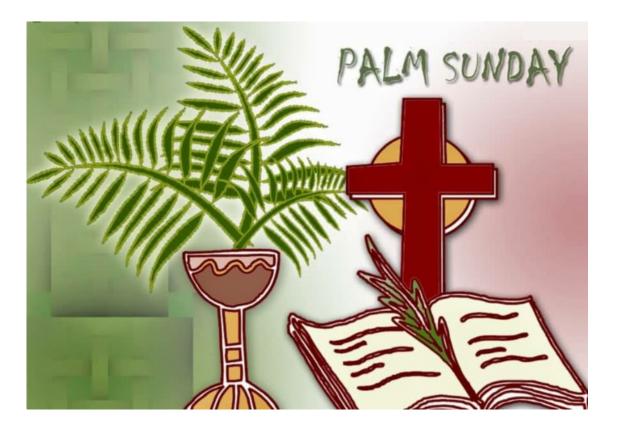




St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's. This is Holy Week:

Monday of Holy Week, 11th April: 5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

Tuesday of Holy Week, <u>12th</u> April: 5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

Wednesday of Holy Week, <u>13th</u> April: 10 a.m. - Said Mass. 5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

Maundy Thursday, 14th April: 7:00 p.m. Sung Mass.

Good Friday, 15th April: 12 noon - Stations of the Cross. 1 p.m. - Silent Prayer. 2 p.m. - The Last Hour with Veneration of the Cross and Administration of the Sacrament.

Holy Saturday, 16th April: 8:00 p.m. - The First Mass of Easter.

Easter Day, <u>17th</u> April: 8 a.m. Said Mass. 10:30 a.m. Parish Mass.

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 Megan Traice,

Please note there's no Friday Coffee in church this week, as it's Good Friday

LAST CALL for purchasing **Easter** Lilies in memory of loved ones: forms are available at the back of church.

Next Saturday the Big Clean returns! We would be very grateful if you could come along between 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and give a helping hand to get St John's into a pristine condition for Easter Sunday. Please pop by for some serious cleaning (it has been nearly two years after all), some tasty treats and some community spirit! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church to give a rough idea of numbers, but the more the merrier! *Gabby, Sacristan*

Opening Hymn

All glory, laud, and honour, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. *All glory, laud and honour...*

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and mortal men and all things created make reply. *All glory, laud and honour...* The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *All glory, laud and honour...*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *All glory, laud and honour...*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *All glory, laud and honour... St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821) tr.J.M Neale (1818-66)*

The Greeting

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you *All* **And also with you.**

Introduction

The Priest introduces the celebration

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The Priest blesses the palm crosses, saying this dedication prayer:

God our Saviour,

whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;

let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King,

and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *All* **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *All* Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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

The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. *All* **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the Cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;

And griefs and torments numberless, and sweat of agony; e'en death itself, and all for one, who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the sake of winning heaven, Or of escaping hell.

Not with the hope of gaining aught, nor seeking a reward, but as Thyself hast lovèd me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing, solely because thou art my God and my eternal King!

17th century Latin tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

The Passion Reading

Dcn Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Dcn The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 22.14-23.56

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

He said to them, 'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?' They said, 'No, not a thing.' He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.' They said, 'Lord, look, here are two swords.' He replied, 'It is enough.'

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.' Then they said, 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,

let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy. For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mercy.

All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

The Peace is introduced

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

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

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torment doth the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies, but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

Oft as it is sprinkled On our guilty hearts, Satan in confusion Terror-struck departs.

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, Hell with terror trembles, Heaven is filled with joy...

Lift ye, then, your voices, swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the precious Blood! *Italian, (author unknown) tr Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

Preparation of the Table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. *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 and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and

archangels, 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: *A*// **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 St John the Evangelist, St 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

Standing at the foot of the cross, 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 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.

Holy Communion is distributed

Anthem: God so loved the world (Stainer)

Communion Hymn

All for Jesus--all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus--thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour, none can move us from thy presence, while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus--at thine altar thou dost give us sweet content; there, dear Saviour, we receive thee in thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus--thou hast loved us; all for Jesus--thou hast died; all for Jesus--thou art with us; all for Jesus, glorified. All for Jesus--all for Jesus-this the Church's song shall be; till, at last, the flock is gathered one in love and one in thee. *W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)*

Prayer after Communion

The Priest prays the Post Communion for the day:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. *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.

Final hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry. Thy humble beast pursues his road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! thy last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign. *Henry Milman (1791-1868)*

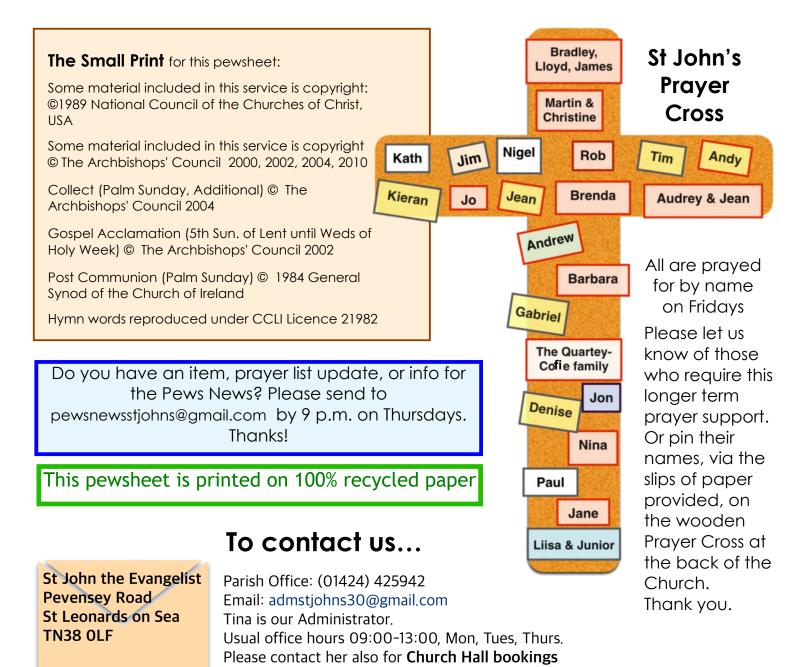
The Blessing & Dismissal

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All* **Amen.**

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the LordAll In the name of Christ. Amen.

Concluding voluntary: Grand March from "Aida" (G. Verdi)

Notices



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