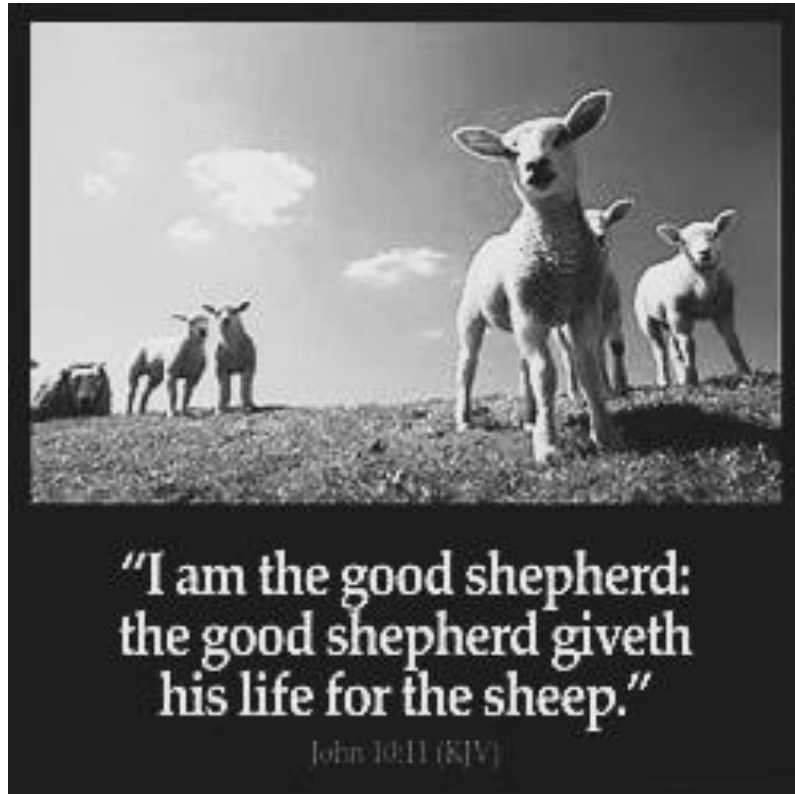


St John the Evangelist Burgess Hill



Sung Eucharist

21st April 2024

Fr David Charles at 8am – Celebrant & Preacher

Fr Clay Knowles at 10am – 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**

The Gathering

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

Hymn (NEH 352)

**1. 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**5. 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.**

The celebrant greets the people:

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The Priest gives the invitation to confession:

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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.**

The children leave for children's church with the following prayer:

O God, whose Son Jesus took the children into his arms and blessed them; we thank you for bringing us together as your children in this place. Send your Holy Spirit upon our Young Church and help us all to be more like Jesus, this day and every day. **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.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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 4.5-12)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Response

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **/R**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and staff, they comfort me. **/R**

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full. **/R**

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **/R**

A **Reading** from the First Letter of John. (1 John 3.16-end)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn (NEH 117)

**1. The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own ‘All hail,’ and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**

**3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.**

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

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 10.11-18)

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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.
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



In the power of the Holy Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:
the Church, the world, our local community, the sick, the departed.*

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end, the Priest concludes with these or similar words:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

↑ *The Priest introduces the Peace:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the risen Lord. Alleluia.

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 (NEH 458)

**1. The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noonday walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.**

**2. When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary wandering steps he leads,
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.**

**3. Though in a bare and rugged way
Through devious lonely wilds I stray,
Thy bounty shall my pains beguile;
The barren wilderness shall smile
With sudden green and herbage
crowned,
And streams shall murmur all around.**

**4. Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou O Lord, art with me still:
Thy friendly staff shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful
shade.**

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

→ / ↓ Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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: King of Glory (William Harris / J.S. Bach)

Prayer after Communion

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

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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.

May Christ, who out of defeat brings a new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn (*In Christ alone*)

**1. In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**3. There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh!
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the one he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was sanctified –
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns and calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

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.**

This week, there are no sponsors.

Celebrate or commemorate a special or important date
for a £10 donation.

Please give Colin your message & donation.

NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, April 28th

The Fifth Sunday of Easter & Baptism

Fr David Charles Presiding and Preaching

Acts 8.26-40 | Psalm 22.25-end | I John 4.7-end | John 15.1-8

The 200 Club at St John's drawn 7th April

1st : 19 (£50) | 2nd : 92 (£20) | 3rd : 73 (£10)

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

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.

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For all enquiries and bookings, please contact our Parish Administrator

Amelia Georgiou, who is available in the Café on Thursday.

Alternatively, the Office is effectively open when Amelia works from home:

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Our Organ Restoration Restoration pictures on the webpage and FB page – please continue to support the project if you can. Thank you so much to those who have already so generously contributed – **The Bishop of Chichester will be coming to rededicate the organ within the main 10am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 16th June** – the Feast of St Richard of Chichester. This will be such an important day in – and for – our parish: please cement the date in your diaries now.



Coffee Morning 18th May 10am-1pm

In aid of St John's Organ Fund and Family Support Work

There will be stalls at the back of Church, Cakes and Preserves and Refreshments to enjoy. Volunteers to help Felicity needed.

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Our Fundraising Concert for the Organ Appeal

Neil Brand's Silent Comedy Triple Bill

St John's Church **Saturday 18th May 7 pm**, Tickets £10 available online from ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnschurch; also from the Church café, or on the door.

Prayers for the Parish – Prayer requests can be found just inside the church entrance. If you would like yourself, a friend, or loved one to be prayed for, please write the intention on one of the slips of paper provided, then post through the box on the wall. These – together with the pew sheet Intercessions – will be prayed through on: **Thursdays at 11.30am, with the Angelus at noon.**

All very welcome.

SPRING CHARITY - ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

With the summer months arriving, we chose this charity as living in a coastal region we know that the lifeboats will be called upon by people in our area and throughout the whole country when in trouble in the water – whether swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding or boating; whatever the incident, they are on hand to help and save lives. Around 1500 people work as seasonal lifeguards on over 248 beaches and rescue on average 29334 people as well as 5600 VOLUNTEER CREW MEMBERS throughout the UK and Ireland rescuing on average 9379 people annually - ... could this be you when on holiday or on a day out at the coast? Whatever the emergency, these dedicated volunteer crew are ready to go out in all weathers and sea conditions to help – please can you now help them with a donation in the envelope in the pews and/or by becoming a member – your help would be gratefully received. Thank you. Di & John

D-Day Anniversary Celebrations in St John's Park on **Thursday 6th June at 6pm.** are 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 Church Warden 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 23rd June 11am-3pm**

All assistance is greatly appreciated in helping with these stalls and from our wonderful stealthy bakers, let's get the ovens baking !! we manage to raise a good amount from these events and we get some visibility out in community for our Church.

Singers who are interested in joining the **Come and Sing Day**

hosted again this year by Burgess Hill Choral Society

Make a date in your diary for **Saturday 8th June in St John's Church.**

More information coming soon.