

**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Welcome to Mass  
this morning  
Palm Sunday**

**Holy Week begins**



**Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
Sunday 24th March  
2024**

**During the week:**

**Monday, Tuesday and  
Wednesday at 5.30pm:**

**Evening Prayer**

**in St Peter's Chapel;**

**Wednesday 10am**

**Said Mass -**

**in St Peter's Chapel;**

**Wednesdays at 10am**

**Online Zoom service;**\*

**Maundy Thursday 7 pm:**

**Sung Mass and vigil until**

**Midnight**

**Good Friday:**

**12noon The Stations of**

**the Cross**

**1 pm: Prayer Lunch**

**2pm: Veneration of the**

**Cross and Administration**

**of the Sacrament**

**Holy Saturday 10am –**

**noon: The Big Easter**

**Clean\*\***

**Holy Saturday at 8pm:**

**The First Mass of Easter**

**Easter Sunday:**

**10.30am Festival Mass**

**\*\*If you can come along to help make  
the church beautiful for Easter you will  
be most welcome. No need to bring  
anything except community spirit!**

**(Sign-up sheet in church helps gauge  
numbers)**

**Our prayers are asked for:** David S, Tony G; Rachel T; Karin, 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.

**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).



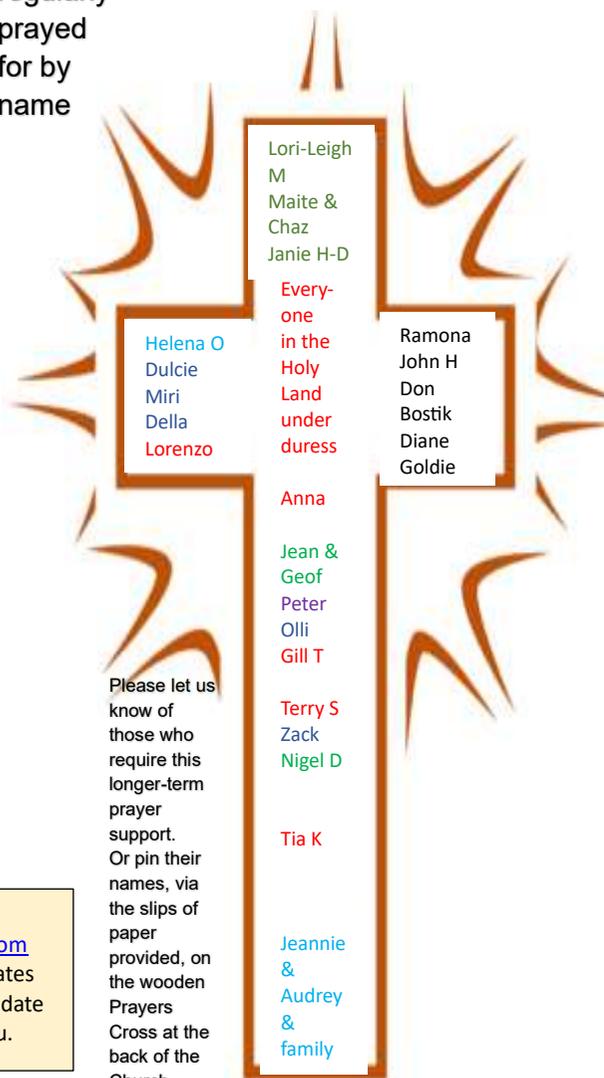
If anyone wants to ask about either of these, they can ask the Clergy, Churchwardens or Katy Harper for more details.



\*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.

**St John's  
 Prayer  
 Cross**

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.

## Liturgy of the Palms

### Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Deacon:* Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Priest* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All and also with you.*

*Priest* Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his

sufferings, we may share his risen life

*The people hold up palms while this prayer is said by the priest:*



God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

### The Palm Gospel

*Dcn* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*All Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Mark 11. 1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Procession**

*Deacon* Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*During the procession all hold palms or branches, and all sing*

**All glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One.**

**The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and  
anthems  
Before thee we present.**

**To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of  
praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.**

*St Theodulph of Orleans d. 821 Tr J M  
Neale (1818-66)*

## **The Collect**

*Priest* Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

### *Silence is kept*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 prophet Isaiah**

*Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like

a garment; the moth will eat them up.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **A Reading from the letter to the Philippians**

*Philippians 2.5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **Hymn**

**My God, I love thee; not because  
I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because  
who love thee not  
Are lost eternally.**

**Thou, O my Jesus,  
thou didst me  
Upon the Cross embrace;  
For me didst bear  
the nails and spear,**

**And manifold disgrace,**

**And griefs and torments  
numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
E'en death itself; and all for one  
who was thine enemy.**

