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Sunday 8th June 2025 Pentecost

Sunday 8th Day of Pentecost	09:30	Parish Family Eucharist Friends of Pagham Parish Church Flower Festival
Monday 9th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	19:30	The Bear Necessities The Bear Inn
Tuesday 10th	18:00	Evening Prayer
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 11th Barnabas the Apostle	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 12th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	19:30	Pints of View The Inglenook Pub
Friday 13th		No public worship today
Saturday 14th		No public worship today
Sunday 15th Trinity Sunday	09:30	Parish Eucharist

Hymns

140. Colours of Day

411. Lord Jesus Christ

273. Make me a channel

419. Lord the light of your love

The Collect (Opening Prayer): God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



First Reading: Acts 2.1-21 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Response to Psalm 104.25-35, 37 : 'Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.'

Second Reading: Romans 8.14-17 ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba!^[a] Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness^[b] with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Reading: John 14.8-17 ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me^[a] for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep^[b] my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,^[c] to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in^[d] you.



Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Pam Browning, Gary Edgington, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny and James.

Anniversary of death: 8th - Susan Downey, 11th - Dennis Olsson, Rosemary Nunn, 12th - May Mortimer, 13th – Jean Braithwaite, 14th – Arnold Morton

We pray We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

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.**



Licensing date for Julian McAllen We are delighted to confirm that Julian McAllen will be licensed on Tuesday 2nd September @ 7.30pm. We are in communication with Bishop Ruth and the Churchwardens at St Richards, but expect to be able to confirm shortly that the service will be at St Thomas à Becket Church. Please continue to keep Julian, Monika, Joshua and Elizabeth in your prayers.



The Bear Necessities at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on the 9th of June. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three 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 of June at 19.30 in the snug at The Inglenook. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages. Please contact Clive cliveashley111@gmail.com for more information.



Celebrating the Year of Faith 2025 Don't forget to take a look at all the exciting events taking this place in celebration of 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral. This includes **TrinityFest on the Green**, a free community celebration offering something for everyone and coincides with Father's Day! See the website where you can find all the relevant information you will need <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/Chichester950>

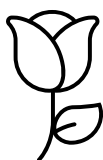


Family Camp! Calling families across the diocese!

Join Bishop Will and families across the diocese for our first ever diocesan Family Camp from 11–13 July 2025 at Stedham Campsite in the stunning South Downs! A weekend of fun, worship, and quality time for families, especially those with primary school-aged children. Just £25 per person (under 5s free) with bursaries available. For more information visit: www.celebratingfaith.co.uk or book now: at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/73484?> Come and be part of something special!



Apologies that our website isn't working at the moment. We are looking into fixing this as well as updating our Churches Near You page. In the meantime, you will find updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasPagham>



Friends of Pagham Parish Church Flower Festival on 6th- 8th June with the theme of 'Remember'. Please do come along and enjoy this beautiful celebration.



Sue O'Neill will be doing the readers and intercessions rota for July and August shortly, please could readers advise if they are away during this time. We are also always pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be added to the list of readers, please email Sue if this is something you would like to know more about.



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: tinned baked beans, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned soup.

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:

Breakfast Club: on 2nd July at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

The Bear Necessities: on 14th July, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

Pints of View: on 10th July, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

The Book Group: on 4th July, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

Please Note: Churchwardens Mrs Sue O'Neill and Mr Alex Brockhurst's day off is Friday each week.

Next week's readings:

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31, Psalm 8

Romans 5.1-5, John 16.12-15