

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2025 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

Sunday 1st	08:00 Holy Communion
EASTER 7	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Sunday after Ascension	11:15 Parish Family Eucharist
	12.45 Lunch on Sunday (Mosse Hall)
Monday 2nd	09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 3rd	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
	19:30 Mothers' Union (Mosse Hall)
Wednesday 4th	No public worship today
	09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)
Thursday 5th	No public worship today
St Boniface	
Friday 6th	No public worship today
	10:00-16:00 Flower Festival (Pagham)
Saturday 7th	No public worship today
	10:00-16:00 Flower Festival (Pagham)
Sunday 8th	08:00 Holy Communion
Pentecost	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist
	11:00-16:00 Flower Festival (Pagham)

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: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluya!

Gradual: 391 King of glory, King of peace

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

Final: (Sheet) Christ Triumphant

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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: 16–34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalms 97

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare

his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

New Testament Reading: The Revelation to John 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20–end

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 17: 20–end

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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: Emil Manz (2nd)

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, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week’s readings: Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b; Romans 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17, 25-27.

We are delighted to announce that the licensing of the Rev Julian McAllen will take place at **St Thomas à Beckett church** on **Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm**. This is when we will formally welcome him and his family to the parishes of St Richard's and St Thomas à Beckett. Please keep Julian and his family in your prayers.

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday will take place **today at 12.45pm** following our Parish Family Eucharist. If you wish to attend, but have not signed up, please ask if there is 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 next **Tuesday 2nd June**, in the **Mosse Hall** at **7.30pm**. All are welcome to join us for our regular monthly meeting. You don't need to be a mother, or even a parent. All are welcome.

Breakfast Club meets next **Wednesday 3rd June** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café, at **9.30am**. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10 and £14. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! Any queries, please contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

St Thomas à Beckett 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.

The Bear Necessities - a discussion group for women, meets on the second Monday of the month at **The Bear Inn, Pagham**. The next meeting is on **Monday 9th June at 7.30pm**. All ages welcome. All views welcome. This is a safe space to discuss current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm in The Inglenook**. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages.

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@jrmail.co.uk

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: Tinned custard / rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned soup, tinned vegetables (all types). **We have plenty of:** pulses.