

**St John's
Pevensy Road**

**Pews News
and Service
Sheet
for the**

**Seventh Sunday of
Easter - the Sunday
after Ascension Day
1st June 2025**

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

**Next Sunday 8th June
– Pentecost Sunday
8am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass**



*Welcome
to Mass
this
morning*



Compared with icons from the Eastern church, this picture is about the earth Jesus has left; heaven is not part of the picture. ...We can also find this sense of the Ascension in Western liturgies—such as Cranmer's: 'that like as we do believe thy only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell...' (Book of Common Prayer).

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 Lord, my God, to thee – Arcadelt

Opening Hymn

Hail the day that sees him
rise Alleluya!
Glorious to his native
skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
Enters now the highest heaven!
Alleluya!

There the glorious
triumph waits; Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal
gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished
death and sin;
Take the King
of glory in. Alleluya!

Lord, though parted
from our sight, Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height,
Alleluya!
Grant our hearts
may thither rise,
Seeking thee beyond the skies.
Alleluya!

There we shall with thee remain,
Alleluya!
Partners of thine endless reign;
Alleluya!
There thy face unclouded see,
Find our heaven of heavens in
thee, Alleluya!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88) and Thomas Cotterill
(1779 - 1823)*

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.**

The Blessing of the Children and Lighting of the Candle as they go to Godly Play

Priest. The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Christ has gone up on
high, leading captivity captive and
bringing gifts for all. As we
prepare ourselves to meet him
here in the courts of heaven let us
call to mind our many failures and
sins.

Silence is kept

Dcn Lord Jesus, you suffered a
cruel death on the cross for our
redemption, yet we have forgotten
your pain and stayed in the realm
of the evil you defeated.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy**

Dcn Lord Jesus, you were raised
from death to bring us new life, yet
we have preferred the comfort of
the familiar, and the empty
promises of a sinful world.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy**

Dcn Lord Jesus, you have
ascended to your Father and our
Father, your God and our God;
plead there at the right hand of
God for our forgiveness and entry

into the fullness of his presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

Priest Almighty God, who forgives
all who truly repent, have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus 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, ascended Lord, as
we rejoice at your triumph, fill your
Church on earth with power and

compassion, that all who are
estranged by sin may find
forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

**A reading from the Prophet
Ezekiel**

Ezekiel 36. 24-28

I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the
countries, and bring you into your
own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon
you, and you shall be clean from
all your uncleannesses, and from
all your idols I will cleanse you.
A new heart I will give you, and a
new spirit I will put within you; and
I will remove from your body the
heart of stone and give you a heart
of flesh.

I will put my spirit within you, and
make you follow my statutes and
be careful to observe my
ordinances. Then you shall live in
the land that I gave to your
ancestors; and you shall be my
people, and I will be your God.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**A Reading from the Acts of the
Apostles**

Acts 16. 16 - 34

One day, as we were going to the
place of prayer, we met a slave-girl
who had a spirit of divination and
brought her owners a great deal of
money by fortune-telling. While

she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had

escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

**Christ, whose glory
fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er
the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high,
be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes,
and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom
of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley (1707 -88)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Go, and make
disciples of all nations, says the
Lord, and remember I am with you
always to the end of the age.

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 17. 20 - end

"I ask not only on behalf of these,
but also on behalf of those who will
believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one. As you,
Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us, so that the
world may believe that you have
sent me.

The glory that you have given me I
have given them, so that they may
be one, as we are one, I in them
and you in me, that they may
become completely one, so that
the world may know that you have
sent me and have loved them even
as you have loved me. Father, I
desire that those also, whom you
have given me, may be with me
where I am, to see my glory, which
you have given me because you
loved me before the foundation of
the world. "Righteous Father, the
world does not know you, but I

know you; and these know that
you have sent me. I made your
name known to them, and I will
make it known, so that the love
with which you have loved me may
be in them, and I in them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Deacon Let us declare our faith
using the words of the Nicene
Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death
and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Priest God has made us one in
Christ. He has set his seal upon
us and, as a pledge of what is to
come, has given the Spirit to dwell
in our hearts. 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.*

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly

anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him
as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson
trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy
ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends
his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole,
that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the Infinite!

**who lives - and loves - and
saves.**

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

Blessed be God, by whose grace
creation is renewed, by whose love
heaven is opened, by whose
mercy we offer our sacrifice of
praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. For he is our great high
priest who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy
Spirit. He is the one who has gone
before us, who calls us to be united
in prayer as were his disciples in the
upper room while they awaited his
promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of
Pentecost. Therefore all creation
yearns with eager longing as angels
and archangels sing the endless
hymn of praise:

**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.

I heard the voice of a great
multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord
our God has entered into his
kingdom.

**All Blessed are those who are
called to the supper of the
Lamb. 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: *King of glory, King of
peace – J. S. Bach*

Hymn

The head that once
was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place
that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings,
and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross,
with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer
with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;

their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore
is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope,
his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Eternal God, giver of love
and power, your Son Jesus Christ
has sent us into all the world to
preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help
us to live the good news we
proclaim; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **All Amen.**

All We thank you, Lord, that you
have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given
us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet prepared for all
peoples. **Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest The Spirit of truth lead you
into all truth, give you grace to
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the
word and works of God; and the
blessing of God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
*lift up your heart,
lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, etc.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, etc.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, etc.

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 Christ has gone up on
high. **All. Alleluia.**

Dcn God raised Christ from the
dead and enthroned him at his
right hand in the heavenly
realms

Dcn God put all things in
subjection beneath his feet
**and gave him as head over all
things to the Church.**

Dcn We died, and our life lies
hidden with Christ in God.

All **We set our minds on things
above.**

Dcn When Christ, who is our life, is
revealed, **we too will be revealed
with him in glory.**

Dcn Christ has gone up on high.

All **Alleluia.**

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Organ voluntary: *Processional –
Grayston Ives***



*Do stay
a while!*

Flowers in church today are
sponsored by Katherine H.

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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.

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

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