

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>  
EASTER 3**

**08:00 Holy Communion  
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall  
11:15 Parish Family Eucharist  
12.45 Lunch on Sunday (Mosse Hall)**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today  
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)  
19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)  
19:30 Mothers' Union (Mosse Hall)**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)  
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Julian of Norwich**

**10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today  
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10.00 Deanery Pilgrimage (details on page 4)  
18:00 Regis Rhythms (Mosse Hall: see page 4)**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Easter 4**

**08:00 Holy Communion  
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: 431 O thou who camest from above**

**Gradual: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

**Offertory: 465 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown**

**Final: 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem**

## **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Easter:**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

## **New Testament Reading: Acts 9: 1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

## **Psalm 30:**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!' You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

## **New Testament Reading: The Revelation to John 5: 11-end**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

## **Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak,

Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## **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:*** (Lewis) John Stanley (5<sup>th</sup>)

***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:**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Next week's readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 9: 36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7: 9-end; John 10: 22-30**

**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/activities, please speak to Mike or Angela. The work started on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Queries to Dr Spencer Thomas, Electoral Roll Officer.

**Confirmation classes** are being run by Rev Celia Woodruff in preparation for confirmation on 4<sup>th</sup> June at St Nicholas Parish Church, Middleton. If you are interested but have yet to sign up, the first session is on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please contact Celia on [celia.woodruff1@gmail.com](mailto:celia.woodruff1@gmail.com) or 07807 899119 as soon as possible for further details.

## Community Groups and Events

**Lunch on Sunday** will take place today at **12.45pm** following our Parish Family Eucharist. If you have not yet signed up, please speak to Angela. There will be a space. 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.

**Mothers' Union** meets in the Mosse Hall on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7 for 7.30pm**, for a VE DAY celebration evening. Please bring along any items or anecdotes from friends or family to share.

**Breakfast club** meets next **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café, at 9.30 am. The cost of breakfast is £10-£14. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! Any queries to Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

**Arundel & Bognor Deanery Pilgrimage, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10am–5pm:** Join a day of spiritual reflection and community on a walk from Barnham Railway Station to Chichester Cathedral. 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)

**Regis Rhythms, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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? 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. 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.

### Groups meeting in week beginning May 11<sup>th</sup>:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm: Tea and Chat in St Andrew's Chapel, Pagham Church

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: The Bear Necessities – a discussion group for women, at The Bear Inn, Pagham

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Points of View – a discussion group for men, at The Inglenook, Pagham

## SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



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