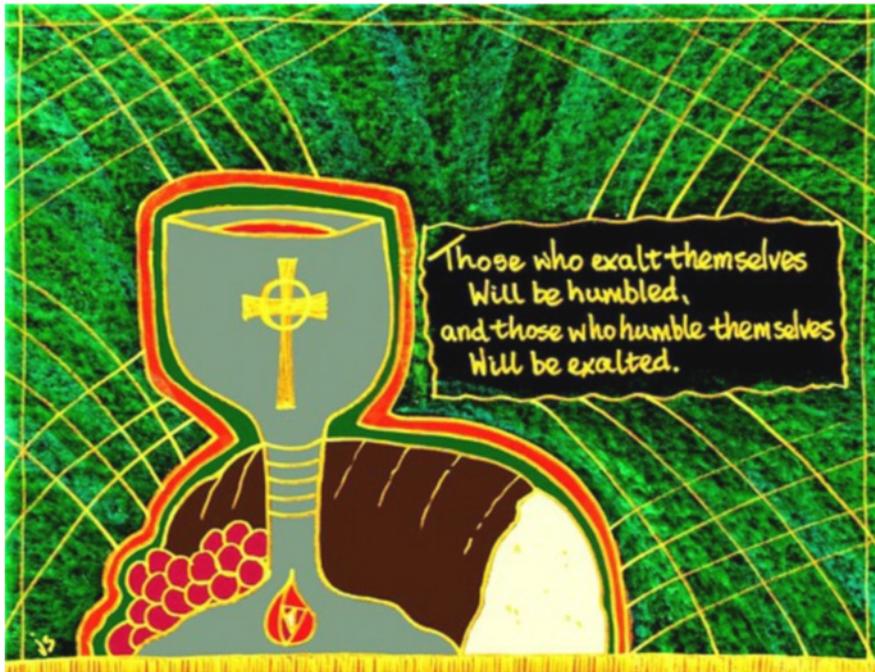


# St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet  
for Sunday 28th August 2022

**11th Sunday after Trinity**



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

### This week:

**Morning Prayer**, 9 a.m. Friday in Church.

**Church open weekdays**, if possible.

**Please note: NO Midweek Mass**

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

Please contact the church administrator on admstjohns30@gmail.com, to put you in touch with the organizers for a "link" to join in

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

Today's flowers in church...



### Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Alison N, Pat P, David D, Denise H, Jean & Geoff, Anne C, Pat, Jon W, Einar, and Ted G.

### Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Evelyn,

...those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially John Cain and Les Gordon,

...and all who mourn.

## The SUNDAY 8 a.m. Mass will restart next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September

Would you be interested in joining the rota for doing a **Bible reading and/or leading the Intercessions** at the 10:30 Sunday service? Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. An induction session for these tasks will be held in church in due course. Thank you! LC

### New home groups starting.

At St John's we are planning a number of small groups to meet regularly in homes around the parish and beyond. Perhaps groups of 6-8 people who you can get to know and hopefully feel able to ask those questions that you wouldn't ask in church.

Suggestions so far have included a bible study group meeting in the evening, a book group meeting once a month, a Christian Basics group, a zoom group for those not able to go out and a group meeting in Bexhill.

We will need hosts to simply provide somewhere to meet with no obligation to organise things. Any costs for teas or coffees would be reimbursed. A number of people have offered to lead/coordinate groups but more would be welcome.

How to find out more:

**On Saturday morning 3rd September** there will be a coffee morning at the church from 10-12. We can find out who is interested in which group and answer questions about how they will work. Please put that date in your diary and in the meantime speak to Fr David, Deacon Mike or myself. *Mike C, Churchwarden*

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

*Introit: O Lord my God to thee  
(Arcadelt)*

## Opening Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*William Kethe (d. 1594)*

## Welcoming of the people

*Bishop* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* Amen.

*Bishop* 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* God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins  
in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*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 Bishop 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 Bishop introduces the Collect  
with the words 'Let us pray'*

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your  
kingdom,

and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**All Amen.**

### **A reading from Ecclesiasticus [Sirach]**

*Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18*

The beginning of human pride is to forsake  
the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out  
abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them  
unheard-of calamities,  
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the  
nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of  
the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys  
them,  
and erases the memory of them from the  
earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

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

## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

*Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

For the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
And companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the nighttime of your fear,  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
'till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*Richard A M Gillard (b 1953)*

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father  
except through me.

