

Pews News

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Sunday 29th June 2025 Second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 29 th <small>Peter and Paul, Apostles</small>	09:30	Parish Eucharist
Monday 30 th	09:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 1 st <small>July</small>	18:00	Evening Prayer
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 2 nd	09:30	Breakfast Club <small>Manor Nursery</small>
	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 3 rd	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
Friday 4 th	14:00	The Book Group <small>St Andrew's Chapel</small>
		No public worship today
Saturday 5 th		No public worship today
Sunday 6 th	09:30	Parish Family Eucharist

Hymns

- 114. Come down, O Love divine
- 128. Come, thou long-expected Jesus
- 110. Come and see the shining hope
- 119. Come, Holy Spirit, come

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



First Reading: 1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21 ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

Response to Psalm 16 1-11: 'O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.'

Second Reading: Galatians 5.1,13-25 ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;^[a] only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,^[b] but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy,^[c] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9.51-62 ⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?'^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus^[c] said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you,

Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



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, James and Andrew Naylor.

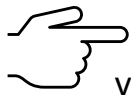
Recently died: Diane Townson. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Diane Townson will be held on Wednesday 9th July at 11.30 am at Aldwick Baptist Church, Gossamer Lane. Diane was a faithful member of Pagham Church for many years. (Contact Alison Blenkinsop for more information.)

Anniversary of death: 30th - James Jones, John Plummer, July 1st - Coralie Watson, 3rd - Doris Morgan, Hazel Swan, Martin Pereira, Rosemary Keen, 4th - Charles Garton, Maisie Ell

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: Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



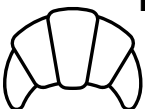
Cursillo You may have noticed that last weekend many regulars were missing from Sunday services. They were attending a Celebration Weekend marking 25 years of Cursillo in the Chichester Diocese. Cursillo is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone. Many of our church family are part of this movement and meet regularly to share fellowship, and to support and encourage one another on our Christian journeys. If you would like to know more please speak to Trudi or look at the British Anglican Cursillo website <https://anglicancursillo.uk>



Quiet Day. Join us for a day of quietness and peace, away from the busy-ness of life. The theme will be looking at just three of God's gifts to his people. To be held on Saturday 9th August 2025 11-3pm at St Thomas a Becket, Pagham. Further details soon.

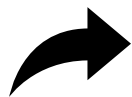


The Book Group will be meeting in St Andrew's Chapel at Pagham Church; 2.00pm on Friday 4th of July. All welcome. If you would like to be added to the Book Group mailing list, or have any questions, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com.



Breakfast Club meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 2nd of July. 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.

Licensing date for Julian McAllen We are delighted to confirm that Julian McAllen will be licensed on Tuesday 2nd September @ 7.30pm. After meeting with the Churchwardens from St Richards, we are pleased to confirm that the service will be at St Thomas à Becket Church, more details nearer the time. Please continue to keep Julian, Monika, Joshua and Elizabeth in your prayers.



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>



Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place on Saturday 28th June, 10:30am–12 noon in the Mosse Hall, St Richard's Church. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family for some yummy refreshments and convivial conversation.

Lunch on Sunday will be on **6th July at 12.45pm** in the Mosse Hall following St Richard's Parish Family Eucharist. This will be a bring and share lunch, with tea and coffee available. There are lists to sign up at the back of St Richard's church, or email strichardsaldwick@gmail.com to book your place and provide details of what you will contribute. This is a great opportunity to share a relaxed meal and enjoy some fellowship together. All are welcome, including friends and neighbours.



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.

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

Breakfast Club: on 6th August 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 1st August, 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:

Isaiah 66.10-14, Psalm 66.1-8

Galatians 6.[1-6]7-16, Luke 10.1-11,16-20