

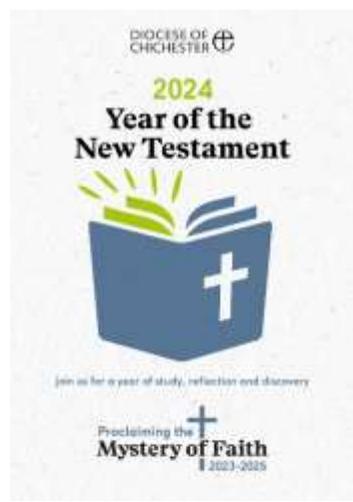


**St John's  
Pevensey Road  
Pews News and  
Service Sheet for  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
2024**



**Welcome to Mass  
this morning  
2nd Sunday  
before Lent**

During the week:  
**Wednesday 10am**  
Midweek Mass -  
**in St Peter's Chapel**  
Online Zoom service\*:  
**Wednesdays at 10am**  
Morning Coffee/Warm  
Space: **Fridays**  
**10 – 12 noon in Church**



**Drop in for  
Morning  
Coffee**



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

\*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing [pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com)  
Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet asap. (Print date is dependent on Tina's working days) Thank you.

**Our prayers are asked for:** David S, Tony G; Rachel T; Ken and Shirley K  
**Please pray also for** the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Beverley C ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

**St John's  
 Prayer  
 Cross**



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

All are regularly prayed for by name



**RACIAL EQUALITY WEEK SERVICES 2024**

**At St Peter's Brighton:**

4<sup>th</sup> February Sunday, 6.30 pm

**At St Mary's Broadwater:**

11<sup>th</sup> February Sunday, 10 am

**At Worth Parish Crawley**

11<sup>th</sup> February Sunday, 6 pm

**Addressing the social injustice of racism is a vital way churches can work together to ensure the flourishing of all.** In the Diocese of Chichester, the Racial Justice Task Force is committed to working together on the journey of seeking racial justice – both within the church and in wider society.

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**Introit:** *God so loved the world -  
Goss*

### **Opening Hymn**

All creatures of our God  
and King,  
Lift up your voice  
and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun  
with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon  
with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

Thou rushing wind  
that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail  
in heaven along,  
O praise him! Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn,  
in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening,  
find a voice: *[Refrain]*

Thou flowing water,  
pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful  
and bright,  
That givest us both warmth  
and light: *[Refrain]*

Dear mother earth,  
who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits  
that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
*[Refrain]*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him  
in humbleness,

**O praise him! Alleluya!**  
**Praise, praise the Father,**  
**praise the Son,**  
**And praise the Spirit,**  
**three in One: *[Refrain]***

*St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr W  
Draper (1855-1933)*

### **The 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.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Deacon* Our Lord Jesus Christ  
says, `A new commandment I give  
you, that you love one another as I  
have loved you.` Let us confess to  
almighty God our failure to accept  
his love and to share it with others.

*Silence is kept*

**Dcn** Lord Jesus, you came to  
reconcile us to one another and to  
the Father: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Dcn** Lord Jesus, you heal the  
wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

**Dcn** Lord Jesus, you intercede for  
us with your Father: Lord, have  
mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest* 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**

**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**

**Priest** Almighty God, give us  
reverence for all creation and  
respect for every person, that we  
may mirror your likeness in Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word all sit**

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

*Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call, and does  
not understanding raise her voice?  
it....

<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the  
beginning of his work, the first of  
his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first,  
before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was  
brought forth, when there were no  
springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been  
shaped, before the hills, I was  
brought forth--  
when he had not yet made earth  
and fields, or the world's first bits of  
soil. When he established the  
heavens, I was there, when he  
drew a circle on the face of the  
deep, when he made firm the skies  
above, when he established the  
fountains of the deep, when he  
assigned to the sea its limit, so that  
the waters might not transgress his  
command, when he marked out  
the foundations of the earth, then I  
was beside him, like a master  
worker; and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world and  
delighting in the human race.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **A Reading from the letter to the Colossians**

*Colossians 1.15-20*

He is the image of the invisible  
God, the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things in heaven and  
on earth were created, things  
visible and invisible, whether  
thrones or dominions or rulers or  
powers-- all things have been  
created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things, and  
in him all things hold together. He  
is the head of the body, the

church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand  
are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that  
died,' they cry,  
'To be exalted thus;'  
'Worthy the Lamb,'  
our lips reply,  
'For He was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and power divine;  
And blessings  
more than we can give  
be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.**

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

**Gospel Reading** *When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed

among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

**All Alleluia.**

**Deacon** 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 1. 1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

*Deacon* Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All** Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him  
on high, and given him the name  
above every name: that at the  
name of Jesus every knee  
should bow, and every voice  
proclaim that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession** -led by  
*the intercessor in their own words*  
or.....

