



**St John's
Pevensey
Road**



**Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday 30th
November 2025 –
Advent Sunday**

(Today Year A in the Church
lectionary begins)



**6pm
here
this evening
ADVENT
CAROLS**

During the week:

**Tuesday 2.30pm – Explore
the Faith with Bp Laurie**

Wednesday 10am -

**Midweek Mass in St
Peter's Chapel**

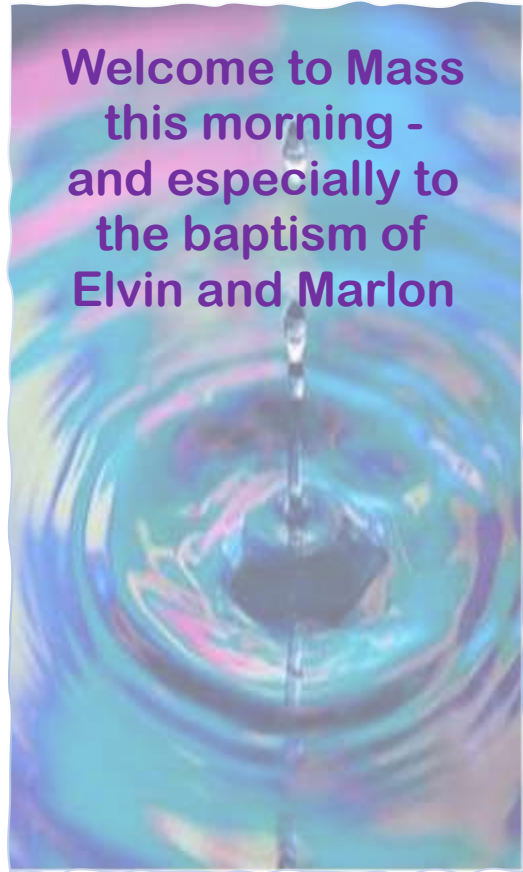
Online Zoom service*:

Wednesdays at 10am

Morning Coffee: Fridays

10 – 12 noon in Church

**Welcome to Mass
this morning -
and especially to
the baptism of
Elvin and Marlon**



**Next Sunday – Advent 2
8am Said Mass**

10.30am Sung Parish Mass

3.00pm Lights of Love

Our prayers are asked for: Gillian; Sue; Jenny; Michael;

Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Tim M, Barbara B, Sister Jean CGA, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Catherine MacGregor, and all who mourn.

St John's Prayer Cross

1 DECEMBER 2025



All
desperately
needing
help

Michelle, Louise T,
Jackie, Ramona,
Lorenzo, Irene,
Valerie, Jamie F,
Audrey, Jeannie &
family

Dan and children,
Jack and Lily,
whose Mum,
Chloe, has died,
aged 31yrs.

Rachel, my
daughter.
Kiss to
heaven.

All
affected
by
HIV/AIDS

Zack
Theresa
Liisa
John
Jan,
Nigel
Sarah

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.



Instead of our usual Christmas
Card scheme here at St Johns
we are simply asking
throughout Advent for
donations to

The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

Please put money in the
Christian Aid box in the wall
(or on the desk). If you wish to
use the contactless system
please make the donation
then also put a note in the box
with the amount you have
given and the date.

Prayer said by the choir: ...grant 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Introit: Adam lay y bounden –
Boris Ord*

Opening Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds
descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints
attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought
and sold him,
pierced and nailed him
to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens
of his Passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on
those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power
and glory,
claim the kingdom
for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All and also with you.**

Prayer at the lighting of the first Advent Candle



Priest People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to
face. Remember the ways and the
works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.
**All Lord, make us one as we
walk with Christ today and for
ever. Amen.**

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ has
told us that to enter the kingdom of
heaven we must be born again of
water and the Spirit, and has given
us baptism as the sign and seal of
this new birth. Here we are
washed by the Holy Spirit and
made clean. Here we are clothed
with Christ, being dead to sin that
we may live his risen life. As
children of God, we have a new
dignity and God calls us to fullness
of life.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to
cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 2. 1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 13. 11 - end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**LONG ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.**

