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**St John's  
Pevensey  
Road**

**Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
the Sixth Sunday of  
Easter**

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

During the week

**10am Midweek Mass -  
in St Peter's Chapel**

**Online Zoom service\*:  
Wednesdays at 10am**

**Thursday – Ascension Day:  
10am Mass at the High  
Altar**

**Morning Coffee/Warm  
Space: Fridays**

**10 – 12 noon in Church**



**Welcome  
to Mass  
this morning**



### **St John's Electoral Roll**

Our parish electoral roll is currently being updated. If you would like to be added to the roll and able to vote at the annual church meeting, please collect a form from the welcome desk and return it to me. Thanks,  
Clare Cooper

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

## St John's Prayer Cross

All are regularly prayed for by name



Ramona  
John H  
Don  
Bostik  
Diane  
Goldie  
Lorenzo

Dulcie Zack  
Miri  
Della Olli

Lori-Leigh M  
Maite & Chaz  
Janie H-D  
Michelle  
Helena O

Lisa

Anna  
Helen C  
Arthur H  
Michelle  
Jeannie  
& Audrey  
& family  
Terry S  
Geoff  
Xander  
Nigel D  
Thomas  
Tia K

Everyone  
in the  
Holy  
Land  
under  
duress

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.

\*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.

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Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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**Introit** : *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace –  
Tye*

### **Opening 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 Welcoming of the People**

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
Praise the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and  
hope. He has raised Jesus from  
the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of  
darkness. He has made us light  
to the world.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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* Jesus Christ, risen master  
and triumphant Lord, we come to  
you in sorrow for our sins, and  
confess to you our weakness and  
unbelief.

*Silence is kept*

*Dcn* We have lived by our own  
strength, and not by the power of  
your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Dcn* We have lived by the light of  
our own eyes, as faithless and not  
believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Dcn* We have lived for this world  
alone, and doubted our home in  
heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

### **Prayer of Absolution**

*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* Risen Christ, by the lakeside your renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

*All. Amen.*

**The Liturgy of the Word *all sit***

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 10. 44- end*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard

the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the Word of the Lord.

***All Thanks be to God.***

**A Reading from the first letter of St John**

*1 John 5. 1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

For the Word of the Lord.

***All Thanks be to God.***

**Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.**

**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)*

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

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **All Alleluia.**  
He has defeated the powers of death. **All Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **All Alleluia.**  
He has the words of eternal life.

**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 15.9-17*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

## The Creed

*Deacon* Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession - led by the intercessor in their own words or...**

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**All in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry ... and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**All in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**All in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**All in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**All in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Priest* We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia.

**All and also with you; Alleluia.**

*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.*

**And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?**

**Died he for me, who caused his pain?**

**For me, who him to death pursued?**

**Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all! -  
the Immortal dies -  
who can explore  
his strange design?  
In vain**

the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love  
divine!  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above  
so free, so infinite his grace  
emptied himself of all but love  
and bled for Adam's helpless  
race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and  
free,  
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's  
night:  
thine eye diffused a quickening  
ray;  
I woke - the dungeon flamed  
with light.  
My chains fell off,  
my heart was free  
I rose, went forth,  
and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread,  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head  
and clothed  
in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach  
the eternal throne  
and claim the crown,  
through Christ my own.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**  
Creator of all, you wash away our  
sins, you give us new birth by the  
Spirit, and redeem us in the blood  
of Christ. As we celebrate the  
resurrection, renew your gift of life  
within us. We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**All Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (A)**

*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* It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord. But chiefly are we bound to  
praise you because you raised him  
gloriously from the dead. For he is  
the true paschal lamb who was  
offered for us, and has taken away  
the sin of the world. By his death  
he has destroyed death, and by his  
rising to life again he has restored  
to us everlasting life.

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*:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, and as we follow his example  
and obey his command, grant that  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood; 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. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ our Son our Lord.