Blessed are you, eternal God,  
to be praised and glorified for  
ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy  
catholic Church: **make us all one,**  
that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the  
Church may truly and humbly  
serve you: **that the life of Christ**  
**may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in  
Christ's name: **give them courage**  
to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold  
authority in the nations of the  
world: **guide them in the ways of**  
**justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our  
community: **help us to share**  
**each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes  
and families: **grant that your love**  
**may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all  
who suffer from sickness, grief or  
trouble: **in your presence may**  
**they find their strength.** We  
remember those who have died:  
**Father, into your hands we**  
**commend them.** We praise you  
for all your saints who have  
entered your eternal glory: **bring**  
**us all to share in your heavenly**  
**kingdom.**

Lord of the Church, **hear our**  
**prayer, and make us one in heart**  
**and mind to serve you with joy**  
**for ever. Amen.**

### The Peace

*Priest* Let the peace of Christ rule  
in your hearts, since as members  
of one body you are called to  
peace.

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

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a  
sign of God's peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Offertory hymn** *during which the*  
*altar is prepared, and bread and wine*  
*are placed upon it.*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly  
splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone,  
our strong defender,  
Lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluya,  
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage  
pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;

Here for Faith's discernment  
pray we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluya,  
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form  
doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels  
hail thee,  
Branch and Flower  
of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluya,  
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb,  
thine Offering, finished  
Once for all  
when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya,  
Cleansing souls  
from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock  
with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth  
with loud hosanna  
Worship thee,  
the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!  
*G H Bourne (1840-1925)*

**Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar**  
Faithful God, receive all we offer  
you this day. May we so live the  
life of Christ that your Church may  
be a sign of salvation to all the  
nations of the world. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ the  
Lord. **All Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer (G)**

*Priest* The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.

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

*Priest* 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:

**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.

*Deacon* Christ is the bread of life  
**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*Priest* 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 St John the Evangelist 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:

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

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

*Deacon* Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*We sit as Agnus Dei is sung by all.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The priest says the invitation.*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All** Jesus Christ is holy  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Communion is received. Please bow your head if you prefer to receive a blessing.*

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

**Anthem:** *O Lord, my God, to thee  
- Arcadelt*

### **Hymn**

**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: [Refrain]**

**For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound  
and sight: [Refrain]**

**For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth  
and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
[Refrain]**

**For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth  
and buds of heaven: [Refrain]**

**For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love:  
[Refrain]**

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Priest* God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart  
of the earthly paradise, and the  
bread of life at the heart of your  
Church: may we who have been  
nourished at your table on earth be  
transformed by the glory of the  
Saviour's cross and enjoy the  
delights of eternity; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

**All** Father of all, we give you  
thanks and praise, that when we  
were still far off you met us in  
your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared  
your love, gave us grace, and  
opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life; we who drink  
his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world. Keep us  
firm in the hope you have set  
before us, so we and all your  
children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise your  
name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Notices**

#### **The Blessing**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you

*Priest* The Lord Jesus Christ, Son  
of the living God, teach you to walk  
in his way more trustfully, to accept

his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.

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

Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless  
thee and confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the  
farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near  
us, and wilt hear us?  
Yes, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and  
voices for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's  
measure for thy pleasure  
all combine.  
In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands  
and voices in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
thine shall ever be,

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.**

*Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

### The Dismissal

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you

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

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

**All** and rise in glory. **Amen.**

*Deacon* We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to all the  
nations. Go in the peace of Christ.

**All** Thanks be to God. **Amen**

*Organ voluntary: Overture from  
'The Mastersingers' - Wagner*

*Do stay for coffee!*





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Lesley Ann and the Team

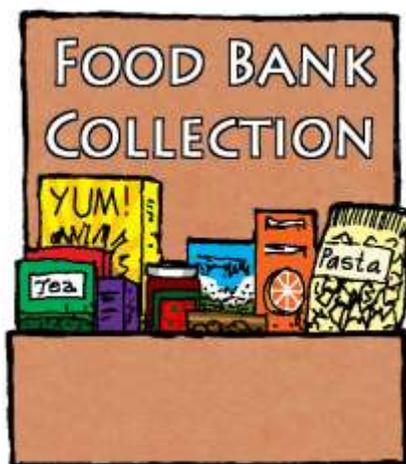
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### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- **UHT MILK FULL FAT(BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)**
  - **TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)**
  - **TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)**
  - **TINNED FRUIT**
- 
- **COFFEE**

### OTHER ITEMS WE NEED ARE;

- **TOILETRIES (SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE)**
- **TOILET ROLLS**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED POTATOES**
- **TINNED RICE**
- **PUDDING**
- **JAM**

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