Refrain:

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?**

**God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human. [Refrain]**

**Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;**

**Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.
[Refrain]**

**Journey ends: where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!**

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!**

F. Pratt, Green, 1903-2000

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

Alleluia, alleluia. . Prepare the way
of the Lord, make his paths
straight, and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God. **All Alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

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

Matthew 24. 36 - 44

"But about that day and hour no
one knows, neither the angels of
heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. For as the days of Noah
were, so will be the coming of the
Son of Man. For as in those days
before the flood they were eating
and drinking, marrying and giving
in marriage, until the day Noah
entered the ark, and they knew
nothing until the flood came and
swept them all away, so too will be
the coming of the Son of Man.
Then two will be in the field; one
will be taken and one will be left.
Two women will be grinding meal
together; one will be taken and one
will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do
not know on what day your Lord is
coming.

But understand this: if the owner of
the house had known in what part
of the night the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake and
would not have let his house be
broken into. Therefore you also
must be ready, for the Son of Man
is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The priest addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his
people. In baptism the Lord is
adding to our number those whom
he is calling. People of God, will
you welcome *these children* and
uphold *them* in their new life in
Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

*The priest then says to the parents
and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the
Church receives *these children*
with joy.

Today we are trusting God for *their*
growth in faith. Will you pray for
them, draw *them* by your example
into the community of faith and
walk with *them* in the way of
Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *these children* begin
their journey in faith. You speak for
them today. Will you care for them,

and help *them* to take *their* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

A large candle may be lit. The priest addresses Marlon and Elvin's parents, and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means being dead to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross – *the priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. (X2)

All Fight valiantly as disciples of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your lives.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **All Amen.**

Prayer over the Water - *The baptismal party gathers at the font. The priest stands before the water of baptism and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth **All who keeps his promise forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the

Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,
now and for ever. **All Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The deacon addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you,
together with *Marlon and Elvin's*
parents and godparents, to profess
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God
the Father? **All I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son
Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose
again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the
Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism

*The deacon pours water on each
candidate, saying*

Elvin Leopold, I baptize you in the
name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Marlon Orlando, I baptize you in
the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

A minister may say Marlon/Elvin,
you have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into
Christ have put on Christ.

The priest says

May God, who has received you
by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his
grace, that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may
daily be renewed by his anointing
Spirit, and come to the inheritance
of the saints in glory. **All Amen.**

*The priest and the baptismal party
return from the font.*

Commission

*A minister addresses the congregation,
parents and godparents, using these or
similar words*

We have brought *Elvin and Marlon*
to baptism knowing that Jesus died
and rose again for *them* and
trusting in the promise that God
hears and answers prayer. We
have prayed that in Jesus Christ
they will know the forgiveness of
their sins and the new life of the
Spirit.

As *they* grow up, Elvin and Marlon
will need the help and
encouragement of the Christian
community, so that they may learn
to know God in public worship and
private prayer, follow Jesus Christ
in the life of faith, serve *their*
neighbour after the example of

Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support *Marlon and Elvin* by prayer, example and teaching. As *their* parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping *them* in *their* early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding *these children* in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for *Marlon and Elvin* and grant *them* your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon *them* your healing and reconciling love,
and protect *their homes* from all evil. Fill *them* with the light of your presence and establish *them* in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **All Amen.**

Elvin and Marlon, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven.
In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in

friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

Prayers of Intercession

The Welcome and Peace

Deacon There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *Elvin and Marlon*, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation greet the newly baptized.



The priest introduces the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer each other a sign of peace. **All may exchange a sign of peace.**

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

Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
Christ comes
in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure,

his promise true.

**Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you
have longed to know
in Christ draws near,
and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er
our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.**

NEH Editors, based on C E Oakley (1832-65)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar *The priest takes the bread and wine.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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 Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. And now we give you thanks because when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago and opened for us the way of salvation. So now we watch for the day, knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
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. 🕯️

Dcn Great is the mystery of faith

All 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 Baptist, 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

Deacon 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 by all.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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 truth from above – trad. Arr. Vaughan Williams*

Hymn

Come, thou long-expected
Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears
and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength
and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom
bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayer after Communion

Priest O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear,

he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Priest God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Elvin, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Marlon, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Blessing of the Congregation

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,

scatter the darkness from before
your path, and make you ready to
meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, be
upon you all, now and always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Joy to the world,
the Lord has come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart
prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

Joy to the earth,
the Saviour reigns!
your sweetest songs employ,
while fields and streams
and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
the wonders of his love,
the wonders of his love,
the wonders,
wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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 faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace...

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

Dcn As we await our coming
Saviour, go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Organ voluntary: Toccata from
Symphony No. 5 - Widor*

Do stay for coffee!



Special services for Advent and Christmas

Sunday 7 December 3.00pm:

Lights of Love service.

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday

17 Dec – afternoons:

Carol singing in Care Homes.

Sunday 21 Dec 6.00pm:

Christmas Carol service.

Wednesday 24 December –

Christmas Eve:

Christmas Crib service

4.00pm

Carols in the Churchyard

6.30pm

Midnight Mass 11pm

Thursday 25 December:

Christmas morning 10.30am

Festival Eucharist.

R.I. P.

The funeral for Barbara B will be at Hastings Crematorium on Wednesday 3rd December at 3.15pm.

There will be a Requiem Mass for Tim M in St John's at 4pm on Thursday 18th December

Harvey Gillman will address the **Hastings and Rye Interfaith Forum** at their AGM on **'Spiritual exploration at a time of anxiety'**.

The event will take place at the **Unitarian Church**, 7 South Terrace, Hastings, on **Tuesday, December 2**, beginning at **7 p.m.**

Do you use Facebook?

There are some good things happening at St Johns and we would like to be better at informing people about these events. We are working on improving the church website and keeping it up to date. We are also hoping someone could post things on our Facebook page. If you could help with this in some way please speak to Fr David or contact Lucy our administrator at admstjohn30@gmail.com

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Dates: 15th, 16th & 17th December **Time:** 12noon – 2pm
Crowhurst offer a delicious **three-course Christmas meal**, home-cooked and served with **Crowhurst hospitality. Three courses plus coffee and mints – just £25 per person.** Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended! To reserve your place, contact the CCHC Office 01424 830204 with your menu choices and a £5 non-refundable deposit per person. View the menu here [https://www.crowhurstthealing.org.uk/uploads/Christmas%20menu%202025%20\(4\)-compressed.pdf](https://www.crowhurstthealing.org.uk/uploads/Christmas%20menu%202025%20(4)-compressed.pdf)

The Bishop's Certificate is being piloted from January 2026 in various locations.

The Bishop's Certificate is an exciting opportunity for lay people across the diocese to deepen and grow in their understanding of Christian faith. Whether you're exploring lay ministry or seeking to enrich your discipleship, this course is designed to support and inspire you.

Course Overview : Duration: 20 weeks + 3 study days, over three terms. Local to us: Ss Peter & Paul Church Hall, Parkstone Rd, Hastings TN34 2NT. Start date, Monday 26th January 7.30pm – 9pm
 Joint study days for all participants at a central location, location TBC: Term 1, Saturday March 14th; Term 2, Saturday June 6th ; Term 3, Saturday 14th November. Further details and an application form can be found on the diocesan website - [Bishop's Certificate - Diocese of Chichester](#)

HPO Singers Chamber Choir

with Harpist Elin Samuel are performing a lovely programme of: Britten Ceremony of Carols
 Vaughan Williams Mass in G
 Pinkham Nativity Madrigal
 Whitacre When David Heard
 Lauridsen O Magnum Mysterium.
Sat 6th Dec. 7:00 pm. Christ Church, St Leonard's on Sea.
 Tickets available through TicketSource and on the door.



Hastings Philharmonic Choir's popular traditional Carol Concert.

This year they will be joined by the HPO Songbird's children Choir and Cromwell Brass and including Marcio Da Silva's annual performance of O Holy Night!

