

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 PENTECOST**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Pentecost**

**08:00 Holy Communion  
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall  
11:15 Parish Eucharist  
11:00–16:00 Flower Festival (Pagham)**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)  
19:30 The Bear Necessities (The Bear Inn, Pagham)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)  
19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
St Barnabas**

**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)  
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)  
19:30 Pints of View (The Inglenook, Pagham)**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**08:00 Holy Communion**

**Trinity**

**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: 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
Gradual: 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Offertory: 137 Come down, O Love divine  
Final: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim**

### **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Pentecost:**

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**

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Psalm 97 (Please see Hymn 537 in the New English Hymnal.)** The choir will sing the verses with the congregation singing before and after each verse:



## **New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For 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! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and 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, 25-27**

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 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"? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 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 you. '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.

## **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:*** Peter Millam, Priest (8<sup>th</sup>)

***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:**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Next week's readings: Trinity**

**Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1–5; John 16.12–15**

**We are delighted to announce that the licensing of the Rev Julian McAllen** will take place at **St Thomas à Beckett church** on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**St Thomas à Becket Church Flower Festival.** The final opportunity to see the flowers - today, **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-4pm**: Entry £5.00 (under 18s free). Refreshments are 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**, at **The Inglenook, Pagham**. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages.

**Coffee, Cake and Conversation** will be on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am-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 **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 80<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carole.matthews@jrmil.co.uk)

**Newspapers for Brent Lodge:** Charlotte is maintaining a donation point at Church for newspapers for Brent Lodge. If you have any, please feel free to drop them in the green box in the porch. They will be collected periodically and taken to Brent Lodge to be used as bedding in their animal hospital. Thank you for supporting Charlotte to support this charity.

**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 baked beans, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned soup. **We have plenty of:** pulses.