

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025 **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday 13th	08:00 Holy Communion
Palm Sunday	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 The Liturgy of Palm Sunday (starts in Mosse Hall)
Monday 14th	20:00 Compline (Zoom)
Tuesday 15th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	20:00 Compline (Zoom)
Wednesday 16th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	20:00 Compline (Zoom)
Thursday 17th	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Maundy Thursday	19:30 Sung Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (Pagham) with foot washing, stripping of altars and The Watch until 23:00
Friday 18th	10:00 Walk of Witness from Bognor Methodist Church to Our Lady of Sorrows
Good Friday	10:00 – 12:00 Children's Workshop (Mosse Hall)
	14:00 The Liturgy of Good Friday (Pagham)
Saturday 19th	09:00 – 12:00 Church cleaning & dressing
Holy Saturday	
Sunday 20th	06:00 Dawn Service (Pagham)
EASTER DAY	08:00 Holy Communion
	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with blessing of the Easter Garden

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 are in the printed Liturgy of Palm Sunday:

**All glory, laud and honour; Ride on, ride on in majesty;
My song is love unknown; Love is his word, love is his way;
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**

(We start the service in the Mosse Hall)

The Palm Gospel: Luke 19: 28 - 40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

The Procession

**All glory, laud and honour;
Ride on, ride on in majesty;**

(In St. Richard's Church)

Collect (Opening Prayer) for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Passion according to Luke: 22: 14 – end; 23: 1 – 56

The Passion according to Luke is read straight through in dramatic form, omitting verses 4 and 5 of the hymn 'My song is love unknown'.

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, Sunny Haysey.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Marshall Lucas (14th), Arthur Adamson (15th), Arthur Anderson (15th), Frank Burt (15th), Eric Newman (15th), Margaret Miles (16th), Lilian King (19th), Philip Mosse (19th)

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 Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Next week's readings: Easter Day. He is risen – Alleluia!
Isaiah 65: 17–end; Psalm 118: 14–24; Acts 10: 34–43; Luke 24: 1–12

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 seeking confirmation 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 if you wish to join these sessions so times, dates and location can be set up. Her email address is celia.woodruff1@gmail.com and her telephone number is 07807 899119. 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

Good Friday Children's Workshop, 18th April, a morning of fun and crafty activities for children and families **10:00- 12noon** in the Mosse Hall. Children of all ages and their grown-ups are welcome! Ending with a short act of worship and hot cross buns!

Bognor Churches Together - Good Friday Walk of Witness beginning at Bognor Regis Methodist Church and ending at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, at **10am on Friday 18th April** and concluding with worship and refreshments. Email bognorchurches@gmail.com for more details.

Easter Flowers and Easter Church Cleaning and Dressing

We hope to fill the church with flowers again for Easter. If you would like to help with this, please collect a basket from the entrance porch over the next week. Baskets can be filled with spring flowers/greenery or a combination- gathered from your gardens if possible! The oasis provided will need to be thoroughly soaked. Please return your baskets on **Holy Saturday (19th April) between 9-12noon** when we shall be dressing the church for Easter Day - alongside the big Easter Church Clean. If you are able to come along, your help with preparing the church for Easter Day would be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work. Hot cross buns at 11am!

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. If anyone 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. If you, with some friends, would like to organise this lunch, or one in the future, please contact Angela Purser.

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? This is because, for a variety of reasons, a number of erstwhile, rock-solid, members of "Aldwick Bellringers" have recently had to give up ringing. This has left us at a very low ebb: we can at present ring a maximum of five bells without help from other ringers – not a situation we enjoy! We have a great peal of eight easy-to-ring bells and we want all of them to be heard whenever possible.

Are there any members of the congregation, or anyone who reads this weekly email/pew sheet who would be interested in learning to ring (helping to keep this ancient craft of bell ringing from decline) 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. There is no charge for teaching - all that 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 sauce, tinned soup, biscuits, UHT milk (green/red), UHT orange juice. **We have plenty of:** pulses.