



OneBodyOneFaith



**St John's
Pevensey Road
Pews News and
Service Sheet for
Sunday
6th April 2025**



*Welcome
to Mass
on the
Fifth Sunday
of Lent –
Passiontide
begins*

During the week:

Tuesday 7pm in the Lady
Chapel: Lent course

Wednesday at 10am in the
Lady Chapel: Said Mass

Wednesday at 10am

Online Zoom service*

Fridays 10-noon Morning

Coffee (NB not on 18th –
Good Friday)

Lent course on Tuesdays -

starting on Tuesday 11th March in the Lady Chapel at 7pm, led by the Rector and Deacon Michael, **Chichester Diocesan Lent Course 2025 - I Believe** - exploring big themes from the Nicene Creed. If you can't come in person, the materials are available for individuals on the Diocesan website. (Control & click)

[Lent 2025 - Diocese of Chichester](#)

Next Sunday 13th April

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

Prayer said by the choir: grant that
what we sing with our lips may we
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: God be in my head –
Walford Davies*

Opening Hymn

**Praise to the Holiest
in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love!
That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh
against their foe,
should strive
and should prevail;**

**and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence
and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love!
That he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren,
and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest
in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

The Welcoming of the People

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 God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us Let us then
show our love for him by
confessing our sins in penitence
and faith.

Silence is kept

Dcn Wash me thoroughly from my
wickedness and cleanse me from
my sin. Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Dcn Make me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit within
me. Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Dcn Cast me not away from your
presence and take not your holy
spirit from me. Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

*The Kyrie Eleison is sung by choir
and congregation*

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

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

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

Prayer of Absolution

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 Collect

Priest Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *all sit*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 43. 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I

formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the letter to the Philippians

Philippians 3. 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not

consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during which the Gospel is brought amongst us.

When I survey the wondrous Cross, on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

**That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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

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.

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 12. 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept

the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)
Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 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.*

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded**

With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy
grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance
whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore.

Thy beauty, long-desired,
Hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of thy face.

I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
Me, Shepherd good, for thine;
Who to thy fold hast won me,
And fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
Incline thy face to me,
This comfort that I lose not,
On earth to comfort thee.

In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the Cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
To stand thy Cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
Yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the Cross of life.

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-76) from a 14th century
Latin hymn;
translated Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

God of wisdom, may the light of
your eternal Word, our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in
holiness and guide us to glory; we
ask this in his name. **All Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

Priest 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 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*:

**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 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, Mary the Mother of God, St Peter, 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 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.

Christ is the true bread which has
come down from heaven.

**All Lord give us this bread
always.**

*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: *We adore thee, Lord Jesu -
Palestrina*

Hymn

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side
which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me
from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,

When mine eyes
are closed in death,
When I soar
through tracts unknown,
See thee
on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Toplady (1740-78)

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, you have
taught us that what we do for the
least of our brothers and sisters we
do also for you: give us the will to
be the servant of others as you
were the servant of all, and gave
up your life and died for us, but are
alive and reign, now and for ever.
All Amen.

All Almighty God, we thank you
for feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

Blessing of the Congregation

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And also with you

Priest Christ crucified draw you to
himself, to find in him a sure
ground for faith, a firm support for
hope, and the assurance of sins
forgiven; 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

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace
with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

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 faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace...

All and rise in glory. Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: *Prelude and
Fugue in A minor BWV 551 – J. S.
Bach*

Do stay a while



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Also to this email address please send any updates for prayer lists or pews news sheet by **4pm on Tuesdays**. (Printing, folding and stapling is done on Wednesdays) Thank you.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

Palm Sunday (13th April)

10.30am Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at
5.30pm – Evening Prayer in St
Peter's Chapel

Wednesday 16th 10am Said Mass
in St Peter's Chapel

Maundy Thursday (17th April) at
7pm – Sung Mass with washing
of feet and presentation of the
Holy Oils

Good Friday 10.15am Walk of
Witness beginning in
Christchurch Courtyard
12noon The Stations of the Cross
in St John's.

1pm Silent Prayer Lunch

2pm The Last Hour with the
Veneration of the Cross and
administration of the Blessed
Sacrament.

Holy Saturday 8pm The First
Mass of Easter

Easter Day 10.30am The Parish
Mass on Easter Morning.

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Watch 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 Lillies –

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!



St John's has a walking group. We walk some Fridays or Saturdays generally a distance around 6 miles. Sometimes we even stop for tea and cake ! If you would like to be emailed about walks as they are planned please give your email address to Kate Hill. There is no obligation to attend every walk, just come when it suits you. Any questions chat to Kate

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LOAF First Sunday Walk in aid of Pakistan project.
Meet 2:30 pm this afternoon at Westfield Church. £2 minimum donation. The New Inn is close by for post-walk refreshment. Roger Mitchell