



**St John's
Pevensey Road**



Welcome to Mass
**Palm Sunday
Holy Week begins**



****If you can come along to help make the church beautiful for Easter you will be most welcome. No need to bring anything except community spirit!
(Sign-up sheet in church helps gauge numbers)**

**Pews News and Service
Sheet for Sunday 13th
April 2025**

During the week:

**Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday at 5.30pm:**

Evening Prayer

in St Peter's Chapel;

Wednesday 10am

Said Mass -

in St Peter's Chapel;

Wednesdays at 10am

Online Zoom service;

Maundy Thursday 7 pm:

Sung Mass and vigil until

Midnight

Good Friday:

**10.15am Walk of Witness,
beginning in Christchurch Courtyard**

**12noon The Stations of
the Cross**

1 pm: Silent Prayer Lunch

**2pm: Veneration of the
Cross and Administration
of the Sacrament**

**Holy Saturday 9am –
noon: The Big Easter
Clean****

**Holy Saturday at 8pm:
The First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday:
10.30am Festival Mass**

Our prayers are asked for: Fr Andrew, Helena, Ken, Jackie N, John T, Sue and Gillian.

Please pray also for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Rhod ...and those whose Years Minds fall around this time, and all who mourn.

The names on the prayer cross are renewed at Easter. Please do use the paper provided for the cross at the back of Church or email pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com to have names included on the printed sheet version. Thank you



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| Michelle | Gill | |
| Gabrielle | Don | |
| Chelsea | Mog | |
| | John | |
| | Louise | Catherine |
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| | Tom | |
| | Goldie | |
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| | Anna | |
| | Becky | |
| | Mark | |
| | Jordan | |
| | Roger | |
| | Jean | |
| | Sarah | |
| | Claire | |



Please let us know of those who require this longer-term prayer support. Or pin their names, via the slips of paper provided, on the wooden Prayers Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

*Please request a link to the Wednesday Zoom service by emailing pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet by 4pm on Tuesdays. (Printing is done on Wednesdays) Thank you.



Liturgy of the Palms

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

All Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon: Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon as ass. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

Priest Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and

love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life

The people hold up palms while this prayer is said by the priest:



God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

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

Luke 19. 28 -40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

During the procession all hold palms or branches, and all sing

**All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.**

**The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and
anthems
Before thee we present.**

**To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of
praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.**

*St Theodulph of Orleans d. 821 Tr J M
Neale (1818-66)*

The Collect

Priest Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Isaiah

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**My God, I love thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because
who love thee not
Are lost eternally.**

**Thou, O my Jesus,
thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear
the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace,**

**And griefs and torments
numberless,**

**And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself; and all for one
who was thine enemy.**

**Then why,
O blessed Jesu Christ,
Should I not love thee well,
Not for the hope
of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell;**

**Not with the hope
of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord!**

**E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing,
Solely because thou art my God,
And my eternal King.**

17th Century Latin Tr. E Caswall (1814-78)

THE READING OF THE PASSION

Deacon: Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory. Christ
humbled himself and became
obedient unto death, even death
on a cross. Therefore God has
highly exalted him and given him
the name that is above every
name. **All Praise to you, O
Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Dcn The Passion of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke
At the end

Dcn This is the Passion of the
Lord. **No response is made.**

Silence is kept.

**Prayers of Intercession in the
words of the intercessor or:**

We stand with Christ in his
suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times
we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits
of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to
overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of
disunity there may grow a rich
union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret
them, and administer them,
that our common life may be
ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make
Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage
and honesty to work openly for
justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and
agony of isolation,
that they may find support and
encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with
hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give
up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died
in faith, may find mercy in the day
of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Priest Once we were far off but
now in union with Christ Jesus we
have been brought near through
the shedding of Christ's blood, for
he is our peace. The peace of the
Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

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.*

**My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?**

He came from his blest throne,

**Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange,
and none**

**The longed-for Christ
would know.**

**But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.**

**They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.**

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar
Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world
might live, let us share your death
and passion; make us perfect in
your love. **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 and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that 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.

Deacon: Christ is the bread of life

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

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 Lord Jesus, remember us
in your kingdom and teach us to
pray:

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 on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world:
give us your 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: *God so loved the world -
Stainer*

Hymn

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have not hope
nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee
hour by hour:
None can move us
from thy presence
While we trust
thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou dost give us
sweet content;
There, dear Saviour,
we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus!
thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

**This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.**

W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859- 1952)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant, and in
obedience died on the cross for
our salvation: give us the mind to
follow you and to proclaim you as
Lord and King, to the glory of God
the Father. **All Amen.**

All Faithful God, may we who
share this banquet glory in the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope, who
reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

Priest May the Father, who so
loved the world that he gave his
only Son, bring you by faith to his
eternal life. **All Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup
of sacrifice in obedience to the
Father's will, keep you steadfast as
you walk with him the way of his
cross. **All Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us
to suffer with Christ that we may
share his glory, set your minds on
life and peace. **All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy

Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. **All Amen.**

Final hymn

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast
pursues his road
With palms and scattered
garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs
now begin
O'er captive death
and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons
of the sky
Look down with sad
and wondering eyes
To see the approaching
sacrifice.
Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife
is nigh;
The Father
on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head
to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power,
and reign.**

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

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 Go in the peace of Christ.


All Thanks be to God

Organ voluntary: Overture from 'Messiah' - G. F. Handel

Do stay for coffee!

Please remember that there will not be a coffee morning here on Friday 18th as it is Good Friday.

**CREATION CARE
CLIMATE CRISIS**



**BISHOP LAURIE CHAIRS
A JEW, A MUSLIM & A CHRISTIAN DISCUSS**

Come along – all free!

**BEXHILL MOSQUE, CLIFFORD RD,
BEXHILL, TN40 1QA (3 mins from Station)**

Tuesday 15th April 7:00 – 9.00pm

Vigil on Maundy Thursday

There is a sheet to sign up if you are willing to keep watch (in pairs please) for a period (until midnight).



Stations of the Cross-

There is a sheet for people to sign if they are willing to prepare and read a one-two minute reflection on one of the Stations of the Cross that will take place here on Good Friday (18th April).

Easter Lilies –

Forms to request an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one are at the back of Church. The cost is £3 per Lily and it would be helpful if the names could be written clearly so that there are no opportunities for mis-spellings!





Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

**A Service of Taizé Music and Prayer
for Good Friday**

APRIL 18th 2025 8.00pm

**Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs
Magdalen Rd. St. Leonards TN37 6ET**



All welcome

anyone who would like to help in leading the music is asked to come to a practice at 7.00pm

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