

# St John's, Pevensey Road



**Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 31st October 2021**

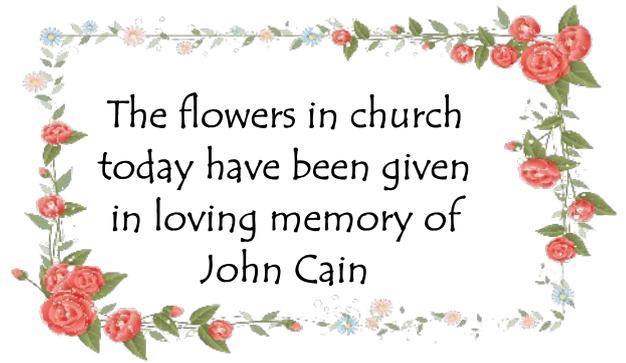
**All Saints' Sunday**



**Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m.**  
(The 10:30 service is recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day)

### **This week:**

**PCC meeting:** Monday evening.  
**Morning Prayer** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, at 9 a.m.  
**Church open for private prayer**, daily 9 - 5.  
**All Souls' Day Mass** Tuesday at 6 p.m.  
**Midweek Mass** Wednesday at 10 a.m.  
**Online "Zoom" service:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday.  
**Morning Coffee** Friday 10 - 12, in church



### **Our prayers are asked for:**

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Rob, Jenny H, Jon W, Andy, Dawn, Frances K, Alison N, Sally L, Ana, and Marie.

### **Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Michelle Rumball,

... and all who mourn.



**All Souls' Day Mass, this Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6 p.m.** Please can you give the names of those to be remembered, to Tina in the church office. The contact details are on the back page of the Pews News. Thank you.

*Fr D*



**All Saints, or All Hallows,** is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints' lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. 1,255 ancient English churches have been dedicated to All Saints – a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. – Psalm 116:15*

*The Christian Church has the resurrection written all over it. – E G Robinson*

*The Church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death. – Anon*

*The greatest saints have always shown the perfect combination of nearness to our Lord on the one hand, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness and weakness on the other. – Anon*

# Mass for All Saints' Sunday

**Introit:** *O come ye servants of the Lord (Christopher Tye)*

## Opening Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:

"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord."

Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
"Holy, holy holy," singing,  
"Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."

With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord."

*Richard Mant (1776-1848)*

## The Greeting

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!  
Let us keep the feast in honour of all  
God's saints,  
in whose victory the angels rejoice and  
glorify the Son of God.

**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.

## Prayer of Preparation

**All** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

Since we are surrounded by a  
great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight  
and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and  
faith.

*cf Hebrews 12.1*

**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.

## **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 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**

Let us pray:

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

*Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9*

The souls of the righteous are in the  
hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed  
to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be  
a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their de-  
struction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they  
were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.  
Having been disciplined a little, they  
will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found  
them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he  
accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will  
shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the  
stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over  
peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for  
ever.

Those who trust in him will understand  
truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in  
love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his  
holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## A reading from the Book of Revelation

### *Revelation 21.1-6*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

For the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

Let saints on earth in concert sing  
With those whose work is done;  
For all the servants of our King  
In heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him,  
One Church, above, beneath;  
Though now divided by the stream,  
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,  
To his command we bow:  
Part of his host hath crossed the flood,  
And part is crossing now.

E’en now to their eternal home  
There pass some spirits blest;  
While others to the margin come,  
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant Guide;  
Then, when the word is given,  
Bid Jordan’s narrow stream divide,  
And bring us safe to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88) & others*

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.  
You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God’s own people,  
called out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.

**All Alleluia.**

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.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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.

**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

*The intercessions may include the response:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father

**All Accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## The Peace *is introduced*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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, with those around us.*

## Offertory Hymn

He who would valiant be  
'gainst all disaster,  
let him in constancy  
follow the Master.

There's no discouragement  
shall make him once relent  
his first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round  
with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound -  
his strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
though he with giants fight:  
he will make good his right  
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
us with thy Spirit,  
we know we at the end  
shall life inherit.

Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what they say,  
I'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
after John Bunyan (1628-88)*

## Preparation of the Table

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

**All Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks,  
most gracious God,  
surrounded by a great cloud of  
witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your  
saints.

The glorious company of apostles  
praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets  
praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs  
praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and  
archangels,

and with all who served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,  
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.**

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**

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 sung:**

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

## **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation to 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*

**Anthem: God's goodness (Frederick Bridge)**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:*

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table,  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your  
kingdom; 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**

## Final hymn

For all the saints,  
Who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith  
Before the world confessed thy name,  
O Jesu, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress,  
And their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain  
In the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear  
Their one true light.  
Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers,  
Faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the Saints  
who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them,  
The victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks  
A yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant  
Rise in bright array:  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,  
From ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl  
Streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! *W. Walsham Howe (1823-97)*

## The Blessing and dismissal

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

May God, who kindled the fire of his love  
in the hearts of the saints,  
give you joy in their fellowship,  
and strengthen you to follow them  
in the way of holiness;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
*All Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*All In the name of Christ. Amen.*

*Concluding voluntary: Grand choeur in  
B flat major (Dubois)*

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COP26

## Bishops Ruth and Will lead prayers for COP26

As world leaders get together for the COP26 conference, our Bishops Ruth and Will are leading prayer gatherings in Horsham and Firle at dawn and dusk today, which will include interceding specifically for the aims of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow.

