

# St John's, Pevensey Road



**Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Mothering Sunday**



Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - also viewable later via the Broadcast Page of our church website [www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk/broadcast](http://www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk/broadcast)

**Covid-19 situation review: St John's is still closed for private prayer for the time being. And the Midweek Mass will not be restarting until further notice.**

However, **Sunday Parish Mass** is now re-started with a socially-distanced congregation present, but will still be recorded and broadcast via our church website, by about Sunday lunchtime, all being well.

**Online "Zoom" service:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will send you the necessary "link".

**People for whom our prayers are asked:**

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Libby V, Kath Q, Linda, Jude, and Ralph T.

**Please pray also for...**

...the repose of the souls of the departed,

... especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time:  
Margaret Masters, Edith Murrills, Derek Alexander, and Pat Keene,

...and all who mourn.

**This year's Lent Course**, or Pilgrimage, is being presented by Fr David via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. If you would like to take part, please send him an email in order to receive the online signing-up details. The materials can also be accessed via this link: [ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021](http://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021)

**HYMN OF THE WEEK: Tell out my Soul**

... was written by Timothy Dudley-Smith, retired Bishop, and writer of some 400 hymns. It is popularly sung to the hymn tune Woodlands, composed by Walter Greatorex in 1916. Dudley-Smith was inspired to write the text in 1962, after reading a modern paraphrase of the Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55 in the then recently-published New Testament of *The New English Bible*. This new



Bible's translation of the Magnificat began with the phrase, "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord". Dudley-Smith starts each verse of the hymn with a slight variation of this line - Mary's exuberant praise of God - then picks up the various sentiments expressed by her in her joy, having been told she was to be the Mother of Jesus. Her cousin Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit, had just greeted her with the words we know as the *Hail Mary*.



# Mass for Mothering Sunday

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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

## Prayer of Confession

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.

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to  
your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and  
cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## *The priest says the Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray:

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.**

## A reading from Exodus

*Exodus 2.1-10*

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 for 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 Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians**

*Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual 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 to 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)*

### **Gospel Reading**

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.**

The Lord be with you  
**All And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 19.25-27*

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**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray to God, who loves all people as a mother loves her children.

We give thanks for the example of Mary, mother of Jesus... We pray that our spiritual mother the Church may follow her in humility, trust and love.

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** Hear our prayer

Soften with a mother's gentleness all the hardness of human hearts... May the Holy Family of Nazareth bring blessing wherever people live together... Draw all races and nations to be one family in your love.

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** Hear our prayer

We pray for all mothers, especially those in our own and our local families...

Give them the unfailing love that Mary gave to Jesus, and uphold them in times of anxiety and distress.

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

Have mercy on all who suffer through sickness or misfortune... Give them the strength of your presence which comforted Mary in her sorrow

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

Because your love is more constant than any human mother, we pray with confidence for the repose of the souls of all who have died in the faith of Jesus Christ, Son of Mary and Son of God...

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

*We may conclude our intercessions today with the Hail Mary:*

**All Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**The Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

**The Peace is introduced**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace*

**Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**Music: Gavotte - Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)**

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in holiness and guide us to glory; we ask this in his name.

**All Amen.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and  
discipline we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of  
service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the  
world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter  
feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

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 Saint  
John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary  
the Mother of God, 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**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
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**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Agnus Dei is said:**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Grant us peace**

### **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to  
his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is received*

**Music: Cornet Voluntary - John Travers  
(1703-58)**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.

**Priest** Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Minuet and 'La Rejouissance' from Musick for the Royal Fireworks - G.F. Handel (1650-1759)**

### Prayer list

If you have any updates about friends or loved ones on the St John's prayer list - or additions, of course - please let one of the pastoral/clergy team, and/or the PN editor, know, so we can keep the



Prayer List & Prayer Cross up-to-date. Contact details are on the back of this pewsheet.

Many thanks.

## Notices

### The Blessing and Dismissal

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you

May God, who gave birth to all creation,  
bless you:

may God, who became incarnate by an  
earthly mother, bless you:

may God, who broods as a mother over  
her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.



**The Foodbank's  
currently most  
needed items are:**

- Tinned meat (but not corned beef or pork)
- Tinned vegetables (especially peas and carrots)
- Tinned fruit
- Longlife milk: full fat or semi-skimmed
- Tinned spaghetti in sauce

**Also welcomed:**

- Toiletries, toilet rolls
- Tinned fish, potatoes, rice pudding
- Tea, coffee, long-life fruit juice.

*The container for donations is at the  
back of church*

**Thank you!**

## 17<sup>th</sup> March: St Patrick, beloved apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz!

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them, away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on

English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three

I bind this day to me forever,  
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
His baptism in the Jordan river;  
His death on the Cross for my salvation;  
His bursting from the spiced tomb;  
His riding up the heavenly way;  
His coming at the day of doom;  
I bind unto myself today.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*St Patrick's Breastplate*

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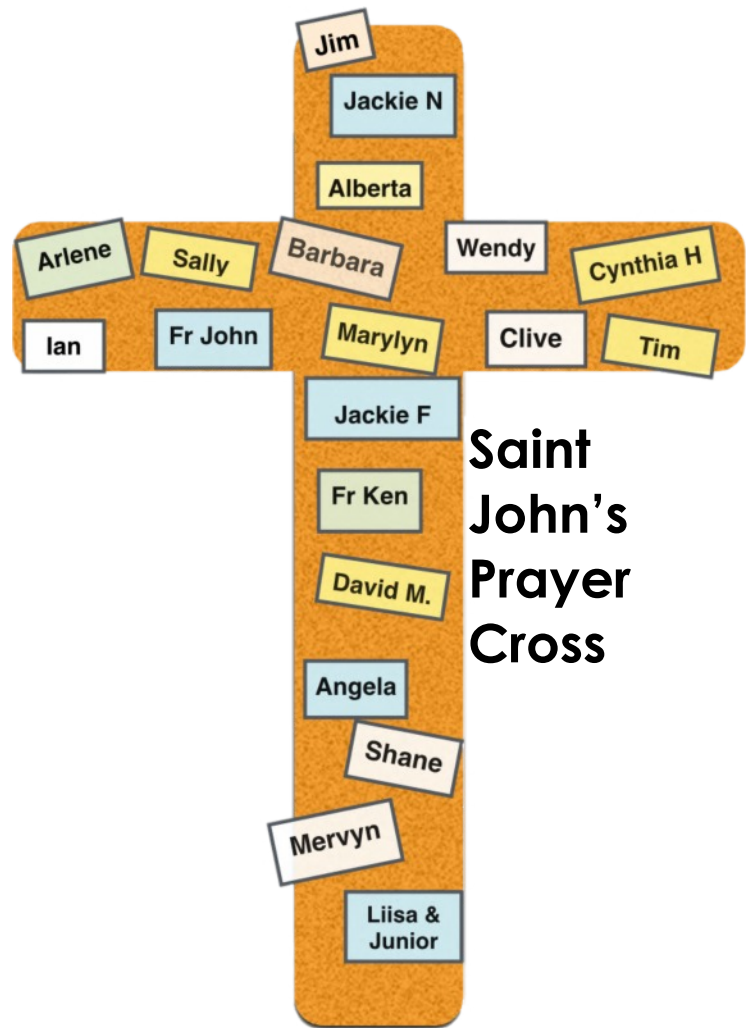
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