



OneBodyOneFaith



**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the
Fourth Sunday of
Easter
11th May 2025**

**During the week
Christian Aid Week
10am Wednesday: Mass
in St Peter's Chapel
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service* .
Morning Coffee: Fridays
10 – 12 noon in Church**



*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning*



**Next Sunday 18th May
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass**

St John's Prayer Cross



The names on the prayer cross are `renewed` at Easter. If you wish the church to pray for someone particularly, please do add a name on the cross at the back of church or by emailing

pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com

Our prayers are asked for: Fr Andrew; Helena O; John T; Gillian; Sue and Ken;
Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

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.



Christian Aid
Week 2025 May
11th to 17th
Christian Aid are making a real difference in many ways. For example earthquake relief in Myanmar and long term projects in Guatemala helping communities adapt to climate change. If you are able, please consider supporting this excellent charity during Christian Aid week by using the envelopes available at church or donating online at christianaid.org.uk

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: The Souls of the Righteous
– Stanley Marchant

Opening Hymn

Come, ye faithful,
raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's
bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day:
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep
in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons,
bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;

**But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.**

*Greek, St John of Damascus
(c750) Tr J M Neale (1816-66)*

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.

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 Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **All. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word all sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 9. 36 - end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 7. 9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will

wipe away every tear from their eyes."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**The King of love
my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams
of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where
the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish
oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing,
brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff
my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table
in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all
the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

H.W. Baker (1821-77)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

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 10. 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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.*

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation

sink heart and voice oppress.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Vv1-3 Bernard of Cluny (12th Century; tr
J.M. Neale 1818-66) v4 Hymns A&M 1861*

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.**

The 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, St Peter, 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: *Flocks in pastures green
abiding – J. S. Bach*

Hymn

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

T. B. Pollock (1836-96)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Merciful Father, you gave
your Son Jesus Christ to be the
good shepherd, and in his love for
us to lay down his life and rise
again: keep us always under his
protection, and give us grace to
follow in his steps; 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 God of peace, who
brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of
the sheep, through the blood of the
eternal covenant, make you
perfect in every good work to do
his will, working in you that which
is well-pleasing in his sight and the
blessing of God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

The strife is o'er,
the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers
have done their worst,
And Jesus hath
his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise
and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound
chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's
high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise
his triumph tell.
Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes
which wounded thee
From death's dread sting
thy servants free,
That we may live,
and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

*Latin 17th century Tr 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.**

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All He is risen indeed. **Alleluia.**

Dcn Praise the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Dcn God has claimed us as his
own. **All** He has brought us out
of darkness. He has made us
light to the world.

Dcn Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. **Alleluia.**

Dcn 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: *Introduction and
March from Battle of Britain suite -
Walton*

Do stay a while!



Urgently needed items for the foodbank include:

Toilet Rolls, UHT Milk, Coffee, Tinned
Fruit, Tinned Vegetables.

Other needed items include:

Tinned fish, tinned potatoes, tinned rice
pudding, toiletries.

If you are able to donate, please leave
items in the container at the back of
church and they will be collected by the
Food Bank rep. Thank you.



Do you have an inner Miss Marple, Sherlock Holmes, or perhaps a Vera ?
Come to the first parish Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday May 31st. Play starts at 6:30pm. Dinner served at 7pm.
Cost £12 per person.
Solve the mystery in teams and find out “who dunnit it”
Tickets **strictly limited and need to be bought in advance** from Katy H, Kate H or parish administrator
admstjohns30@gmail.com.

Parish office: 07831904321

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Ashburnham English Song Awards

This prestigious event takes place on **21st May at 6 pm at Ashburnham Place** just outside Battle. The 2025 Kathleen Ferrier Award has just been won by last year's winner, Ellen Pearson, and one of this year's finalists, Francesca Lauri, has just won the Musicians' Accompanist's Prize. **New for 2025.**

The evening will start at **6 pm** with a talk by renowned composer, pianist and broadcaster, **David Owen Norris**. Get a drink from the bar and grab your seat for the evening. The eight pairs of finalists will perform a short, themed programme starting at 7pm and you can choose your own favourite singer for the **Audience Prize**. The jury includes president Dame Felicity Lott and founder and artistic director Louise Winter.

Tickets, £25 on Eventbrite.co.uk, from British Made on Battle High Street or on the door.

"In Richard King's window, we see 'the seven horns of light' around the Lamb's head (Sheehy 2020: 341) and the white Cross of Resurrection. These two dimensions of the Lamb, Paschal and Apocalyptic, are both evident in the Book of Revelation.....Christ, who is both crucified and risen, is the Paschal Mystery celebrated in the Eucharist. Through Christ, God's very self is offered and received in the eucharistic action, and this Triune God is revealed by the 'three triangles in the primary colours' and 'the large ruby triangle' (Sheehy 2020: 341) symbolizing the Trinity behind the Lamb. This 'large ruby triangle' signifies 'the Unity of God which gives the key colour note to the whole', as ruby is 'the symbolic colour of love' (ibid 342). Eucharistic emblems of 'bread', 'wine', and 'Water' (sic) (ibid 341), in expressive colour, are in the six cusps of the window. A blue 'Tau cross' behind the Lamb connects him with the eucharistic emblems and the triangles of the Trinity. Ichthus (ΙΧΘΥΣ), the Greek word for fish, incorporates the language of Early Christianity. These initial letters of the words 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour,' functioning as an acrostic, are in blue glass beneath the Lamb. He is Saviour, for the blood that pours from his breast into a chalice is shed to redeem his people."

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