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**St John's
Pevensey Road**

**Pews News
and Service Sheet
for the
Sixth Sunday of
Easter -
25th May 2025**

During the week
10am Wednesday: Mass
in St Peter's Chapel.
Wednesdays at 10am:
Online Zoom service*

Thursday is
ASCENSION DAY
Mass at 7pm in Church
Fridays 10 – 12 noon in
Church: Morning Coffee
6.30pm Saturday:
Murder, Mystery in the
Hall.(Tickets now sold out)

Next Sunday 1st June

8am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

***Welcome
to Mass
this
morning***

St John's Prayer Cross



Our prayers are asked for: Fr Andrew; Cody; 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



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.

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.

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: *O come ye servants of the Lord – Tye*

Opening Hymn

Glorious things
of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word
cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake
thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls
surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams
of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply
thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows
their thirst to assuage?
Grace,
which like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading
is the worldling's pleasure,
all their boasted
pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Sion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

The Welcoming of the People

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Jesus Christ, risen master
and triumphant Lord, we come to
you in sorrow for our sins, and
confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

Silence is kept

Dcn We have lived by our own
strength, and not by the power of
your resurrection.

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Dcn We have lived by the light of
our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Dcn We have lived for this world
alone, and doubted our home in
heaven

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

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 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 God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Prophet
Ezekiel**

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of

Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 16. 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of

prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Now the green blade riseth,
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the
dead has been:
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him,
Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would
wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain
that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
He that for three days
in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead,**

**my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us
back to life again,
Fields of our hearts, that
dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.**

J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958)

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 14. 23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who
love me will keep my word, and my
Father will love them, and we will
come to them and make our home
with them. Whoever does not love
me does not keep my words; and
the word that you hear is not mine,
but is from the Father who sent
me. "I have said these things to
you while I am still with you.
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have
said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I

give to you. I do not give to you as
the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled, and do not let
them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am
going away, and I am coming to
you.' If you loved me, you would
rejoice that I am going to the
Father, because the Father is
greater than I. And now I have
told you this before it occurs, so
that when it does occur, you may
believe.

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.*

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in
the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me,
who caused his pain?
For me, who him
to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! -
The Immortal dies -
who can explore
his strange design?
In vain
the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths
of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace
emptied himself of all but love
and bled

for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all,
immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin
and nature's night:
thine eye diffused
a quickening ray;
I woke - the dungeon flamed
with light.
My chains fell off,
my heart was free
I rose, went forth,
and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head
and clothed
in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach
the eternal throne
and claim the crown,
through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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: *The Lord's my shepherd*
(Brother James Air) – trad.

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 Father, whose
Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life: may we thirst for
you, the spring of life and source of
goodness, through him 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

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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven,
to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,

pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always
blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee,
without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns
before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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: *Nun danket alle Gott – Karg-Elert*

Do stay a while!



WELCOMERS TEAM

We need 2 or 3 new members to join the Welcomers Team to give those on the team some flexibility, helping to cover every 5th Sunday in the month and also when we have extra services at Easter and Christmas. Please speak to the Churchwardens if you would like to know more, or to volunteer.

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Lucy is our Administrator.

Please contact her also for Church Hall bookings.

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Greetings from Hannover !

The 39th Kirchentag was held in Hannover from April 30 - May 4, and we had the privilege to be there along with around 100,000 other people to explore issues of faith and justice, enjoy music and engage in worship together. One of the highlights was a Bible Study and a keynote address by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, the Episcopal Bishop who challenged Donald Trump. Both of these were recorded and can be watched (in English) at

<https://youtu.be/RP4hGxXh20Y?si=4Sd7Y37PfTcwclbN> (Bible Study)

<https://youtu.be/-CzbXTNoX8?si=LCI-iNXcXLkaLJs-> (Address)

Bishop Laurie and Peter King

A message from the Rector:

“We have serious problems with the organ, including woodworm, and we need to spend upwards of £13,000 to fix it. We have about £2,500 already given for this purpose but to ensure the excellence of our musical tradition here at St John’s I am now appealing for contributions toward this vital work. If you are able to help, however large or small the donation, future generations of worshippers here will be thankful, as will I.”

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