

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 18th
EASTER 5

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

Monday 19th
St Dunstan

No public worship today

Tuesday 20th

Alcuin of York

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

Wednesday 21st

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday 22nd

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 23rd

No public worship today

Saturday 24th

No public worship today

John & Charles Wesley

Sunday 25th

08:00 Holy Communion

Easter 6

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: 205 Christ is made the sure foundation

Gradual: 115 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Offertory: (Sheet) The Servant King

Final: 113 Love's redeeming work is done

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 11: 1–18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Psalm 148: 1-6 Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord



Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light. **{Response}**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **{Response}**

New Testament Reading: The Revelation to John 21: 1–6

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Gospel Reading: John 13: 31–35

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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: Dennis Kirk, Betty Turner, Edna White (all 22nd)

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:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next week's readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation)
Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5; John 14: 23-29

Community Groups and Events

An evening with Kate Mosse will be held on **Wednesday 28th May**, in church at **7pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from an internationally renowned author with direct links to our Church. 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 (price £10), contact Barbara on Barbara.textiles@btopenworld or 01243 867226 OR David on 07986 583469 or David.williams1945@gmail.com or speak with either at Church. To pay by BACS use the Account name: Aldwick Parochial Church Council, account number 50759368 and Sort Code 20-20-65, putting K Mosse as the reference. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make it payable to Aldwick PCC, Mosse Hall Account. Tickets ordered online will be available for collection from 6.30pm at the door on the day of the talk.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place on **Saturday 31st May, 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 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 out on 07890 266404.

Lunch on Sunday will be on **1st June at 12.45pm** following Parish Family Eucharist. Lists to sign up are 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.

Knitted poppies. Carole Matthews is in the process of knitting and sewing together poppies for November. If anyone could join her in this task we would be able to put on a much bigger display in church and outside. As this year is the 80th Anniversary of peace in Europe and Japan it would be an appropriate year. A pattern is available if you could help with this task. Contact Carole via email: carole.matthews@jrmil.co.uk

easyfundraising and Tesco shopping have come together again to give a little help to churches this May - by offering five £1,000 funding pots! This month, thanks to the Tesco Community Pledge, when our supporters shop online with Tesco via the easyfundraising website or app, St Richard's will not only raise free funds, but is also in the draw to receive £1,000 in funding! Follow these simple steps to take part - if you haven't already signed up, please register here for easyfundraising (https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=260598&invite=UHEQ64&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral). Then, when you shop online, St Richard's raise free funds, and when you shop online at Tesco, St Richard's will be entered into the draw to receive a £1,000 funding boost. The more people who shop online with Tesco on our behalf, the more chances we have of receiving this funding boost! We have also just received our latest payout from easyfundraising – thanks to all of our supporters.

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. 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: Tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables (all types), toilet rolls. **We have plenty of:** pulses.