



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

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**



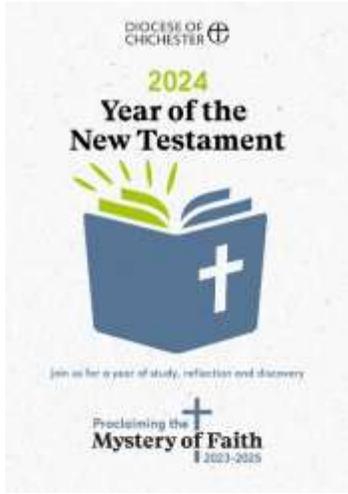
**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



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



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



*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing 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



Ramona
John H
Don
Bostik
Diane
Goldie

Zack
Dulcie
Miri
Della
Olli

Lori-Leigh M
Maite & Chaz
Janie H-D
Pauline
Michelle

Jeannie
&
Audrey
& family

Everyone
in the
Holy Land
under
duress

Anna
Lorenzo
Jean &
Geof

Gill T

Terry S

Nigel D

Tia K

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:

4th February Sunday, 6.30 pm

At St Mary's Broadwater:

11th February Sunday, 10 am

At Worth Parish Crawley

11th 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.

Godfrey Kesari is the Racial Justice Officer and can be contacted on this email address:

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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....

²² 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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If paying by cheque, please post through the Church hall letterbox. In extremis, tickets CAN be purchased on the door, but this makes a huge amount of work for the kind volunteers on the desk and causes queues so please do take advantage of the above methods if at all possible.
THANK YOU

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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