



OneBodyOneFaith



St John's
Pevensey Road

Welcome to Mass
this morning
Third Sunday of
Lent

**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday 3rd March
2024**

During the week:

Mondays at 7pm

Lent Gathering

in St Peter's Chapel;

Wednesday 10am

Midweek Mass -

in St Peter's Chapel;

Wednesdays at 10am

Online Zoom service;*

Fridays 10am – noon

Morning Coffee

Saturday: 4pm here –

(Tea is served from

3:30) A great tea-time

concert at St Johns! Into

the vortex: French vocal and

chamber music before the Great

War. **Jenny Miller, mezzo**

soprano, Francis Rayner, pianist,

and Rachel Firmager, cellist.

Experience a ravishing colorscape

of poetry infused by inspired music,

including Debussy, Fauré and Du

Parc. All profits to St John the

Evangelist in thanks for their great

support for Barefoot Opera
**Tickets £12.50 on the Barefoot
Opera website**
www.barefootopera.com



In loving memory
of Eric Kingsnorth

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

**St John's
Prayer
Cross**



Ramona
John H
Don
Bostik
Diane
Goldie

Zack
Dulcie
Miri
Della
Olli

Every-
one
in the
Holy
Land
under
duress

Lori-Leigh M
Maite &
Chaz
Janie H-D
Rev John B

Anna
Lorenzo
Jean &
Geof
Peter

Gill T

Terry S

Nigel D

Tia K

Jeannie
&
Audrey
& family

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.

All are regularly prayed for by name

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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 Lord, my God, to thee*
- *Arcadelt*

Opening Hymn

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is
found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707 -88)

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 The sacrifice of God is a
broken spirit; a broken and contrite
heart God will not despise. Let us
come to the Lord, who is full of
compassion, and acknowledge our
transgressions in penitence and
faith.

Silence is kept

Dcn Wash me thoroughly from my
wickedness and cleanse me from
my sin. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Make me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit within
me. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Cast me not away from your
presence and take not your holy
spirit from me. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

*The Kyrie Eleison is sung by choir
and congregation*

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon 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 Collect

Priest Almighty God, whose most

dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, 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 *All Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 20. 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do

any work-- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God

decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**All ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guilt the soul oppress,**

**Jesus, who gave himself for you
Upon the cross to die,
Opens to you his sacred heart;
O to that heart draw nigh.**

**Ye hear how kindly he invites;
Ye hear his words so blest--
'All ye that labour come to me,
And I will give you rest.'**

**O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words
To thee I lift my prayer.**

**Wash thou my wounds in that
dear blood
Which forth from thee doth flow;
New grace, new hope inspire,**

a new and better heart bestow.

18th Century Latin; tr E Caswall (1814-78)

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

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"



But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.....*With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ...
and for their teachers and sponsors,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ...
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who
have walked in the way of holiness

...

let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close
to you in penitence with prayer,
fasting and generosity; accept our
Lenten discipline, and when we fall
by our weakness, raise us up by
your unfailing mercy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.*

**Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou
offended,
That man to judge
thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own
rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who
brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath**

**undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was
denied thee:
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the good Shepherd for the
sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the
Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he
nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesu, was thy
incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's
oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy
bitter passion,
For my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesu, since I
cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever
pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love
unswerving,
Not my deserving.**

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930) from J.
Heermann (1585-1647)
based on an 11th century Latin meditation*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Merciful Father, turn us from sin to
faithfulness and from disobedience
to love, and prepare us to
celebrate the death and
resurrection of Christ our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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 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.

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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.

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.

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 St John the Evangelist 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

Deacon Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

O Lamb of God, our Lord most holy, who redeems us from our sin. Have mercy on us, meek and lowly, make us clean and pure within. Grant us peace we humbly pray, as we who worship you today receive your body and your blood, renewed in faith by heav'nly food.

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: Praise to thee, Lord Jesus – Schutz

Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,

I'll praise thee as I ought.

**Till then I would thy love
proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

John Newton (1725 – 1807)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross,

and follow him; 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

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay
down
thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink, and live:'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my
soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall
rise,
and all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

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 This is love, not that we loved God

All but that he loved us and sent his Son.

Dcn He is the sacrifice for our sins

All that we might live through him.

Deacon If God loves us so much

All we ought to love one another.

Deacon If we love one another

All God lives in us.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

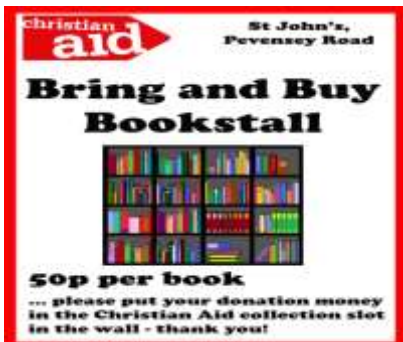
Organ voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in B flat major - Pachelbel

Do stay for coffee!



St John's social committee

Are you good at having ideas ? Are you good at organising things? We are relaunching the social committee to plan activities that fund raise for the church or help us get to know each other. If you would like to support this in any way you can then please chat with Katy or Kate



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Our current Administrator is retiring in June and we are therefore looking for a suitable person to take over the running of St John the Evangelist office on a part time basis – 16 hours per week. The Church is at the top of Pevensey Road and serves the local community. If you would be interested please contact us for more information and a job description on admstjohns30@gmail.com or phone 07831904321.

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An affirming evening in a relaxed environment for LGBTQI+ Clergy, partners, allies and friends within the Diocese of Chichester. Wednesday March 6 from 7pm - 10pm. More details on the Diocesan website



This afternoon!

Roger Mitchell writes



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

LOAF First Sunday Walk, March 3rd.

We meet at 2:30pm at the New Inn, Winchelsea. The Inn does a good lunch. Our walk will be led by Yvette Brazier. It is 2.5 – 3 miles long and there is a steep bit. Folk from any and all churches welcome. Bring friends and dogs.