

# *St John the Evangelist*

## *Burgess Hill*



*Sung Eucharist*  
*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024*  
*Fr David Charles - Celebrant & Preacher*

**Welcome to St John the Evangelist – the Parish Church of Burgess Hill**  
**Please take this pew sheet home with you**

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**A very warm welcome to the Parish Eucharist this morning.  
If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you with us –  
please do make yourself known to one of the clergy or sidespeople.  
The arrows that you will see throughout this book may help as suggestions  
regarding posture:   ↑ stand   → sit   ↓ kneel**

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## **The Gathering**

↑ *When the bell is rung, please stand to sing the processional hymn.*

**Hymn (CFE 37)**

**1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne,  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**2. Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**3. Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4. Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

## **The Greeting**

*The Priest greets the people:*

✠ In the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*The Priest gives the invitation to confession:*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*We now sing the Kyries:*

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

*The Priest proclaims 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. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (*sung*)

**Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on Earth.  
Lord God, heav'nly 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, Amen, Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer.*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

➔ *We sit for the two readings which precede the Gospel reading.*

A **Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 1. 15 – 17, 21 – 26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm I

*Response:*

**For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.  
Their delight is the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night. **/R**

Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **/R**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able  
to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **/R**

**A Reading** from the First Letter of John. (1 John 5. 9 – 13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn (CFE 619)**

**I. Rejoice! The Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.**

*Refrain:*

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**2. Jesus the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above: /R**

**3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given: /R**

**4. He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet: /R**

## **Gospel Reading**

↑ *We stand to greet Christ who comes among us in his Gospel.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the Deacon says:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(St John 17. 6 – 19)*

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one


destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Sermon**

 *Please stand for* **The 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.**





The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Deacon says:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the following hymn, the altar is prepared.*

## **Hymn (CFE 19)**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him, crown him,  
crown him,  
crown him, Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him,  
crown him, Lord of all.**

**Ye prophets who our freedom won,  
ye searchers, great and small,  
by whom the work of truth is done,  
now crown him, crown him,  
crown him,  
crown him, Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him,  
crown him, Lord of all.**

**Bless him, each poor oppressed race  
that Christ did upward call;  
his hand in each achievement trace,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him,  
crown him, Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue  
to him their hearts enthrall:  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him,  
crown him, Lord of all.**

*The Priest takes bread and wine, and prayers at the preparation of the altar are said:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that this, my sacrifice and yours,  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

↑ The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts –*

... for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory:  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

→ / ↓ let us now pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The Priest invites people to receive Holy Communion and uses the following invitation:*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The Priest and people receive Communion.*

*If you are a member of another church or denomination and are accustomed to receiving Communion, you are welcome to receive at St John's. However, if you do not wish to take Communion, but would like to receive God's blessing, please still come forward – bowing your head, and holding your service sheet in front of you, as a sign to the priest.*

*The Choir sing hymns and other works during the administration of Communion:*

**Choir Anthem:** Bread of Life (Simpson)

## **Prayer after Communion**

→ / ↓ *Silence is kept. The Priest then says the Post Communion prayer:*

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.

**Amen.**

*We join together in the following prayer:*

**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.**

*Please remain seated for the Notices.*

## The Concluding Rite

↑ *Please stand for* **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn (CFE 139)**

**1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly 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.**

**3. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**4. 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.**

**5. Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
one with the Father known,  
and the blest Spirit through him given  
from yonder triune throne:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

**The Dismissal**

*The Deacon says:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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*Parish Notices*



**Sponsors are sought each week  
for the pew sheet, tabernacle candle and church flowers.**

Celebrate or commemorate a special or important date  
for a £10 donation. Please give Colin your message & donation.

**The May 200 Club results at St John's: drawn 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**1<sup>st</sup> : 23 (£50) | 2<sup>nd</sup> : 135 (£20) | 3<sup>rd</sup> : 94 (£10)**

Contact Di Tipler or a Churchwarden if you wish to join.

**Our Organ Restoration:** Please continue to support the project if you can. **The Bishop of Chichester will be coming to rededicate the organ within the main 10am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – the Feast of St Richard of Chichester. This will be an important day in – and for – our parish: please cement the date in your diaries now.



**Coffee Morning – 18<sup>th</sup> May: 10am-1pm**  
**in aid of St John's Organ Fund and Family Support Group**

There will be stalls at the back of Church,  
and also cakes and preserves and refreshments to enjoy.

**THE SPIRE CAFÉ:**

sandwiches, paninis, and jacket potatoes plus the usual cakes.

*Please do stay behind after Mass on a Wednesday to enjoy a snack, or pop in on a Thursday – when the IT support group are also on-hand to help with any computer related problems.* **Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10am – 1pm.**

**Support our vital and valued café, and the ministry of community hospitality it stands for.**

## **SPRING CHARITY – ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION** *200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY*

Just a reminder of our Spring charity: the RNLI

This charity does an amazing job all year round using mostly volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day every day of the year in whatever weather or tide conditions. Apart from rescuing swimmers who find themselves in trouble they go out to boats that have broken down, take off passengers who are ill or injured, in many cases have been called on to rescue migrants who have tried to cross the channel to a better life without judgement of any sort. This is the 200th anniversary of this wonderful association, and they are being called on more and more around the coastline of the United Kingdom and we are lucky enough to have a lifeboat station nearby in Shoreham to the west and Eastbourne to the east, and when I collected the leaflets that were given out recently I was told that the Shoreham lifeboat had done 38 'rescues' in our area in the past 3 months - this could be any one of us who use the sea and the beaches so your help to help them is much needed.

Thank you for your support Di & John

### **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary D-Day Commemoration**

in St John's Park on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**

This is being co-ordinated by Burgess Hill Town Council. We at St John's Church will be participating with a cake table, and we invite any bakers to come forward to offer their assistance for this. Please advise a Churchwarden if you can help by baking something for us to raise additional funds.

*We will also be asking for cakes again for the*

### **Town Summer Park Event** on the **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11am-3pm**

All assistance is greatly appreciated in helping with these stalls and from our wonderful bakers – let's get the ovens baking!! We always manage to raise a good amount from these events and we get some visibility out in the community for our Church. Please do come along, help or bake if you can.

Singers who are interested in joining the **Come and Sing Day** do make a date in your diary for **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, here at St John's**  
Facilitated again this year by Burgess Hill Choral Society –  
more information coming soon.

### **DIGITAL GIVING AT ST JOHN'S**

Here is our QR code for digital giving at St John's: if you have a QR-capable smart phone and scan the adjacent code, it will take you straight to our digital giving page.





The three greatest silent comedians come together for one awesome show presented and accompanied live on the piano by dynamo and much-loved broadcaster Neil Brand

Charlie Chaplin's *The Rink* / Buster Keaton's *The High Sign* / Harold Lloyd's *Never Weaken*

## St John's Church, Burgess Hill

**Saturday May 18, 2024, 7 p.m.**

Doors open 6 p.m. with licensed bar available before the performance

**Tickets £10; accompanied under 16s free**

**All proceeds in aid of St John's Organ Restoration Fund**

Tickets available from the Help Point in Burgess Hill, on line from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnschurch](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnschurch) or on the door.

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** **The Feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

8.00am – Said Eucharist: Fr David Charles

10.00am – Sung Eucharist: Fr Clay Knowles

Ezekiel 37. 1-14 | Psalm 104.26-37 | Acts 2.1-21 | John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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