

St John's, Pevensy Road



Pews News
& Service Sheet
for Sunday 14th
November 2021



The 2nd Sunday before Advent:
Remembrance 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:

Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, at 9 a.m.

Church open for private prayer, daily 9 - 5.

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:

Geraldine, Amber, Andrew N, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Jenny H, Alison N, 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 Frank Fentiman,
Jenny Burge, Rhodesia, and Peter Clarke,

... and all who mourn.

Support for our forthcoming Christmas Fayre would be much appreciated! There's a box at the back of church for donations of items for the Tombola, Christmas Hamper Raffle, and Toiletries Hamper Raffle. Many thanks! Have a chat with Katy if you'd like to help generally.

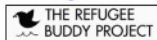
Here next Sunday . . .

Schubert and Brahms "Sunday Afternoon Feast"



Featuring:
a Schubert String Trio,
Brahms Clarinet Quintet

**...A CHARITY CONCERT in aid of Saint
John's Church, and the Hastings
Refugee Buddy Project**



Sunday 21st November, 2 p.m.

Tickets available at Eventbrite.co.uk under
"Schubert & Brahms Afternoon Charity Concert"

To give a donation electronically,
please visit bit.ly/martin70



Would you like to join the Choir?

New members would be very welcome.
If you are interested, please have a word
with Richard our organist

Starting soon...

Godly Play

For children aged from 5 - 15

Here at St John's

Monthly, starting on Sunday 5th

December, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Marion to book a place:

godlyplayonsea@yahoo.com

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to
pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

The Parish Mass for Remembrance Sunday

Introit: The Souls of the Righteous (Marchant)

We stand for the Opening Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.

The Greeting

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

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

Priest Let us confess to God the sins
and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and
establish that peace
which God wills for all his children.

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest 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

Priest Let us pray:
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of Daniel

Daniel 12.1-3

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall

shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Heb.10.11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

We stand for our **Gradual Hymn**

Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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

Mark 13.1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We stand for 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.

Act of Remembrance

The priest takes a poppy wreath to our War Memorial Porch

Priest: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

All We will remember them.

Here follows The Last Post, The Silence, the Reveille

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for all who suffer
as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to
God;
may God give peace.

All May God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in
life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

All May God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.

All May God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or
terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

All May God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure
and free;
may God give peace.

All May God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege
of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

All May God give peace.

The Peace *is introduced*

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

W. Whiting (1825-78)

Preparation of the Table

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

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
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, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,

gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice
in your creation
we glorify your 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.**

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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 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.

We sit as the 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.**

*The priest partakes of the consecrated
bread - and wine on behalf of us all - to
which we respond Amen.*

*Communion is then distributed,
"in one kind" - The Body of Christ*

Communion anthem:
Thou knowest, Lord (Purcell)

Communion Hymn

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;

her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

We stand for the Act of Commitment

Priest Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage and
comfort others,
and support those working for the relief
of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of
the nations.

**All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you
and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always.
Amen.**

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The priest says The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

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

**Concluding voluntary: Dam Busters
March (Eric Coates)**



*'In Flanders' fields the poppies
blow between the crosses, row on
row, that mark our place: and in the
sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.'*

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war. But why do we remember?

*'They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation
will not take up sword against nation, nor will
they train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3).
Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke
at the time when Samaria fell due to the
aggression of Assyria. However, he
prophesied a future of hope, a world where
nations come together in peace rather than
war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of
God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of peace is more than
simply the absence of conflict. It is about
building relationships between people,
communities and nations, founded on love
and justice for all. As we remember those
who died in war, we should look practically
at how we can build such relationships,
beginning with our own families, colleagues
and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of
the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah
4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people
of peace, justice and compassion for today's
world.

Canon Paul Hardingham

Fiona has reminded us of this quotation
from Saint Martin of Tours:

"I am a soldier of Christ; I cannot fight."

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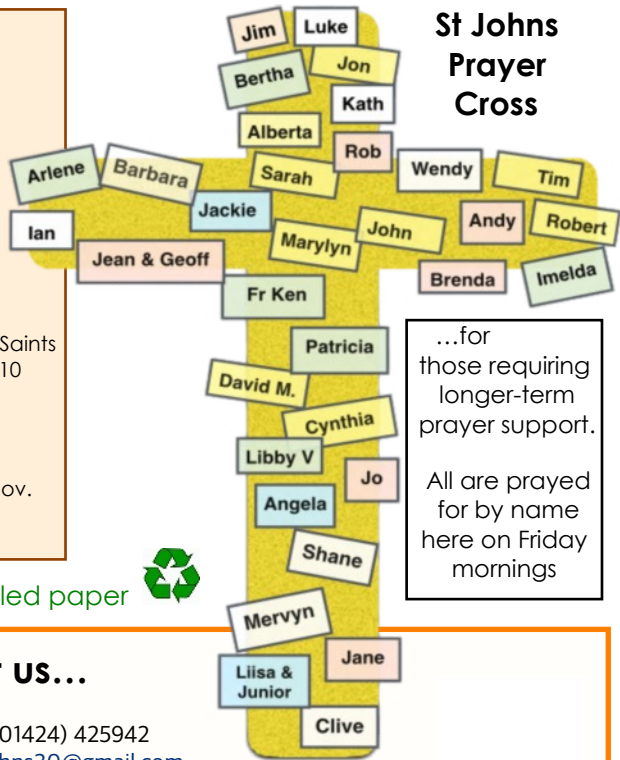
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...for
those requiring
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All are prayed
for by name
here on Friday
mornings

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