Bishop Will, who holds the remit for environmental issues in the diocese, said practical action was needed: *"Making a transformational change in our own lives and in the lives of our communities through individual and collective action is crucial."* For more information, and topics for prayer, please visit the diocesan website:

[chichester.anglican.org/glitter\\_news](http://chichester.anglican.org/glitter_news)

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Join us in  
**St John's Church Hall,  
Brittany Rd, for our**

# Christmas Fayre

on **Saturday 11th December**  
**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

There'll be **crafts, stalls,  
tombola, raffles, cakes,  
games, bric-a-brac,  
mulled wine, make-a-wreath,  
Coffee Shop, and more...**

**See you there!**

**Next Sunday** we restart  
Coffee after the 10:30 Mass  
- on the first and third  
Sundays of the month



Could you donate some items for our **Christmas Fayre** please? ... being held in our Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m, all being well.

We need items for the Tombola, items for the Christmas Hamper and Toiletries Hamper raffles, and eventually - cakes! Donations of cash are also welcome to help stock stalls. There's a box at the back of church to put the donations in, or money to be handed to Katy, please.

St John's has linked with the **Welcome Churches Network**, offering friendship and sometimes practical help to refugees. For more info please speak to Fr David or Clare C. Meanwhile, our Reader, Charmaine, says *"If volunteers come across refugees who are struggling with English, then they might want to direct them to the free lessons as per the poster [below]. I shall be the tutor for the course but the contact details for the organiser are on the poster. There will be an assessment process to determine the level of English that potential students have."*

To coincide with COP 26, there will be two weeks of free exhibitions, talks and workshops at Depot Studio, Lewes (off the station car park) from 1-12 November. Topics include climate justice, housing, consumption, food, nature, transport, and home energy. More info from [lewesdepot.org/climateactionfestival/climate-hub](http://lewesdepot.org/climateactionfestival/climate-hub)

FM

White poppies will be available at the back of church from today, for a donation to the Peace Pledge Union. Money can be put in the small envelopes provided and placed in the regular donation box please.

FM



## ESOL Everyday English

### FREE 7-week course in Everyday English

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November  
- to -  
Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December

10:00am to 12:00pm

#### Venue

Chapel Park Community Centre  
next to St Leonards Baptist Church  
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This course is for learners with little spoken or written English and will cover useful words and phrases for everyday life.

Students will work on speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through the use of discussions, presentations and role play.

The course will help to build confidence in everyday situations and offers a chance to meet others in a welcoming environment



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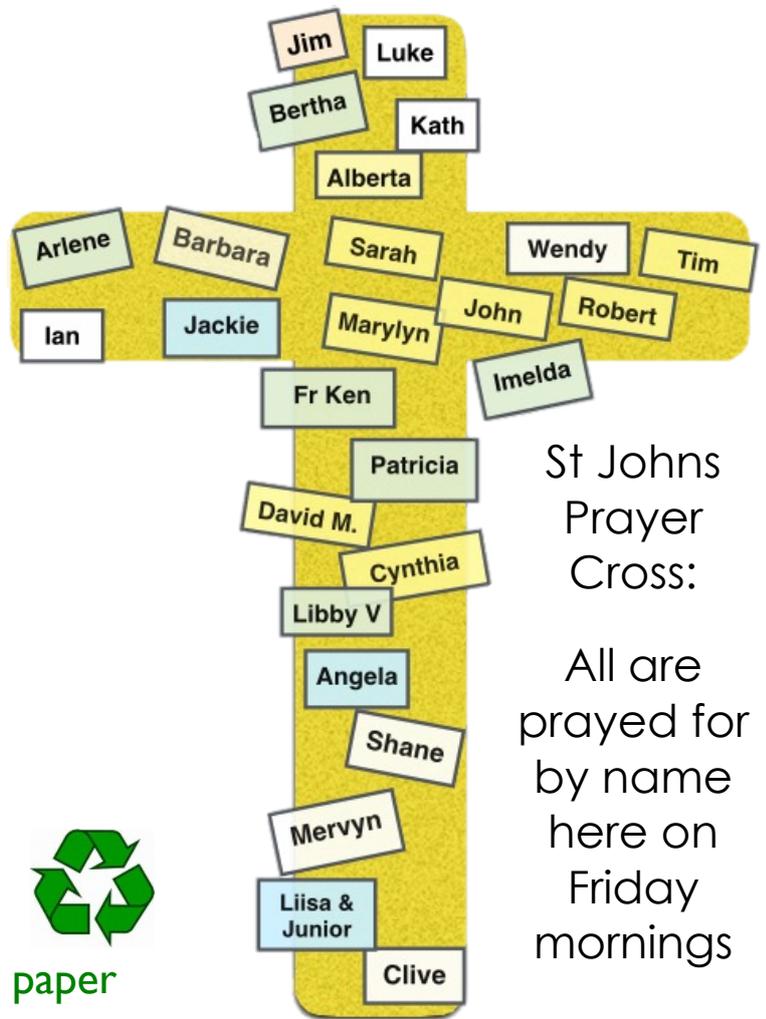
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All are  
prayed for  
by name  
here on  
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