



# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 17th April 2022

**Easter Day** 

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

## The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

#### This week:

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday Church open for private prayer, where possible. Midweek Mass: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: Wednesday at 10 a.m. Morning Coffee: Friday 10 - 12 noon in Church



#### Our prayers are asked for:

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

#### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Murray, and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Claire Conely, Olive Bennett, Kiran, Deborah and Doug,

... and all who mourn.

On Easter Day the lilies bloom,
Triumphant, risen from their tomb;
Their bulbs have undergone rebirth,
Born from the silence of the earth
Symbolically, to tell all women and men
That Christ, the Saviour, lives again.
The angels, pure and white as they,
Have come and rolled the stone away
And with the lifting of the stone,
The shadow of the Cross is gone!

Our friend Murray
MacDonald's funeral will
take place here at Saint
John's this Tuesday,
19th April, at 11:00 a.m.
Everyone is very welcome,
and we will have
refreshments in church
after the service.



You are welcome to stay for coffee following the 10:30 Mass this morning. More volunteers are needed to help provide coffee, so we can offer it every Sunday. Please see Katy if you can help. Thank you!

## **Mass for Easter Day**

Introit: Gloria (Vivaldi)

## **Opening Hymn**

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection-light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own 'All hail', and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, and earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Greek, St John of Damascus (c.750) tr. J.M.Neale (1816-66)

## 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**

Dcn 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 Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, 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 of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

## A reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears

him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

## A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority

and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For the Word of the Lord All Thanks be to God

## Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! Lyra Davidica 1708

## Gospel Reading

Dcn 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

Dcn The Lord be with you All And also with you Dcn Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,

the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head. not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the

look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not

yet ascended to the Father. But go to

my brothers and say to them,

tomb. As she wept, she bent over to

"I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

#### The Creed

**Deacon** 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**

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...

We pray to the Father.

## All Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...

we pray to the Father.

## All Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ...

we pray to the Father.

## All Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter ...

we pray to the Father.

## All Hear our prayer.

That by his power, war and famine may cease through all the world ... we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying,

to comfort and strengthen them ... we pray to the Father.

## All Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection

may be raised on the last day ... we pray to the Father.

#### All Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

## All Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,

so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## The Peace is introduced

**Deacon** 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!

## Priest Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All and also with you. Alleluia!

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words:

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

#### **Offertory Hymn**

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

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluia!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee.

Alleluia! Latin 17th century tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

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

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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, 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:

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.

## 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;

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.

## 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. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.

Anthem: Sound ye trumpets (J. Clarke)

#### Hymn

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never He would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again...

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again...

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again...J.M.C.Crum (1872-1958)

## **Prayer after Communion**

The priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: *Thine be the glory...* 

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Thine be the glory...

French, Edmund Budry (1854-1932)

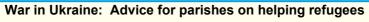
tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

#### Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you All And also with you

Dcn Go in the the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ voluntary: Toccata from Symphony no.5 (Widor)



The Church of England has published a 'toolkit' of resources for parishes seeking to help refugees and evacuees from Ukraine.

The material, available at <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/war-ukraine-responding">https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/war-ukraine-responding</a> brings together advice on how churches can welcome people arriving from Ukraine through giving, longer-term practical support such as community sponsorship, prayer and advocacy.

In a foreword to the toolkit, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York say that the Church calls on "all people of goodwill to join in prayer for the people of Ukraine and to work practically to support them in their hour of need…"

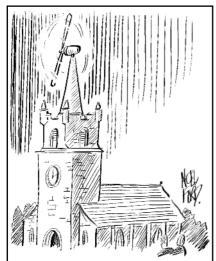
I've been informed that the Terracycle crisp bag recycling scheme is being discontinued, so I will no longer have a dedicated hub to which to take our green box contents. However, most of the major supermarkets are now participating in collecting soft plastics, including bread and crisp packets, so please do continue recycling. Thank you! *Rosemary* 

#### Our Annual Meetings

The annual meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 8th May after the 10.30 Mass and will last about 45 minutes. Nomination forms for the PCC and Deanery Synod will be available in Church.

It will be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's. If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina on admstjohns30@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you when it is available.

## On a lighter note...



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!

## Longest overdue library book has been returned - 313 years late

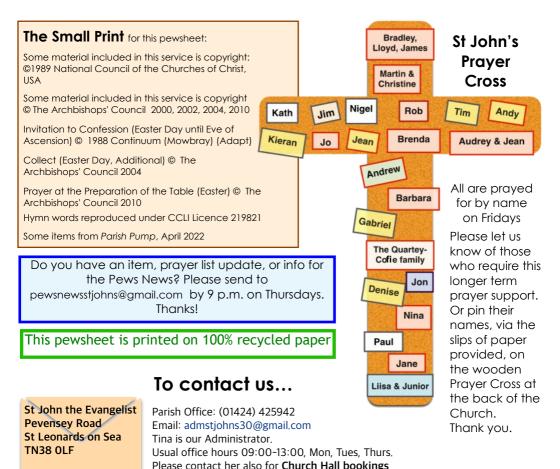
If you have ever been late in returning a library book, take heart: a 1704 copy of *The Faith and Practice of a Church of England Man* was recently handed back to Sheffield Cathedral, by the family of a lady who had passed away.

A handwritten inscription inside reads: "This Book belongs to ye Lending Library in Sheffield Church 1709." It left the library just over 300 years ago.

Sheffield Cathedral's Reverend Canon Keith Farrow said: "Now it's come back home. It's a joy to have this little jewel back in the cathedral."

With overdue fines of 50p a day, librarians could have charged the family more than £54,000 for the book — which itself is worth about £300.

The Canon joked: "We might have got a new roof or something. But I did promise I wouldn't charge them."



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