**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 14:1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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**

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

*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**

*Bishop* Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

*Bishop* 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.*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

*Jan Struther (1901-53)*

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given  
for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring  
before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in  
your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your  
glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every  
land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with Saint John the  
Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother  
of God, and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth  
and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in  
songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory  
and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

*Bishop* 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 Bishop 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: God is a Spirit*  
*(Sterndale Bennett)*

## Communion Hymn

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's  
tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to  
thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so  
dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their reward  
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our  
best,  
by this prevailing presence we appeal:  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true  
weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them white  
and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to  
persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us  
still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and  
free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

*William Bright (1824-1901)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Bishop* Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated  
that one true sacrifice

which takes away our sins and brings  
pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the  
gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
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

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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

Jesus put this song into our hearts  
Jesus put this song into our hearts  
It's a song of joy no one can take away  
Jesus put this song into our hearts

Jesus taught us how to live in harmony  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony  
Different faces, different races, He made  
us one  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony

Jesus taught us how to be a family  
Jesus taught us how to be a family  
Loving one another with the love that  
He gives  
Jesus taught us how to be a family

Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing  
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers  
of joy

Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance

*Graham Kendrick © 1986 Thankyou Music*

Many thanks to all who sponsored my July **South Downs walk** over the Seven Sisters and back. The total raised came to £137, which has been sent to Freedom from Torture to help pay for therapy sessions for survivors experiencing trauma. *Fiona*

The **LGBT+ group** will be meeting on Saturday 3rd September at 3 p.m, for a discussion of the chosen topic followed by tea and cake. Venue to be confirmed. Further details from Mike and Clare C

## Dismissal

*Bishop* The Lord be with you

*All* And also with you

*All* May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

*Bishop* May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace...

*All* and rise in glory. Amen.

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Coronation March from Le Prophete (G. Meyerbeer)**



Please stay for coffee after today's Parish Mass.

Thanks to one of our PN readers for sending in these humorous lines from other church notice sheets...

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

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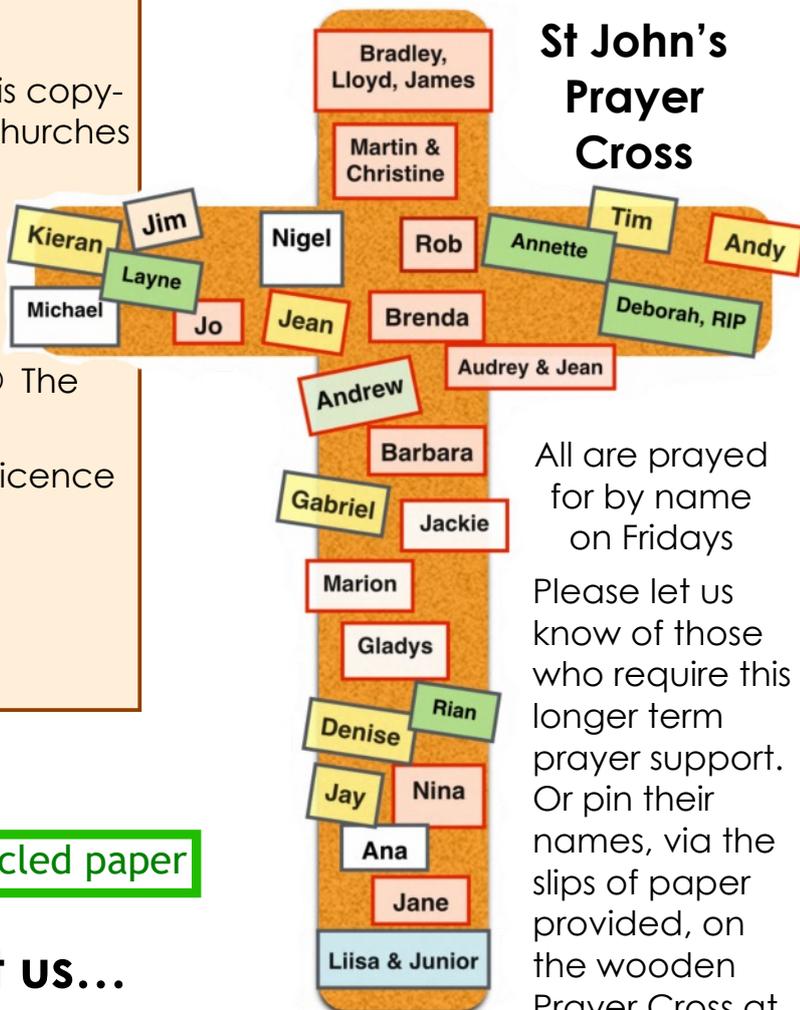
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## St John's Prayer Cross



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.