

St John's, Pevensy Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 5th December 2021

The Second Sunday of
Advent



Welcome to our Mass Services today - held each Sunday at 08:00 and 10:30 a.m.
(The 10:30 service is recorded and broadcast via our church website later in the day)

This week:

Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, at 9 a.m.

Church open for private prayer, usually 9 - 5.

Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Online "Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Prayer Group: Thursday, 10 - 12, in church

Morning Coffee Friday 10 - 12, in church



Drop in for Morning Coffee

... and to spend some time in this beautiful church

Fridays, 10:00 - 12:00

The graphic includes a Nescafé Dolce Gusto logo, two green mugs, and a coffee packet.

Our prayers are asked for:

Geraldine, Amber, Don F, Sue T, Eve G, Jenny H, Alison N, and Ana.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the recently departed,

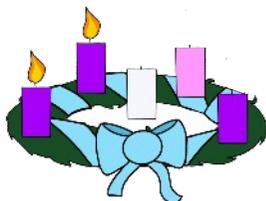
... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially Donald Palmer, Druscilla, Brian Webb, Jean Broscheit, and Peter Turnbull,

... and all who mourn.



Prayer Group meets in church on Thursday, 10:00-12:00
All welcome.

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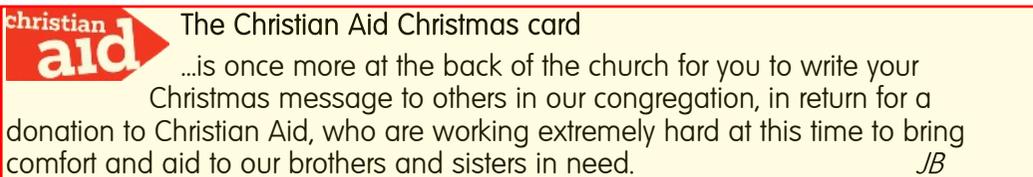


Due to the changing circumstances we are postponing the start date for **Godly Play** to Sunday February 6th. Please email Marion to find out more and to register a place, via: godlyplayonsea@yahoo.com

Sadly, we have decided to postpone the **Christmas Fayre** because of the rising numbers of Covid in the area, hopefully we will have another try in the spring as the weather improves.

We will be having a table at the back of Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in December (along with coffee) to sell and raffle a small number of Christmas items that we have been given, that would unfortunately go out of date before we will get another chance to use them.

Many thanks for all your support. *Katy H*



christian aid The Christian Aid Christmas card ...is once more at the back of the church for you to write your Christmas message to others in our congregation, in return for a donation to Christian Aid, who are working extremely hard at this time to bring comfort and aid to our brothers and sisters in need. *JB*

The image features the Christian Aid logo and a red arrow pointing right.

Do you have an item, prayer list update, or info for the Pews News? Please send to pewsnewsstjohns@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Thanks!

Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent

*Introit: Break forth, O beautiful
heavenly light, from Christmas
Oratorio (J.S.Bach)*

We stand for the **Opening Hymn**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast;
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father, we adore
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
tr John Chandler (1808-76)*

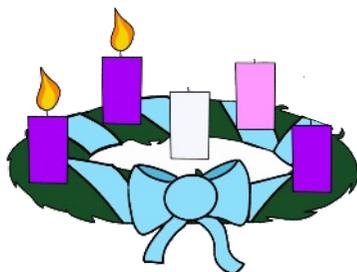
Welcoming of the people

Bishop In the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop The Lord be with you

All and also with you.



The lighting of the Second Candle on the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your
prophets,
but in our days you speak through your
Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all
things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and
judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the
heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Then the Kyrie Eleison is sung:

**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy,
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 Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of Malachi

Malachi 3.1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am
sending my messenger to prepare the
way before me, and the Lord whom
you seek will suddenly come to his
temple. The messenger of the
covenant in whom you delight –
indeed, he is coming, says the LORD
of hosts. But who can endure the day
of his coming, and who can stand when
he appears? For he is like a refiner's
fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a
refiner and purifier of silver, and he will
purify the descendants of Levi and
refine them like gold and silver, until
they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. Then the offering of
Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing
to the LORD as in the days of old and
as in former years.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gradual Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

John Milton (1608-74)

Gospel Reading

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

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming

a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We stand for The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.

