

Pews News

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Sunday 1st June 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday	1st	09:30	Parish Family Eucharist
Monday	2nd	09:00	Morning prayer
Tuesday	3rd	18:00	Evening Prayer
		19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday	4th	09:30	Breakfast Club <small>Manor Nursery</small>
			No public worship today
Thursday	5th		No public worship today
Friday	6th		Friends of Pagham Parish
			Church Flower Festival
			No public worship today
Saturday	7th		Friends of Pagham Parish
			Church Flower Festival
			No public worship today
Sunday	8th	09:30	Parish Eucharist
			Friends of Pagham Parish
			Church Flower Festival

Hymns

12. Alleluia sing to Jesus

17. All heaven declares

752. Will you come

461. And can it be

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



First Reading: Acts 16.16-34 ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you^[a] a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer^[b] called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord^[c] to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ 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.

Response to Psalm 97 : 'The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.'

Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16,17,20,21 ¹² 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes,^[a] so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26 ²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ 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: Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Colin May, Pam Browning, Gary Edgington, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny and James.

Anniversary of death: 1st - Doris Grounsell, 2nd - Frederick Dell, Peter Bradley, 5th - Neil Dalton, 6th - Lawrence Cozens, 7th - Merle Holdsworth, Edna Dalrymple

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.

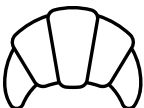


Please pray for those who will be confirmed at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th June at St Nicholas Church, Middleton-on-Sea - David Clarke, Emma Eels, Michael Shafer, Vincent Shaw-Morton, Lisa Sheldon, Emma Turner, Nicole Watson

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 As per the announcement made in Church today by the Churchwardens, 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



Breakfast Club meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 4th of June. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

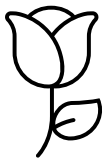


Family Camp! Calling families across the diocese!

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 will be taking place in church **6th – 8th June** with the theme of 'Remember'. Please mark this date in your diary. If you would like to offer sponsorship for the displays please speak to Trudi, or complete one of the forms, which are at the back of church. Refreshments will be available on the day and we would welcome donations of cakes if you are able to help.



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: tinned custard/rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned soup and tinned vegetables..

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 9th June, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

Pints of View: on 12th June, 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:

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36, 37b*

Romans 8.14-17, John 14.8-17