

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Festival of Christ the King**



## Welcome to today's Mass at St John's

### This week:

**Morning Prayer**, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, in Saint Peter's Chapel. Friday in Church.

**Church open weekdays**, where possible.

**Midweek Mass:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizer for a "link" to join in

**Morning Coffee:** Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church



### Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, Jon W, Ted G, Jude, Jamie F, Helena, Cynthia, Andrew, Andrea T, Fr David F, John T, Betty, Joseph, Holly H, and Andy.

### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the departed,  
especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Joseph Quarty-Cofie,  
Maggie, Jean Young, and Reginald Wartemberg,  
...and all who mourn.

It has been suggested that on **Advent Sunday**, the start of the new Church year, we refresh and renew the lists of names of those for whom our prayers have been asked. So could anyone who wishes a name to remain on the above acute prayer list, or the Prayer Cross, please let the clergy know by Advent Sunday. Thank you. CC/Fr D

### Preparations are in full swing for the Saint John's Christmas Fayre, Saturday December 10th, 10.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

There is a box at the back of church for donations for the Tom Bola (bottles), Toiletries and Gifts, Puzzles and toys. *No bric-a-brac, thank you.*

It's also been suggested that people could donate a jam jar with something in it, such as sweets, pencils, stationery or anything small that doesn't cost much.

Also, any offers of help will be gratefully received - please see *Katy H.*



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

*Introit: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace (Tye)*

## Opening Hymn

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of  
days,  
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with  
praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy  
space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-  
clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the  
storm.,

This earth, with its store of wonders  
untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old:  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless  
decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the  
sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can  
recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to  
the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the  
rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the  
end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and  
Friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above!  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their  
lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy  
praise!

*Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

## Welcoming of the people

*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

*Dcn* Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to  
Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*All* Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through  
weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

### ***The Priest says the Absolution***

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

**All Amen.**

### ***The Gloria in Excelsis is sung:***

**All 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**

***The Priest introduces the Collect  
with the words 'Let us pray'***

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**All Amen.**

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**

*Jeremiah 23.1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians**

*Colossians 1.11-20*

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to

the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

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

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given:  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)*

### **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 Luke  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### *Luke 23.33-43*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers

also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

## **Sermon**

## **The Creed**

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

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

United in the company of all the faithful  
and looking for the coming of the  
kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God,  
the source of all life and holiness.

*These responses may be used*

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**

**Priest** To crown all things there must be  
love,  
to bind all together and complete the  
whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our  
hearts.

**Priest** The peace of the Lord be always  
with you  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*During which the table is prepared  
and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:

fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne - the Infinite!  
who lives - and loves - and saves.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-94)*

## **Prayer at the 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 Priest takes the bread and wine.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your  
only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all  
creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all  
upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this  
perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your  
creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite  
majesty

a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join in their unending hymn of  
praise:

**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.**

**Priest** 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 Agnus Dei is sung:**

**All** **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: King of Glory, King of Peace*  
*(J.S. Bach)*

### **Communion Hymn**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture -  
in the body and the blood -  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia! Lord most high!

*Liturgy of St James tr. Gerard  
Moultrie (1829-85)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Priest** Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the  
fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
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**

#### **The Blessing**

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

Christ our King make you faithful and  
strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
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**

Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
*Lift up your heart,*  
*Lift up your voice!*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
*Lift up your heart...*

Seen in the church garden this week...



The fungus *Ramaria stricta*, "Straight-branched Coral"



A bedraggled Red Admiral butterfly, laying its eggs.

Thanks to Sally, Libby & Mary for these items

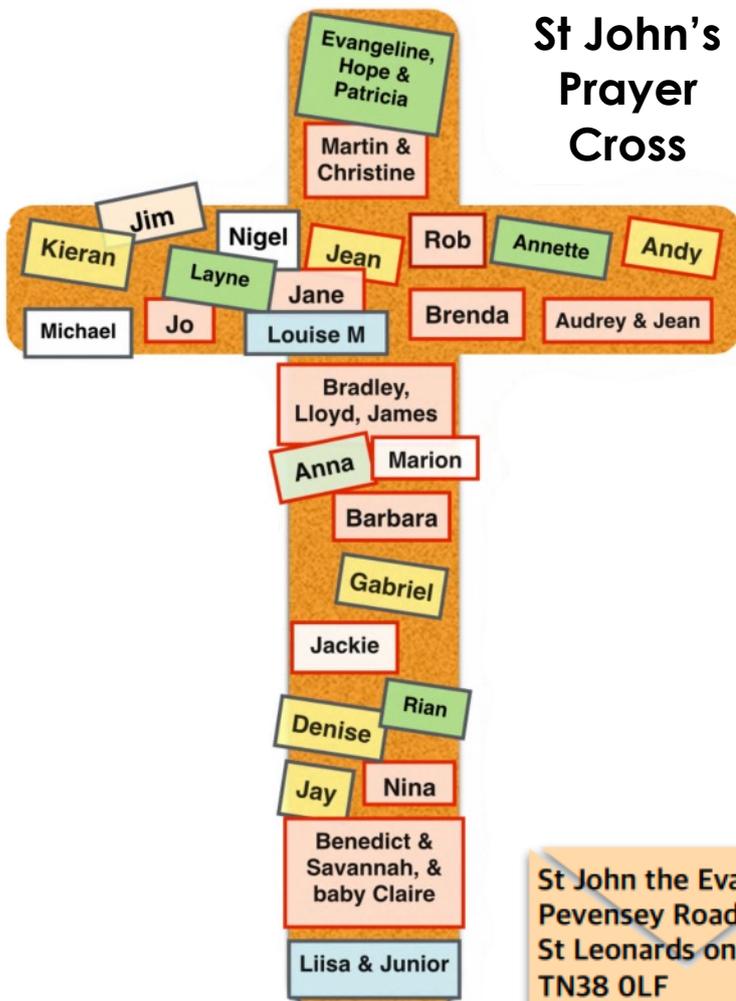
**His Place** is hosting a **Victorian Christmas**, with free entry (donations welcome). This will include several different acts, including a comedy Christmas sketch featuring SHADES, highlighting the real meaning of Christmas. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2.30 and 7 p.m. Suitable for all the family. See Charmaine or the poster in the porch. CH

Thank you for supporting the local Foodbank, via our collection bin at the back of church, especially in these challenging times. They particularly need UHT milk, tinned fruit, veg and meats (except corned beef or pork), and tinned spaghetti in sauce. Toiletries etc also welcomed.



Don't forget that if you do your online shopping via the "Easyfundraising" website/app, you can raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!

## St John's Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays

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 Prayer Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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