

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025

EASTER DAY

He is risen!

**Sunday 20th
EASTER DAY**

06:00 Dawn Service (Pagham)

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist with blessing of the Easter Garden

Monday 21st

No public worship today

Tuesday 22nd

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

Wednesday 23rd

No public worship today

Thursday 24th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 25th

No public worship today

Saturday 26th

No public worship today

10:30–Noon Coffee, cake and conversation (Mosse Hall)

Sunday 27th

08:00 Holy Communion

Easter 2

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

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: 110 Jesus Christ in risen today, Alleluya!

Gradual: 103 Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Offertory: 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Final: 120 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Easter Day:

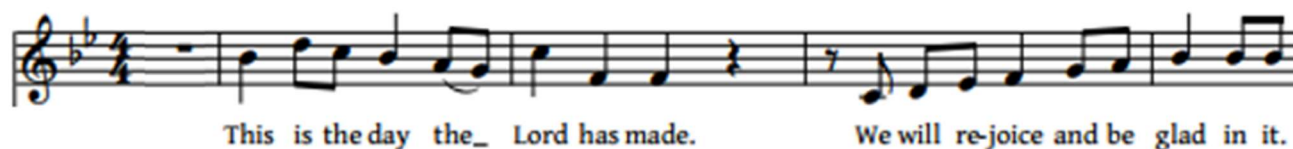
Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 17–end

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Psalms 118: 14–24

Response: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it



The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds. **{Response}**

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. **{Response}**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me, and have become my salvation. **{Response}**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **{Response}**

New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was

with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 1–12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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: Basil Smith (20th), Helen Browne (21st)

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: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings: Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5: 27–32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1: 4–8; John 20: 19-end

Preparation of New Electoral Roll 2025

Every sixth year, of which 2025 is one (delayed a year by Covid) a **COMPLETELY NEW Electoral Roll** must be prepared by every parish. The present Roll ended on 29th March, two months before the APCM which is to be held on 29th May, following the Ascension Day Eucharist. Please note that **EVERYBODY** must apply again to be included in the new Roll. Please collect your application form and explanatory information in the named envelopes at the back of St Richard's, and **RETURN to the box by 15th May**, preferably sooner. Any queries to Dr Spencer Thomas, Electoral Roll Officer.

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.

Community Groups and Events

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place on **Saturday 26th April 10.30am–12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. We are looking for someone to host this event. If you can do so, or would like to host one of our future Coffee, Cake & Conversation events then please do get in touch. Full training on the coffee machine can be given and it only needs 2 of you at a time to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some yummy cakes. Please let Jayne Foulks know if you can help on 07890 266404 or jayne_244@hotmail.com

Lunch on Sunday will take place next on **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.eventbrite.co.uk), using the 'Reserve a spot' link.

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. This is sure to be a very popular event, so do book early.

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, baked beans, tinned fruit / puddings, tinned vegetables (all types), toilet rolls. **We have plenty of:** pulses.