

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ROGATION)

Sunday 25 th	08:00 Holy Communion
EASTER 6	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Rogation	11:15 Parish Eucharist
Monday 26 th	No public worship today
Tuesday 27 th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Wednesday 28 th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	19:00 An evening with Kate Mosse (St Richard's Church)
Thursday 29 th	09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Ascension Day	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
	19:00 Eucharist followed by refreshments and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Friday 30 th	No public worship today
Saturday 31 st	No public worship today
Visit of BVM to Elizabeth	10:30–Noon Coffee, Cake & Conversation (Mosse Hall)
Sunday 1 st JUNE	08:00 Holy Communion
Easter 7	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Family Eucharist
	12.45 Parish Lunch in the Mosse Hall

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: 436 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Gradual: 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

Offertory: 262 We plough the fields

Final: 413 Now thank we all our God

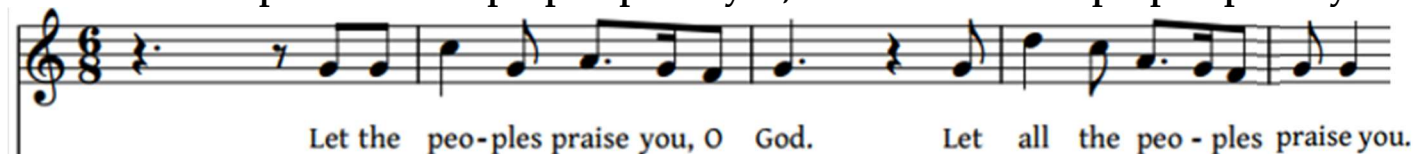
The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

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**

New Testament Reading: Acts 16: 9–15

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

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



God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **{Response}**

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth. **{Response}**

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **{Response}**

New Testament Reading: The Revelation to John 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, and I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall

bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 23–29

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. 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. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. 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. 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. 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:

Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Rev'd James Cooper.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Jane Norman (27th), John Merrington (29th), Irene Daws (30th).

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:

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.**

Next week's readings: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end; John 17: 20-end

Ascension Day, Thursday 29th May: Do join us for celebrations at **7pm** for a Sung Eucharist, followed by refreshments and the APCM. Since the fourth century, on the fortieth day of Easter, there has been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. This is when Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh.

Community Groups and Events

An evening with Kate Mosse will be held **next 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. Payment in advance is preferred, though payment will be accepted on the night. Tickets ordered in advance will be available for collection from 6.30pm on the night.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place next **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 people 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 our 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 and some friends would like to organise a lunch in the future, please contact Angela Purser.

St Thomas à Becket Church Flower Festival, Friday 6th – Sunday 8th June: Friday and Saturday, 10am-4pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. Entry £5.00 (under 18s free). Refreshments available all day. The festival includes a display from St Richard's flower group, so do give your support. All welcome.

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, particularly as this year is the 80th Anniversary of peace in Europe and Japan. A pattern is available at the back of church if you could help with this task, or 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!

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), tinned custard/rice pudding. **We have plenty of:** pulses.