We sit for the Prayers of Intercession

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength
to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

*The intercessions may include the
response:*

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Merciful Father

All Accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We stand for The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break
upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of Peace

Hymn

***The table is prepared and bread and wine
are placed upon it.***

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Hosmer (1840-1929)

Preparation of the Table

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into
your Kingdom.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine;
she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all
things
and all your works echo the silent music
of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in
your image,
the crown of all creation.

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.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your 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.

How wonderful the work of your hands,
O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her
children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our
Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the
cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at
your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring
before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in
your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your
glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every
land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with Saint John the
Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother
of God, and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs
of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and
power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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:

**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 to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

*The priest partakes of the consecrated
bread - and wine on behalf of us all - to
which we respond Amen.*

*Communion is then distributed,
"in one kind" - The Body of Christ*

**Anthem: A great and mighty wonder
(Praetorius)**

Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post Communion
for the day:*

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our
judge:

give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first
coming

that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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

We stand for the Final hymn

Hark! A herald voice is calling;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory,
and earth's final hour draws near,
may he then as our defender
on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run. Amen.

From the Latin, tr. E. Caswall (1814-78)

The Blessing

Bishop The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Dismissal

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
All Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
All Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: *Toccata and
fugue in B flat major (Pachelbel)***

*You are welcome to stay for
coffee after the Mass*

The ParkinSongsters

Tenth Anniversary Concert



Songs We Love To Sing

with

Gary Marriott - Tenor

Monday December 6th

St John's Church
Pevensey Road
St Leonards-on-Sea

3pm - 4.30pm

Tea and Cake

Free admission with donations invited in aid of
Parkinson's UK - Bexhill, Hastings & Rother Branch



Church Together in
Hastings & St Leonards

LOAF First Sunday Walk

TODAY, December 5th.

Folk from any and all churches can enjoy fellowship together.

Today's walk is an exploration of footpaths around Hollington.

We meet at 2 p.m. at the car park of The Church in the Wood.

The route is about 3.5 miles, and manages to avoid serious mud!

Parish Christmas Cards showing our Christmas Service Times etc are available at the back of church. Please help yourself. Large print versions are available.

Church flowers: If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the weekly flower arranging, please have a word with Janet from the Choir. Please see her also if you would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of a friend or loved one.

JS

At Howard's Well Cafe, Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, Christmas Dinner is much more than just a Christmas Dinner...

We invite you to come and see how we tell the Christmas story whilst you enjoy a traditional Christmas feast!

12 noon-2 p.m. on the 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th December

£25 per person for a three course meal plus coffee and mints.

To book call 01424 830205. A £5 deposit per person is required to reserve your place.

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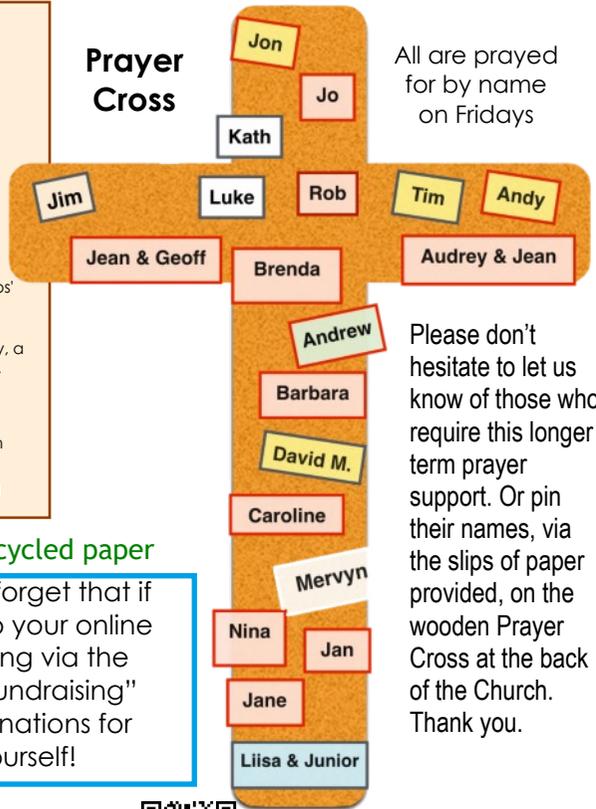
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Prayer Cross



All are prayed for by name on Fridays

Please don't hesitate to 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 Prayer Cross at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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