

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 11th
EASTER 4

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

Monday 12th

No public worship today
14.30 Tea & Chat (Pagham)
19:30 The Bear Necessities (The Bear Inn, Pagham)

Tuesday 13th

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

Wednesday 14th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

St Matthias, the Apostle

Thursday 15th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 16th

No public worship today

Saturday 17th

No public worship today

Sunday 18th

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

Easter 5

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: 33 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Offertory: 282 Faithful shepherd, feed me in the pastures green

Final: 457 The King of love my Shepherd is

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**

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the

four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 22–30

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

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 James Cooper.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Marjorie Fletcher (12th), Alison Wiggins (13th), Laurie Farmer (14th).

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:

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.**

Next week's readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 148: 1-6; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35

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 and **all names were deleted from it. EVERYBODY** must apply again to be included in the new Roll. Please **RETURN your completed form no later than 15th May**. Queries to Dr Spencer Thomas, Electoral Roll Officer.

Quinquennial Inspection repair works / Wardens' Appeal

Although we haven't raised all the funds yet, we've raised sufficient for the quinquennial repair works to begin. We're taking it on faith that we'll raise the rest, and fundraising events continue as before. If you have any ideas for fundraising events or 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 occasionally be days/times, possibly at very short notice, where the church will need to be closed for health & safety reasons, which we're sure you will understand. There may also be a need to close for a few days over the next couple of weeks while work is undertaken on the doors.

Community Groups and Events

Tea & Chat meets on **Monday 12th May, 2.30pm to 4pm**. It provides a warm, friendly space for people of the local community to meet together over a cuppa and enjoy homemade bakes in St Andrew's Chapel, Pagham Church. Everyone is welcome and please invite a neighbour to join you.

The Bear Necessities is a discussion group for women, which meets on **Monday 12th May at 7.30pm** at The Bear Inn, Pagham. All ages are welcome. All views welcome. This is a safe space to discuss current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

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 David on 07986 583469 or by email on David.williams1945@gmail.com or speak with David, 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: Biscuits, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables (all types) **We have plenty of:** pulses.