**Then why,  
O blessed Jesu Christ,  
Should I not love thee well,  
Not for the hope  
of winning heaven,  
Or of escaping hell;**

**Not with the hope  
of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as thyself hast loved me,  
O ever-loving Lord!**

**E'en so I love thee, and will love,  
And in thy praise will sing,  
Solely because thou art my God,  
And my eternal King.**

*17<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Tr. E Caswall (1814-78)*

## **THE READING OF THE PASSION**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Priest* Once we were far off but  
now in union with Christ Jesus we  
have been brought near through  
the shedding of Christ's blood, for  
he is our 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.*

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O, who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow:  
But men made strange, and  
none  
The longed-for Christ would  
know.  
But O, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
To suffering goes,  
That he his foes  
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (1624-83)*

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

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world  
might live, let us share your death  
and passion; make us perfect in  
your love. *All Amen.*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

*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 and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks, holy Father, almighty and  
eternal God, through Jesus Christ

our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine  
outpoured may be for us the body  
and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*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.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist, Mary the mother of God and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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.*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for  
you, and his blood which he shed  
for you. Eat and drink in  
remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by  
faith with thanksgiving.

*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 -  
Stainer*

### **Hymn**

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!  
This our song shall ever be;  
For we have not hope  
nor Saviour  
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us  
Strength to serve thee  
hour by hour:  
None can move us  
from thy presence  
While we trust  
thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar  
Thou dost give us  
sweet content;  
There, dear Saviour,  
we receive thee  
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus!  
thou hast loved us,  
All for Jesus! thou hast died,  
All for Jesus! thou art with us,  
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This the Church's song shall be,  
Till at last the flock is gathered  
One in love, and one in thee.

*W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859- 1952)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **All Amen.**

**All Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and foe ever. Amen.**

## Notices

### The Blessing

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you**

*Priest* May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **All Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **All Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **All 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

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,**

**Thy humble beast  
pursues his road  
With palms and scattered  
garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumphs  
now begin  
O'er captive death  
and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The wingèd squadrons  
of the sky  
Look down with sad  
and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching  
sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife  
is nigh;  
The Father  
on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head  
to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power,  
and reign.**

*Henry Milman (1791-1868)*

### 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* Go in the peace of Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

*Organ voluntary: Overture from  
'Messiah' - G. F. Handel*

*Do stay for coffee!*



**Please remember: 29th MARCH  
FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING IN  
CHURCH IS CANCELLED AS IT IS  
GOOD FRIDAY.**



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 5.00pm**

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



All welcome

Images used would like to thank the artists to whom is credited to a picture of 7.00pm



Colin B writes: Some of you will know that I won't be in church on Sunday 24th as I will be running the Hastings Half Marathon for the 13th time for the Coastguard Association Charity. If anyone fancies speeding me on my way, you can toss some dosh into my virtual charity pot at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/1000-pounds-for-the-cga>



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## VILLAGE FORCE AFRICA

Following our first very successful Food Aid of £200 to village BH 29, we'd like to thank everyone who has supported us so far. We are sending another payment for April. We are supporting 23 vulnerable villagers with every consignment, those with either no other means of support, elderly or orphans. They have been overwhelmed that we should help them and the whole village is thankful as others no longer have to share their meagre supplies. Councillor Moyo ( who represents all 54 villages in the area) has sent this message to you. "Everyone is so excited and happy. Children have food on the table and can go to school with food in their bellies and on the table at the end of the day. To funders on behalf of the community we are so thankful and grateful. May God bless you abundantly"

Please continue to support our efforts until their government finally move themselves to save lives. We are helping the Councillor and Queen Silibaziso to set up Food banks in local Victoria Falls shops. It's a huge task as companies are nowhere near as philanthropic as ours. However, they are trying , in order to help all the villages in the area. It's a desperate situation. Our pot will remain in church on Sundays for any regular donations to help us to continue our aid or our BACS details are as follows: Name of account: Village Force Africa  
Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account number : 67312524

Thank you all again for your magnificent help. Janet, Tom, Patina, Jocelyn, Alan, Dcn Michael, Lesley Ann, Alistair, Happiness and Queen Silibaziso.



All are welcome to the Hastings Easter Festival this year at the Stade Open Space on Holy Saturday, March 30th. It will be at the earlier times of 2pm - 6pm. This is an outreach event with live music, stalls and a message. It aims to celebrate Easter within the community, and also that people can hear the message of Easter of Jesus crucified and raised for us.

We are looking for people to help with the event (e.g. stewards), and if you would like to, please get in touch, on 07479957051. There is a team briefing meeting on Sunday 24th March 7.30pm at Sunrise church on Bohemia Rd. Website: [easterfestival.net](http://easterfestival.net) FB/Instagram @hastingseasterfestival