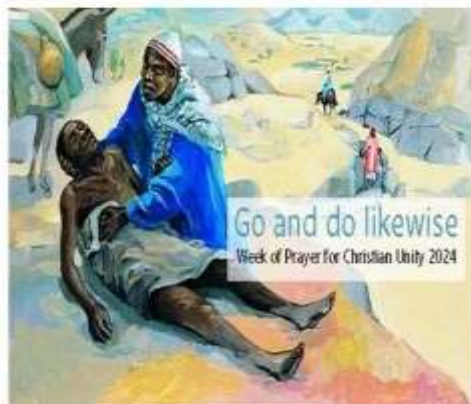
**... and to spend some time in this
beautiful church**

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

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 Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.



You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27)

All are regularly prayed for by name

*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 Holy Spirit, Lord of grace - Tye*

Opening Hymn

**Jesus shall reign
where'er the sun
does his successive
journeys run;
his kingdom stretch
from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax
and wane no more.**

**People and realms
of every tongue
dwell on his love
with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings
on his name.**

**Blessings abound
where'er he reigns;
the prisoner leaps
to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want
are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend
with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. **All Amen.**

Priest. The Lord be with you.
All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Our Lord Jesus Christ
says, 'A new commandment I give

you, that you love one another as I
have loved you.' Let us confess to
almighty God our failure to accept
his love and to share it with others.

Silence is kept

Dcn Lord Jesus, you came to
reconcile us to one another and to
the Father: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Lord Jesus, you heal the
wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Lord Jesus, you intercede for
us with your Father: 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 Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles the wonder of your
saving presence:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us by your
mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of
Chedorlaomer and the kings who
were with him, the king of Sodom
went out to meet him at the Valley
of Shaveh (that is, the King's
Valley). And King Melchizedek of
Salem brought out bread and wine;
he was priest of God Most High.
He blessed him and said, "Blessed
be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;

and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies
into your hand!" And Abram gave
him one tenth of everything.

For the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 19.6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be
the voice of a great multitude, like
the sound of many waters and like
the sound of mighty thunderpeals,
crying out, "Hallelujah! For the
Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give
him the glory, for the marriage of
the Lamb has come, and his bride
has made herself ready; to her it
has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure"--
for the fine linen is the righteous
deeds of the saints. And the angel
said to me, "Write this: Blessed are
those who are invited to the
marriage supper of the Lamb." And
he said to me, "These are true
words of God." Then I fell down at
his feet to worship him, but he said
to me, "You must not do that! I am
a fellow servant with you and your
comrades who hold the testimony
of Jesus. Worship God! For the
testimony of Jesus is the spirit of
prophecy."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**There's a wideness in God's
mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's
sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's
failings**

**Have such kindly judgement
given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's
mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.**

**There is grace enough for
thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh
creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more
simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be
all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

F W Faber (1814-63)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was
revealed in flesh, proclaimed
among the nations and believed in
throughout the world.

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 2.1-11

On the third day there was a
wedding in Cana of Galilee, and
the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples had also
been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the
mother of Jesus said to him, "They
have no wine." And Jesus said to
her, "Woman, what concern is that
to you and to me? My hour has not
yet come." His mother said to the
servants, "Do whatever he tells
you." Now standing there were
six stone water jars for the Jewish
rites of purification, each holding
twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said
to them, "Fill the jars with water."
And they filled them up to the brim.
He said to them, "Now draw some
out, and take it to the chief
steward." So they took it. When
the steward tasted the water that
had become wine, and did not
know where it came from (though
the servants who had drawn the
water knew), the steward called
the bridegroom and said to him,
"Everyone serves the good wine
first, and then the inferior wine
after the guests have become
drunk. But you have kept the good
wine until now." Jesus did this, the
first of his signs, in Cana of
Galilee, and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.

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

The Peace

Priest Let the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts, since as members
of one body you are called to
peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you **All and also with you.**

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.*

Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes
and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ
shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house
where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children
dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross
shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one
we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house
where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God,
through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ
the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Faithful God, receive all we offer
you this day. May we so live the
life of Christ that your Church may
be a sign of salvation to all the
nations of the world. We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (G)

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 Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of

wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon Christ is the bread of life
All When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Priest Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with St John the Evangelist and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. 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.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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: *Lord, for thy tender
mercy's sake – Farrant*

Hymn

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for
you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to
hear.

I will weep when you are
weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with
you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey
through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b 1953)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and
sacraments, shine with the
radiance of his glory,
that he may be known,
worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. *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 Lord Jesus Christ, Son
of the living God, teach you to walk
in his way more trustfully, to accept
his truth more faithfully, and to
share his life more lovingly; that by
the power of the Holy Spirit you
may come as one family to the
kingdom of the Father.

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

**The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came
and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood
he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest,
yet saints
their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

Yet she on earth hath union

with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel Stone (1839-1900)

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 We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the
nations. Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God. **Amen**

*Organ voluntary: Grand Choeur –
William R. Spence*

Do stay for coffee!



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Please contact her also for
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contacted on
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THE FLOOD

We need volunteers to help out on the two performance evenings please.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back for those able to help out - please be sure to indicate which aspect interests you and your contact details. Thank you

The dates are Friday Feb 23rd and Sat Feb 24th.

Both performances start at **7.00 pm** and are likely to be over by about 9pm.

Categories:

1. CHAPERONES

There are 27 (approx) little ones and bigger ones taking part - roughly 6-16 yrs. We need THREE chaperones for each evening who hold DBS clearance.

2. BAR & DRINKS

Two people for each evening. NB Father David is God (as we all appreciate..) and will not be available as usual to serve at the bar.

3. CATERING

Kate Hill is in charge of catering . Please indicate whether you would like to bake/buy sweet or savoury or serve. Kate will organise accordingly. The theme is Middle Eastern and animals (no wombat steaks thank you) although we have it on good authority that Noah was very partial to chocolate brownies and quiche..

4. SET-UP

The team will be setting up on **MONDAY 19TH** Feb from 10 a.m. please indicate whether you can help at any point and Alan Privett will liaise with you on timings and tasks.

Your support is much appreciated in this great community event ! Thank you.

Lesley Ann , Alistair and Alan

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- UHT MILK FULL FAT(BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)
- TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)
- TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)
- TINNED FRUIT
- COFFEE

OTHER ITEMS WE NEED ARE;

- TOILETRIES (SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE)
- TOILET ROLLS
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- JAM

Walsingham Pilgrimage June 21st-23rd

A £50 deposit is needed by Jan.31st please.
Cheques or cash transfer via Tina in the parish office. The office mobile number is

07831
904321

We have booked for 25 people at the Shrine and have 4 places still available. Please speak to Dcn. Michael for more information.

FYI

From the Walsingham shrine website:

The Guardians maintain the discipline of reserving sacramental ministry in the Shrine to male priests who have been ordained to the diaconate and to the priesthood by a male bishop at whose episcopal ordination a male bishop, himself ordained in the historic apostolic succession of bishops, presided.

That is to say: the ministry of women priests is neither recognised nor allowed at Walsingham (!! - ed.)