



**Welcome
to Mass
this morning**



**St John's
Pevensey
Road**

**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
the Third Sunday of
Easter
14th April 2024**

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



We are looking to re-form the Social Committee and are having a meeting on **Wednesday 24th April 7-8.30pm.** Please see Kate H or Katy H for details.
Many thanks.

**Drop in for
Morning
Coffee**



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



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

St John's Prayer Cross



All are
regularly
prayed
for by
name

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.

*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.

Prayer said by the Deacon as the choir enters: Grant, O Lord, that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. **Amen.**

Introit : O taste and see –
Vaughan Williams

Opening Hymn

Jesus is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power
each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord!
The universe declares it -
sun, moon and stars in heaven
cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias,
for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord!
Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came
to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord!
From him all life proceeding -
yet gave his life a ransom
thus setting us free. Refrain.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the
mighty conqueror;
from death he rose
and all his foes
shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord!
God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that
Jesus is Lord. Refrain

D.J. Mansell (b 1936)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Dcn Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of Absolution

Priest 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 Peruvian Gloria is sung

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.**

Refrain:

To God be glory for ever!

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father. Refrain**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit. Refrain**

The Collect

Priest Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All. Amen*

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Acts 3. 12-19*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the first letter of St John

1 John 3. 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what

we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluya!**

**He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!
We too sing for joy, and say
Alleluya!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluya!**

**He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;**

**Who the strong man armed
hath bound,
And in highest heaven
is crowned.
Alleluya!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!**

**Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, to-day thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,
Alleluya!**

*German, Michael Weisse (c1480-1534) tr
Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

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

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **All Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death. **All Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **All Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you **All And also with you.**

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

Luke 24. 36b -48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and

my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The Peace

Priest The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you; Alleluia.

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.*

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.**

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Noel (1817 -77)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **All Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Dcn Jesus Christ is Lord
All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Priest Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist, Mary the Mother of God and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **All 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

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

Anthem: *The strife is o'er –*
Henry G. Ley

Hymn

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield:
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or
silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
You alone etc

You're my Friend
and you're my Brother
even though you are a king:
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone etc

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Prayer after Communion

Priest Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 and Banns

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **All Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

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

Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting: *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above: *Refrain*

*French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) Tr
Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

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 With the power that raised
Jesus from the dead at work within
you, go in peace to love and serve

the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Organ voluntary: Ceremonial March –
Sumsion*

Do stay a while!



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The Hastings Foodbank,

run by the Trussell Trust, provides individuals and families with three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. Our donations, at the back of church, are collected by them fortnightly. Can you help by donating? Their current `urgent` list is show below. Toiletries and household cleaning products are also very welcome.

UHT Milk (full fat -blue top; and semi-green top)

Tinned Meat (but not corned beef or pork)

Tinned Vegetables (especially peas and carrots, and potatoes)

Tinned Fish

Tinned rice pudding, jam

Coffee, fruit juice,

Toilet Rolls.

At the moment they have plenty of tea, pasta, cereal and baked beans.

THANK YOU.

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Tina is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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On Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 19:00 (the eve of the Lesser Festival of Julian of Norwich) at All Saints' Church, Hastings Old Town

(www.oldtownparishhastings.org.uk).

'Love was his meaning': a conversation about Julian of Norwich between Dr Claire Gilbert and Fr Eamonn Monson.

Claire Gilbert wrote her doctoral thesis on Julian in relation to the ecological crisis, but when she was diagnosed with myeloma, a cancer of the blood, Julian stopped being the subject of her academic study and became her spiritual companion and guide through two and a half years of gruelling treatment. Claire wrote about this in letters to friends, published as *Miles to Go Before I Sleep*. At the end of the treatment she heard a call to tell Julian's story and wrote "I, Julian", a fictional autobiography which seeks to do justice to this extraordinary woman's life.

Dr Claire Gilbert is the founding director of the Westminster Abbey Institute. She has worked for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England as policy adviser in medical ethics and environmental issues, and is a lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral. She co-founded the St Paul's Institute in 2003. Claire is visiting fellow at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, and has been a member of numerous public and advisory bodies. Fr Eamonn Monson, SAC, is parish priest of St Mary Star-of-the-Sea Roman Catholic Church, and was a great influence on Claire's books.

Admission free. No booking necessary. For further information contact Fr. Mat Phipps, Priest-in-Charge of St Clement and All Saints, Hastings

(pic@oldtownparishhastings.org.uk).

Battle Choral Society **The Creation** **Joseph Haydn**

Saturday 20th April 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Battle.

Admission free – donations invited for
local charities.



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