

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 21st November 2021

The Sunday next before Advent:

**The Feast of
Christ the King**



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, daily 9 - 5.

Midweek Mass Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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

Morning Coffee Friday 10 - 12, in church



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 Jenny Burge, Rhodesia, Peter Clarke, Joseph Quarty-Cofie, Maggie, Jean Young, Reginald Wartenburg, and Meriel Curtis,

... and all who mourn.

A **new Church year** begins next week, on Advent Sunday. It is Year C in the Lectionary, and the Gospel readings come mainly from Luke.

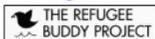
Here later today ...

Schubert and Brahms "Sunday Afternoon Feast"



Featuring:
a Schubert String Trio,
Brahms Clarinet Quintet

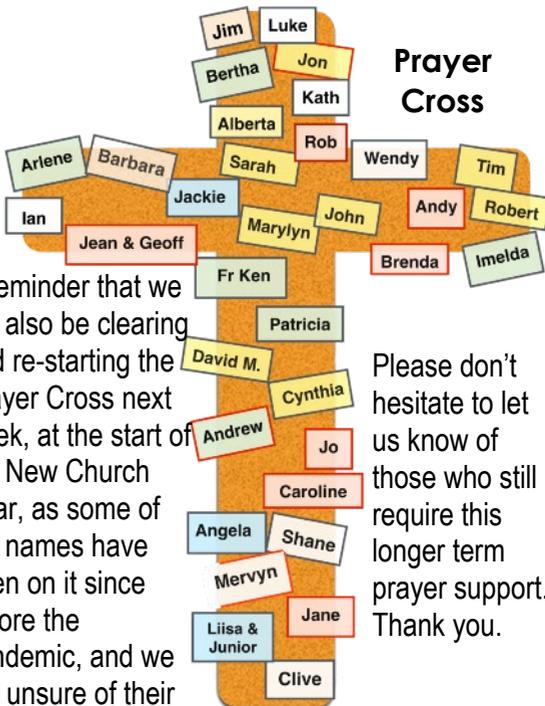
...A CHARITY CONCERT in aid of Saint John's Church, and the Hastings Refugee Buddy Project



Sunday 21st November, 2 p.m.

Tickets available at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) under "Schubert & Brahms Afternoon Charity Concert"

To give a donation electronically, please visit bit.ly/martin70



Prayer Cross

A reminder that we will also be clearing and re-starting the Prayer Cross next week, at the start of the New Church Year, as some of the names have been on it since before the pandemic, and we are unsure of their current situation.

Please don't hesitate to let us know of those who still require this longer term prayer support. Thank you.

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 Feast of Christ the King

Introit: *O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace (Tye)*

We stand for the Opening 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)

The Greeting

The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Psalms 29.9b, 10*

Priest In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory
of God:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

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

**All 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

Let us pray:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
All Amen.

We sit for our Bible readings

A reading from the Book of Daniel

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand
stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of
the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says
the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gradual Hymn

Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O morning star,
arise, and never set!

Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heaven.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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

John 18.33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'

Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'
Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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

**All 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

Let us with confidence present our
prayers and supplications to the
throne of grace.

We sit for our prayers.

The response to the petitions is:

O Lord our God

All In you we trust

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

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the
whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Offertory Hymn

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 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)

Preparation of the Table

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

Priest Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the
heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
All Blessed be God for ever.

The priest 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord,
your only Son,
to be our great high priest
and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all
upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race
by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your
creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite
majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source
of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on
the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glori-
ous ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Saint John the
Evangelist, Saint Peter, Saint Cecilia, Mary
the Mother of God, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty
Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company
of heaven, 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

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

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

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: King of Glory, King of Peace
(J.S. Bach)*

Prayer after Communion

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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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

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...

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...

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...

