

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025 **SS PETER & PAUL (2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)**

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| Sunday 29th | 08:00 Holy Communion |
| Ss Peter & Paul | 10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall |
| Trinity 2 | 11:15 Parish Eucharist |
| Monday 30th | 09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham) |
| Tuesday 1st July | 15:00 – 17:00 Mother's Union afternoon tea (see page 4) |
| | 18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham) |
| | 19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham) |
| Wednesday 2nd | 09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery) |
| | 18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham) |
| Thursday 3rd | 09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham) |
| Thomas the Apostle | 10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham) |
| Friday 4th | No public worship today |
| | 14:00 Book Club (Pagham) |
| Saturday 5th | No public worship today |
| Sunday 6th | 08:00 Holy Communion |
| Trinity 3 | 10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall |
| | 11:15 Parish Family Eucharist |
| | 12.45 Parish Lunch (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: 465 Thou didst leave thy throne

Gradual: 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Offertory: 86 My song is love unknown

Final: 338 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Ss Peter and Paul:

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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 12.1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Psalm 125 Response: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good



Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **{Response}**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart. **{Response}**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **{Response}**

New Testament Reading: The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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, Mike Broad.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Molly Benett (29th), Joyce Hobbs (2nd), Frank Evans (3rd).

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:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings: Trinity 3

Isaiah 66.10–14; Psalm 66.1–8; Galatians 6. [1–6] 7–16; Luke 10.1–11, 16–20.

We are delighted 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

Mothers' Union will be holding an afternoon tea on **Tuesday 1st July, 3pm-5pm**, at Jane Thomson's home, 9 Willowhale Avenue. All are welcome. Please email Jane janethomson1@hotmail.co.uk to sign up so that we know how many to cater for.

Breakfast club meets next **Wednesday 2nd July** 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.

The Book Group meets at St Andrew's Chapel, Pagham Church on **Friday 4th July at 2.00pm until about 3.30pm**. Please email lindatempest@hotmail.com if you would like to be added to the Book Group's mailing list, or have any queries.

Lunch on Sunday will be on **6th July 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, along with some friends, would like to organise a lunch in the future, please contact Angela Purser.

The Bear Necessities will meet at 7.30pm on **July 14th** and then on **September 8th**.

Pints of View will meet at 7.30pm on **July 10th** and then on **September 11th**.

Please note that neither group will meet in August.

Knitted poppies: Thank you to those of you who have begun knitting your poppies for the Mothers' Union project to put on a big display in November, in the 80th anniversary year of peace in Europe and Japan. Barbara Cotton has joined us with some smashing ideas about displaying poppies in church. Carole says she is much more artistic than her - and knows how to combine different materials. What we need now is some of the poppies to help Barbara put things together, so please bring them into church. A pattern is available if you would like to join in and knit some poppies - please contact Carole via email: carole.matthews@jrmail.co.uk

Sponsoring flower arrangements in church: If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers.

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: Pasta sauces, Pasta tins, tinned fruit, tinned rice / custard, tinned tomatoes. **We have plenty of:** pulses.