

# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 22nd May 2022

**6th Sunday of Easter**



**Welcome to today's Mass at St John's.**

**This week:**

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

**Church open for private prayer**, where possible.

**Midweek Mass:** Weds at 10 a.m, St Peter's Chapel

**Online "Zoom" service:** Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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



**Drop in for Morning Coffee**

... and to spend some time in this beautiful church

**Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00**

**Our prayers are asked for:**

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Pat P, David D, Denise H, Mike, Jean & Geoff, and Pat.

**Please pray also for...**

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Rachel Weller, and those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Robin Allcorn, Marjorie Fibbens, and Simon Counsell, ... and all who mourn.

Please note that this week's deadline for Pews News items is slightly earlier than usual - Wednesday at 9 p.m. Thank you!  
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**A Memorial Service for Margaret Ross** will be held here at St John's on what would have been her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at 11:30 a.m.

Thanks to all who took part in, and supported, yesterday's Spring Fair.



... do you shop online? Enter online shopping sites via the "Easyfundraising" website/app, and you may be able to raise donations for St John's, at no extra cost to yourself!



We are holding an outdoor **Service to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m. It will be held in the Church grounds on the Pevensey Road side of the building, by the foundation stone which was laid by the then Princess Elizabeth in 1951. Followed by strawberries & cream and Prosecco in the Rectory garden.

*Introit: God be in my head (Rutter)*

## Opening Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Sion's children know.  
*John Newton (1725-1807)*

## 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.

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## 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

Christ our passover lamb has been  
sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting  
away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

*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***

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your  
sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life  
in Christ our Lord.

***All Amen.***

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

***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'***

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

***All Amen.***

**A reading from Acts of the  
Apostles**

*Acts 16.9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision:  
there stood a man of Macedonia  
pleading with him and saying,  
'Come over to Macedonia and help  
us.' When he had seen the vision,  
we immediately tried to cross over  
to Macedonia, being convinced that  
God had called us to proclaim the  
good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a  
straight course to Samothrace, the  
following day to Neapolis, and from  
there to Philippi, which is a leading  
city of the district of Macedonia and  
a Roman colony. We remained in  
this city for some days. On the sab-  
bath day we went outside the gate  
by the river, where we supposed  
there was a place of prayer; and we  
sat down and spoke to the women  
who had gathered there. A certain  
woman named Lydia, a worshipper  
of God, was listening to us; she was

from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from the book of Revelation**

*Revelation 21.10,22-22.5*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of

the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his  
wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the first and the last,  
says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold  
I am alive for evermore.

**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.**

*John 5.1-9*

After this there was a festival of the  
Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusa-  
lem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep  
Gate there is a pool, called in  
Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five  
porticoes. In these lay many  
invalids - blind, lame, and  
paralysed. One man was there who  
had been ill for thirty-eight years.  
When Jesus saw him lying there and  
knew that he had been there a long  
time, he said to him, 'Do you want to

be made well?' The sick man  
answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to  
put me into the pool when the water is  
stirred up; and while I am making my  
way, someone else steps down ahead  
of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up,  
take your mat and walk.' At once the  
man was made well, and he took up  
his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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, always  
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**

In joy and hope let us pray to the  
Father.

*The following response 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**

The risen Christ came and stood  
among his disciples and said  
“Peace be with you!”  
Then were they glad when they saw  
the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be  
with you  
**All** and also with you. Alleluia!

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.*

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
*Lord of all...*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
*Lord of all...*

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
*Lord of all...*

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
*Lord of all...*

For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love:  
*Lord of all...*

*F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Blessed are you,  
Lord God of all creation.  
In your loving care  
you spread before us the table of life  
and give us the cup of salvation to  
drink.

Keep us always in the fold of our  
Saviour and our Shepherd,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*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,  
always and everywhere to give you  
thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death  
and hell  
and restored in men and women the  
image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in  
paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life  
eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with  
gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the  
powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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**

*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 president says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is  
sacrificed for us.

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

*Communion is received.*

*Anthem: O Saviour of the world  
(Goss)*

## **Hymn**

Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

*David J. Evans*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the  
water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

**All** Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup

**bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you  
have set before us,  
so we and all your children  
shall be free,  
and the whole earth live  
to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal  
covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work  
to do his will,  
working in you that which is  
well-pleasing in his sight;  
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**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **Dismissal**

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Go in the the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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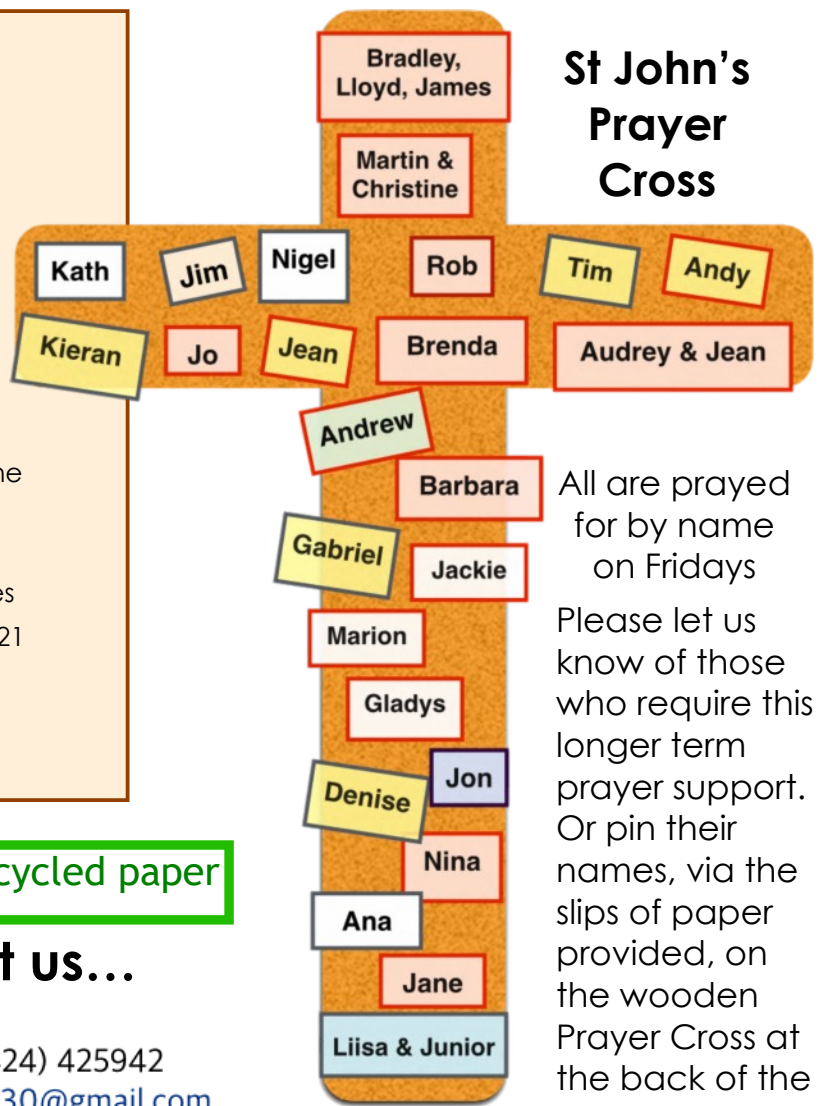
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for by name  
on Fridays

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