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to
do his will,
that you may reign with him 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.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Concluding Voluntary: Crown Imperial
(Walton)*

**Coffee is available after today's
service**



CHRISTMAS PUDDING AND STIR UP SUNDAY



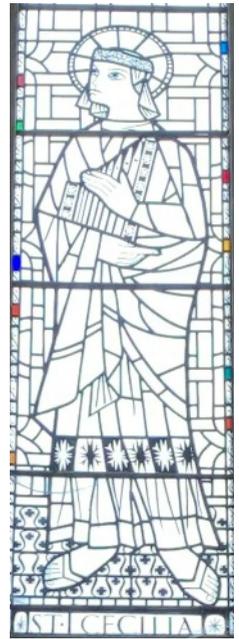
Conservative though they were, the Victorians believed Christmas should be celebrated (although excessive drinking and frolicking were frowned upon). It was they who established the tradition of making the Christmas pudding on Stir Up Sunday, the fifth Sunday before Christmas - so called because of the Collect in the Book Of Common Prayer - "Stir up, we beseech Thee..." - today used as our Post Communion prayer. "Stir Up Sunday" was a family affair. Each family member was supposed to stir the mixture from east to west to honour the journey of the Magi. This ritual was also thought to bring the family luck in the coming year.

Originally the puddings would have been shaped into a sphere and boiled in a cloth. The traditional accompaniment to the Christmas pudding was a sweet custard or a hard sauce (nowadays known as brandy butter).

It was customary to hide a number of small trinkets in the mixture. These charms often included a silver coin which signified wealth, and a ring to represent a future marriage. Woe betide the guest who stumbled across a thimble in their serving... this meant certain spinsterhood for the recipient! To continue the Christian festive theme, some traditions say there should be 13 ingredients, to represent Jesus and his 12 disciples.

22nd November : Saint Cecilia

Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs of the 2nd century. As far as is known, she was born a noble lady of Rome who, despite her vow of chastity, was forced to marry an older pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, as the musicians played, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the patron saint of musicians. Cecilia claimed to be protected in her vow of chastity by an angel, which Valerian was able to see after he had also been baptised a Christian by the Bishop of Rome. Being a Christian in those days was dangerous, and when the next wave of Roman persecutions began, Valerian and Cecilia were among those arrested and killed. One story goes that Cecilia was struck on the neck with a sword, and as she lay dying, asked that her house be converted into a church. In the centuries since then, a number of musical compositions have been dedicated to her, and her feast day has become the occasion for many concerts and musical festivals. Saint Cecilia is frequently depicted playing a viola, a small organ, or other musical instrument, as she is in her window here at St John's.

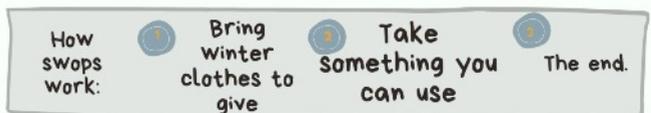


Veronica A has flagged up that although this Friday is notorious for the consumerism of “Black Friday”, there is a counter-cultural alternative: **“Spend Nothing Day”**. It is billed as *“A 24 hour detox from consumerism and an opportunity for you to tune into the impact we have on the environment through shopping”*. For further details visit their website: buynothingday.co.uk

BLACK FRIDAY IS ABOUT SHOPPING, YOU CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT IT!

CLOTHES REPAIR & SHARE

FRIDAY 26TH NOV
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WEALTH IS NOT ABOUT MONEY, IT'S ABOUT HAVING WHAT YOU NEED

The “Hastings Library of Things” is staging an event on Friday reflecting the “recycle rather than buy” ethos:



Free. All welcome. hastingslibraryofthings@mail.com for more info

Eagle House, 27-29 Cambridge Rd, Hastings (opposite ESK)

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Christmas Fayre

on **Saturday 11th December**
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

There'll be **crafts, stalls,
tombola, raffles, cakes,
games, bric-a-brac,
mulled wine, make-a-wreath,
Coffee Shop, and more...**

See you there!

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