

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sunday 27th
EASTER 2**

**08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist**

**Monday 28th
George, Patron Saint of England
(transferred from 23rd)**

No public worship today

**Tuesday 29th
St Mark, the Evangelist**

**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)**

Wednesday 30th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday May 1st

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Ss Philip & James, Apostles

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 2nd

No public worship today

14:00 – 15:30 Book Group (Pagham)

Saturday 3rd

No public worship today

Sunday 4th

08:00 Holy Communion

Easter 3

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Family Eucharist

12:45 Lunch on Sunday (Mosse Hall)

Whilst in vacancy, although our pattern of worship during the week may be reduced, St Richard's Church will remain open for private prayer Monday - Saturday 10am-4pm and until 4pm on Sunday.

The Collection plate - If you would like to make an offering, please use the contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymns

Introit: (Sheet) I will sing the wondrous story

Gradual: 173 Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer

Offertory: 310 We hail thy presence glorious

Final: 486 We have a Gospel to proclaim

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Second Sunday of Easter:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

New Testament Reading: Acts 5: 27–32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Psalm 150:

Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him upon the harp and lyre. Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him with ringing cymbals; praise him upon the clashing cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia.

New Testament Reading: The Revelation to John 1: 4–8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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 firstborn 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.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them:

Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Rev'd Emma, Rev'd James Cooper.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Ida Evans (27th), Robert Morsley (28th), Muriel Morsley (2nd)

We pray for and with the people of Ukraine; for the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank; for peace of the Holy Land; and for those who will weep, and fear, and die this day.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Next week's readings: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9: 1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-end; John 21: 1-19

Quinquennial Inspection repair works / Wardens' Appeal

Although we haven't raised all the funds yet, we've raised sufficient funds for the PCC to agree that quinquennial repair works can be done. We're taking it on faith that we will raise the rest of the necessary funds and fundraising events will continue as before. If you have any ideas for fundraising events/activities, please speak to Mike or Angela. The work started on Tuesday 22nd April and will continue for 8-12 weeks. During this time, the church will mostly remain open as normal, but there may be some occasional days/times, possibly at very short notice, where the church will need to be closed for health and safety reasons, which we're sure you will understand.

Preparation of adult candidates and children over 12 who are seeking confirmation

(courses for young people will be at different times to adults). Rev Celia Woodruff will be offering 3 or 4 sessions in late April and early May in preparation for confirmation on 4th June 2025 at St Nicholas Parish Church, Middleton on Sea. No dates have yet been set, as it would be helpful to work out candidates' availability and preferred location for these sessions. They will be offered at Celia's home in Middleton or at the parish church in Pagham or Aldwick. Please email Celia on celia.woodruff1@gmail.com or telephone 07807 899119 if you wish to join these sessions so times, dates and location can be set up. Alternatively, please email one of the churchwardens, Mike or Angela (details on the pew sheet) who will pass on your details to Celia.

Preparation of New Electoral Roll 2025

Every sixth year, a **COMPLETELY NEW Electoral Roll** must be prepared by every parish. The present Roll ended on 29th March. EVERYBODY must apply again to be included in the new Roll. Application forms and explanatory information are in envelopes at the back of church. Please **RETURN to the box no later than 15th May**. Queries to Dr Spencer Thomas, Electoral Roll Officer.

Community Groups and Events

The Book Group meets at 2.00 pm on Friday 2nd May in Pagham Church. If you would like to be added to the Book Group's mailing list, or have any queries, email lindatempest@hotmail.com

Lunch on Sunday will take place next **Sunday 4th May at 12.45pm** following our Parish Family Eucharist. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. This is a great opportunity to share a relaxed meal together. If you, along with some friends, would like to organise a lunch in the future, please contact Angela Purser.

Arundel & Bognor Deanery Pilgrimage, Saturday 10th May, 10am–5pm: Join a day of spiritual reflection and community on a walk of about 9 miles from Barnham Railway Station to Chichester Cathedral as part of the Diocese Year of Faith. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and carry a packed lunch, water and snacks. The walk is largely level but will include some rough paths, stiles and roadside walking. Please bring dogs only if they are comfortable walking on the lead. Please note that the Arundel & Bognor deanery does not accept any liability for your safety on this walk. You may want to join all, part or none of the walk and just meet at the Cathedral. There will be Choral Evensong for those who wish to stay. Please register at [Arundel & Bognor Deanery Pilgrimage eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.arundel-bognor.org.uk/pilgrimage), using the 'Reserve a spot' link.

Regis Rhythms, Saturday 10th May, 6pm–9pm. An evening of music and entertainment with Clive and Kevin, in the Mosse Hall, raising funds for the Wardens' Appeal. Do come along and join in the fun. Supper will be locally sourced burgers with salad, including vegetarian and gluten free options. Please bring your own drinks. £12 for Adults, Children are free. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church, or phone 07712 833423.

An evening with Kate Mosse will be held on **Wednesday 28th May**, in church at **7pm**. Tickets are £10. Kate will be talking about her latest tour, her connections to Aldwick and presenting her latest paperback book. Refreshments and book signings will follow in the Mosse Hall after the talk. To book tickets contact Barbara on 01243 867226 or email Barbara.textiles@btopenworld.com. While Barbara is away from 1st to 15th May, please contact David on 07986 583469 or by email on David.williams1945@gmail.com or speak with Mike or Angela at Church. This is sure to be a very popular event, so do book early. To pay by BACS use the Account name: Aldwick Parochial Church Council, account number 50759368 and Sort Code 20-20-65. Please put K Mosse as the reference.

An appeal from St Richard's belltower - Have you noticed that in the last few months not all of our eight bells have been rung each week for the 11.15 Sunday Service? We have a great peal of eight easy-to-ring bells, and we want all of them to be heard whenever possible. Are you interested in learning to ring, or do you know anyone who might? If so, please do get in touch with us – either Jonathon Harris (Tower Captain) on 07510 140258 or Julie Robinson (Secretary) on 01243 868881 or 07931 966026. We will be delighted to hear from you. All we ask is a commitment to attend teaching sessions regularly, working towards joining in with the present ringers on Sunday mornings and at our Tuesday evening practices. **LET THE BELLS RING!**

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Pasta (500g), UHT Milk (green), tinned puddings, tinned vegetables (all types), toilet rolls. **We have plenty of:** pulses.