*Deacon* Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

*Priest* Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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:** *God so loved the world - Goss*  
**Hymn**

I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to me  
shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me  
shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.  
*And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up  
on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life  
of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within  
you. *Refrain.*

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life,  
If you believe in me  
even though you die,  
you shall live for ever. *Refrain.*

Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who have come  
into the world. *Refrain*

*Suzanne Toolan (b.1927)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life; may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who 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* God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; 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**

To God be the glory!  
great things he has done;

so loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son  
who yielded his life  
in atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory;  
great things he has done.*

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood!  
To every believer  
the promise of God:  
and every offender  
who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives. *Refrain.*

Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son:  
but purer, and higher  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture,  
when Jesus we see! *Refrain.*

*Fanny Crosby (nee Frances J Van Alstyne  
1820-1915)*

### **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...

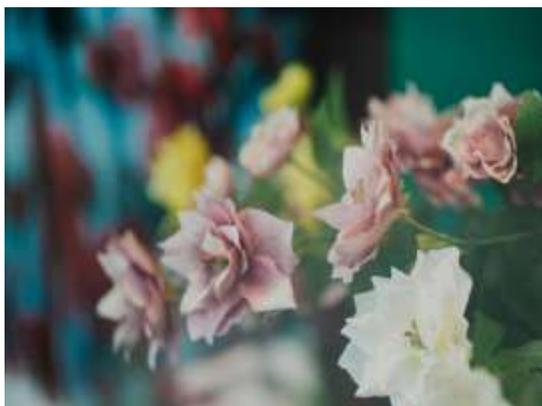
*All* **and rise in glory. Amen.**

*Deacon* With the power that raised  
Jesus from the dead at work within  
you, go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

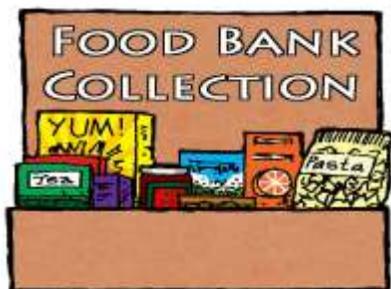
*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Organ voluntary: Nun Danket alle Gott  
– Karg-Elert*

*Do stay a while!*



Flowers in church today  
to celebrate with love  
the memory of  
Lilian and Frederick M



### **The Hastings Foodbank,**

run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current 'urgent' list is show below.

Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

**UHT Milk (full fat -blue top; and semi-green top)**

**Tinned Meat (but not corned beef or pork)**

**Tinned Vegetables (especially peas and carrots, and potatoes)**

**Tinned Fish**

**Tinned rice pudding, jam**

**Coffee, fruit juice,**

**Toilet Rolls.**

At the moment they have plenty of tea, pasta, cereal and baked beans.

**THANK YOU.**

### Our Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 12th May 2024 after the 10:30 Mass and lasting about 45 minutes. It would be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's.

If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina Garton on [admstjohns30@gmail.com](mailto:admstjohns30@gmail.com) and a copy will be emailed to you when it is available.

**Beetle Drive!**

**Saturday 18th**

**May 7-9pm in  
the Church Hall.**

**£3 per person.**

**Tea, Coffee and  
Cake.**

**Come and join  
the fun!**

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On Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 19:00 (the eve of the Lesser Festival of Julian of Norwich) at All Saints' Church, Hastings Old Town

([www.oldtownparishhastings.org.uk](http://www.oldtownparishhastings.org.uk)).

## 'Love was his meaning': a conversation about Julian of Norwich between Dr Claire Gilbert and Fr Eamonn Monson.

Claire Gilbert wrote her doctoral thesis on Julian in relation to the ecological crisis, but when she was diagnosed with myeloma, a cancer of the blood, Julian stopped being the subject of her academic study and became her spiritual companion and guide through two and a half years of gruelling treatment. Claire wrote about this in letters to friends, published as *Miles to Go Before I Sleep*. At the end of the treatment she heard a call to tell Julian's story and wrote "I, Julian", a fictional autobiography which seeks to do justice to this extraordinary woman's life.

*Dr Claire Gilbert is the founding director of the Westminster Abbey Institute. She has worked for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England as policy adviser in medical ethics and environmental issues, and is a lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral. She co-founded the St Paul's Institute in 2003. Claire is visiting fellow at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, and has been a member of numerous public and advisory bodies. Fr Eamonn Monson, SAC, is parish priest of St Mary Star-of-the-Sea Roman Catholic Church, and was a great influence on Claire's books.*

Admission free. No booking necessary. For further information contact Fr. Mat Phipps, Priest-in-Charge of St Clement and All Saints, Hastings

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