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Sunday 25th May 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday	25th	09:30	Parish Eucharist
Monday	26th	09:00	Morning prayer
Tuesday	27th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	28th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday	29th	09:00	Morning prayer
Ascension Day		10:00	Holy Communion
Friday	30th		No public worship today
Saturday	31st		No public worship today
The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth			
Sunday	1st	09:30	Parish Family Eucharist
June			

Hymns

340. Light's abode celestial Salem
429. Love is his way
The Lord's my shepherd (sheet)
332. I the Lord of sea and sky

The Collect (Opening Prayer): God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**



First Reading: Acts 16.9-15 ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We therefore^[a] set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed^[b] there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. **Amen.**

Response to Psalm 67 : 'Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.'

Second Reading: Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5 ¹⁰ And in the spirit^[a] he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Gospel Reading: John 14.23-29 ²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.



Prayers of Intercession

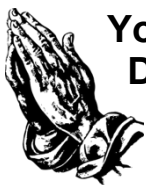
The sick and those who care for them: Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Colin May, Pam Browning, Gary Edgington, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny and James.

Anniversary of death: 26th - Frank Baker, 27th - Maude Teulon, Leslie Pepper, 28th - John Blackman, 30th - Cis Humphries, Carole Turner

We pray We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

Post Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



You are invited to a said celebration of Holy Communion for Ascension Day at 10:00 on Thursday 29th of May. Following on from this we would like

to encourage you to join in with '**Pray for Five.**' Please take a sheet from church for more information about this exciting way to pray for those we love and to know the life-transforming love of Christ. Who could you be praying for this Ascension to Pentecost to know the love of Christ for themselves?

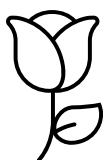
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Please note that since it is half term, there is no Tuesday @7 this week but we would love to welcome you to any of our other services. We will resume Tuesday @7 on the 3rd of June

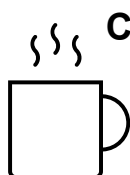


Apologies that our website isn't working at the moment. We are looking into fixing this as well as updating our Churches Near You page. In the meantime, you will find updates on our Facebook page

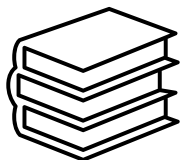
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Friends of Pagham Parish Church Flower Festival will be taking place in church 6th – 8th June with the theme of 'Remember'. Please mark this date in your diary. If you would like to offer sponsorship for the displays please speak to Trudi, or complete one of the forms, which are at the back of church. Refreshments will be available on the day and we would welcome donations of cakes if you are able to help.



Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place next **Saturday, 31st May, 10:30am–12 noon** in the Mosse Hall, St Richard's Church. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family for some yummy refreshments and convivial conversation.



An evening with Kate Mosse will be held on **Wednesday 28th May**, in St Richard's 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.



Friends of Pagham Church Raising funds to help maintain this beautiful 13th Century Church Events organised through the year. We would be very pleased to welcome you to join us. For further information contact: Maureen Hatzfeld 01243 268 576



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.



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: tinned custard/rice pudding, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables..

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:

Breakfast Club: on 4th June at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

The Bear Necessities: on 9th June, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

Pints of View: on 12th June, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

The Book Group: on 4th July, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

Please Note: Churchwardens Mrs Sue O'Neill and Mr Alex Brockhurst's day off is Friday each week.

Next week's readings:

Acts 16.16-34, Psalm 97

Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21, John 17.20-26