5:00 pm, Sat 13th Dec 2025

Christmas Gala

Christmas classics with Orchestra, Hastings Philharmonic Choir, the HPO Singers and the Songbirds children's choir.

Book early to get in.
Sat 20th Dec 7:00 pm. Christ Church, St Leonards.
Tickets from TicketSource.

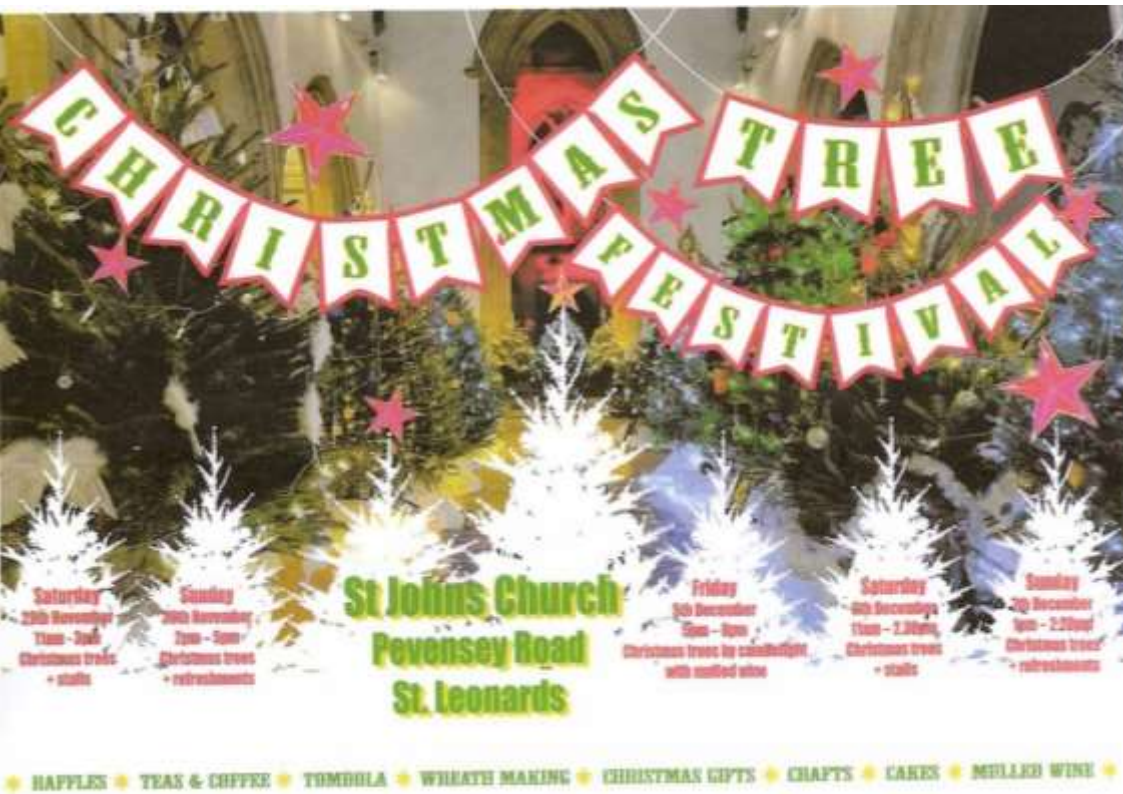
EXPLORE THE FAITH with BISHOP LAURIE

2:30 pm every Tuesday
All Saints room
(under St John's Church)

All welcome!
(No 'homework', reading aloud, etc)
Tea, Coffee, biscuits provided.

A celebration of Christmas music with Watlington Singers.
Monday 15th December. 7:00 pm
Saint Mary's Church, Battle.
Directed by Lucinda Sheppard.
Admission by donation-profits to UNICEF

*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com
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POSADA

Can you give shelter to Mary and Joseph this Advent? Posada is a Mexican tradition where Mary and Joseph figures make their journey to Bethlehem taking shelter at different houses throughout Advent until they arrive at church on Christmas Eve. A candle is lit and a prayer said at each house.