



**Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
Sunday 10th 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;**\*

**Wednesday: PCC meets**

**Fridays 10am – noon**

Morning Coffee

**St John's  
Pevensey Road**

**Fourth Sunday of  
Lent – Mothering  
Sunday**



*Mothering  
Sunday*



**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, Jean 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

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

Every-  
one  
in the  
Holy  
Land  
under  
duress

Anna  
Lorenzo  
Jean &  
Geof  
Peter

Gill T

Terry S

Nigel D

Tia K  
Jeannie  
&  
Audrey  
& family

All are  
regularly  
prayed  
for by  
name

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.

Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on  
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\*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto: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:** *Blest are the pure in heart – Walford Davies*

### **Opening Hymn**

Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
Sing the wonders that were  
done,  
When the love of God the Father  
O'er our sin the victory won,  
When he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Blessèd were the chosen people  
Out of whom the Lord did come,  
Blessèd was the land of promise  
Fashioned for his earthly home;  
But more blessèd far the Mother  
She who bare him in her womb.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Wherefore let all faithful people  
Tell the honour of her name,  
Let the Church in her  
foreshadowed  
Part in her thanksgiving claim;  
What Christ's Mother sang in  
gladness  
Let Christ's people sing the  
same.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Let us weave our supplications,  
She with us and we with her,  
For the advancement of the  
faithful,  
For each faithful worshipper,  
For the doubting, for the sinful,  
For each heedless wanderer.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

Praise, O Mary, praise the  
Father,  
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
Praise the everlasting Spirit,  
Who hath made thee ark and  
throne;  
O'er all creatures high exalted,  
Lowly praise the Three in One.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

*V. S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)*

### **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.*

### **Opening Prayer**

Loving God, you father us and  
mother us all our days. Even  
before we acknowledged you, you  
loved us. ...In the secret places of  
our lives you nourish us, offering  
us the feeding that we need to  
grow as human beings. No matter  
how often we desert you, you  
never turn your face away from us,  
and your abiding concern is always  
for our good. You weep for us,  
you laugh with us, you rejoice in  
our successes and are in anguish  
at our pain. Yours are the arms  
reaching out to cradle us when we  
collapse in death. Loving,  
mothering God, strong and tender,  
tried and true, we worship you  
today.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Deacon* We have done what was  
wrong in the Lord's sight and  
chosen what displeased him. Yet  
as a mother comforts her child, so  
shall the Lord himself comfort us.

So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

*Silence is kept*

**Dcn** As a father is tender towards his children, so is the Lord tender to those that fear him:

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

**Dcn** He will not always be chiding, nor will he keep his anger for ever: Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

**Dcn** I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child upon its mother's breast is my soul within 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** God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word all sit**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*Exodus 2. 1-10*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from the second letter to the Corinthians**

*2 Corinthians 1.3 -7*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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  
off 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*

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 19.25b-27*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the

wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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.....*

Hear our prayers for all mothers today, and for all, men and women, who share in being a nurturing, healing and enabling presence.

We pray for the mothers and grandmothers among us. We pray for all expectant mothers, and for

those who would wish to bear children but who cannot.

We pray for mothers with no experience, or bad experience, of being mothered themselves.

We pray for single mothers, for whom being a mother is sometimes a nightmare.

We pray especially for mothers who are forced to watch while their children starve or suffer or grow sick.

We remember before you mothers whose children have been killed – in road accidents, in house fires, or by troubled human beings. And we remember the mothers of children who are victims of mass slaughter.

Lastly, we remember with love those grieving the deaths of their mothers in recent days. Let your mothering love, O God, surround them at this time and bring them comfort and strength.

Merciful God, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Priest* Jesus said, `Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister and mother`. 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.*

O worship the King  
all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
his power and his love;  
our shield and defender,  
the ancient of days,  
pavilioned in splendour  
and girded with praise.

O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path  
on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store  
of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
hath founded of old:  
hath 'stablished it fast  
by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills,  
it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils  
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust,  
nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender,  
how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might,

ineffable Love,  
while angels delight  
to hymn thee above,  
thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration  
shall sing to thy praise.

*Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

#### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**

O God, you are my God,  
for you I long;  
like a dry, waterless land,  
so my soul thirsts for you.  
Your love, better than life;  
on you I gaze,  
to see power and glory,  
on my lips your praise. (Ps. 63)  
**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 that comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
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  
When we eat this bread and  
drink this cup we proclaim your  
death, Lord Jesus, until you  
come in glory.**

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, Mary the mother of God 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*** 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: Mary's Magnificat –  
Andrew Carter*

### **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* Loving God, as a mother  
feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with  
the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your  
goodness to grow in grace within  
the household of faith; 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 and Distribution of Flowers



### The Solemn Blessing

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you

*Priest* When the Word became flesh, earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary: may the love and obedience of Mary be your example. Amen

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes. Amen.  
May you be filled with the joys of the Spirit and the gifts of your eternal home. 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

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings,  
give my spirit voice;  
tender to me  
the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour  
shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his name:  
make known his might,  
the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure,  
from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord,  
the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his might:  
powers and dominions  
lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
the hungry fed,  
the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,  
the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise,  
and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for  
evermore!

*(Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926)*

### 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

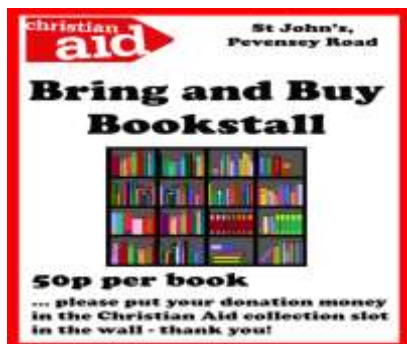
**All God lives in us.**

*Deacon* Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Organ voluntary*

*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 H or Kate H

Help Please!!

If you are holding a set of Church or Church hall keys that you no longer need, please return them via the Church office (or Church hall letterbox) in an envelope addressed to Tina/Administrator. As I am sure you appreciate, obtaining spare sets is quite costly and your help with this would be much appreciated.

Best wishes, Tina.

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](mailto:admstjohns30@gmail.com) or phone 07831904321.



Church Together in  
Hastings & St Leonards

### PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

A Service of Taizé Music and Prayer  
for Good Friday

MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 8.00pm

Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs  
Magdalen Rd. St. Leonards TN37 6ET



All welcome

Anyone who would like to help in leading the music is asked to come to a practice at 7.00pm

**Easter Lillies** - can be requested for loved ones for £2.50 per lily by completing a form from the back of church. The names will then be shown next to the flower arrangement.



### Stations of the Cross

There is a sheet for people to sign if they are willing to prepare and read a one-minute thought on one of the Stations of the Cross that will take place here on Good Friday (29th March).



If anyone wants to ask about either of these, they can ask the Clergy, Churchwardens or Katy H for more details.

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