

**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday 11th
February 2024**



**Welcome to Mass
this morning
Sunday next
before Lent**

During the week:

Ash Wednesday:

10am - Mass in St Peter's
Chapel

6.30pm – Sung Eucharist
with imposition of ashes

Online Zoom service*:
Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee/Warm
Space: Fridays

10 – 12 noon in Church



*Photo of Taize Transfiguration icon
once in Burford Priory*

*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.

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 Beverley C ...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.

All are regularly prayed for by name



RACIAL EQUALITY WEEK SERVICES 2024

THIS EVENING:

At Worth Parish Crawley

11th February Sunday, 6 pm

Service led by Rev Sarah Upchurch

Preacher: Rev Dr Godfrey Kesari.

Addressing the social injustice of racism is a vital way churches can work together to ensure the flourishing of all. In the Diocese of Chichester, the Racial Justice Task Force is committed to working together on the journey of seeking racial justice – both within the church and in wider society.

Godfrey Kesari is the Racial Justice Officer and can be contacted on this email address: racialjustice@chichester.anglican.org



Introit: *Drop, drop slow tears - Gibbons*

Opening Hymn

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him,
the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet
lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart
he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps
as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts
in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings
to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept
for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy
give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,

Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

J. S. B. Monsell. (1811-75)

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

**Glorify 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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 second book of Kings

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see

me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by thee, we covet most**

**Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
Holy, heavenly love.**

**Love is kind, and suffers long,
Love is meek,
and thinks no wrong,
Love than death
itself more strong;
Therefore give us love.**

**Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay;
Therefore give us love.**

**Faith will vanish into sight;
Hope be emptied in delight;
Love in heaven
will shine more bright;
Therefore give us love.**

**Faith and hope and love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is love.**

**From the overshadowing
Of thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, heavenly love.**

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

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 Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 9. 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.....

Blessed are you, eternal God, **to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church: **make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you: **that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name: **give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world: **guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community: **help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families: **grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble: **in your presence may they find their strength.** We remember those who have died:

Father, into your hands we commend them. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory: **bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. 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.*

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

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: *Turn thy face from my
sins - Attwood*

Hymn

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the
sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,

We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision
bright,
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bidst us leave the
mount
Come with us to the plain.
J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Holy God, we see your
glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his
table reflect his life in word and
deed, that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 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

**Glorious things of thee
are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word
cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake
thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls
surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

See, the streams
of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply
thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows
their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like
the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,

let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's
pleasure,
all their boasted pomp
and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Sion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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 in
G - Dubois*

Do stay for coffee!



A message from Rod T.
I created chaos last Sunday with
my unexpected and unfortunate medical
event. My profound apologies for
interrupting the Service and my grateful
thanks to those who rushed to my aid. (The
event is just a hazy memory for me so I
regret that I do not know your names.)

From the Rector about gathering in Lent

It strikes me that most Lent courses are a bit like lessons in school. We probably don't take a register and hopefully you won't get too rowdy so that I'll have to keep you in at lunchtime for detention and end up writing to your Mum!

However, we do usually have some sort of stimulus, a painting, a Bible passage, an erudite talk, a piece of music followed by a few pertinent, or sometimes not so pertinent questions.

So, I thought this year we would make it a bit simpler. Some of the usual elements will remain but perhaps in the midst of the present age we need a bit of space.

Each week we will travel with Jesus through five key pieces of His story. The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Cleansing of the Temple, the Healing of the haemorrhaging woman, the Crucifixion and Resurrection. We will read the story together and then consider awhile what it means in our community now. What it might tell us about poverty, loneliness, the exercise and abuse of power, what it means to be a community at all and so on.

After that we will spend some time in silent prayer committing our concerns to God and waiting upon Him. We will end with the Lord's Prayer, a Blessing and a Hymn.

Mondays at 7 pm in St Peter's Chapel from 19th February until 19th March._

THE FLOOD Friday Feb 23rd and Sat Feb 24th. - **BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BUYING**

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Please contact the Parish Office (Tina) on 07831904321 or admstjohns30@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Payment by cheque, made payable to St Johns PCC or by bank transfer as below.

Parochial Church Council St Johns

Sort code: 405240

Account no: 00006561

Please add the ref: FLOOD/your surname
If paying by cheque, please post through the Church hall letterbox.

In extremis, tickets CAN be purchased on the door, but this makes a huge amount of work for the kind volunteers on the desk and causes queues so please do take advantage of the above methods if at all possible.

THANK YOU

Lesley Ann and the Team

A great tea-time concert at St Johns!

Into the vortex:

French vocal and chamber music before the Great War

Saturday March 9, 4pm at St John the Evangelist

Tea is served from 3:30

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Village Force Africa

We are immensely grateful for the generosity of everyone at St John's who listened to our presentation and contributed so kindly to our fund-raising efforts.

We shall not disappoint you and shall carry your collective light into BH 29 and beyond. Kindest regards and thanks, Lesley Ann, Alan and the VFA team.

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DEEPER
HTH Youth

Sunday 11th February
Guest Speaker
Lauren Windle

Lauren is a Christian Journalist, author and public speaker who specialises in addictions. She's coming to HTH Youth to share her own incredible story of recovery and freedom from addiction.

18:00-19:30
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A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE
I beg you, bear with one another in love

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