

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2025** **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Trinity 1**

**08:00 Holy Communion**  
**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**  
**11:15 Parish Eucharist**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Birth of John the Baptist**

**19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**

**10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**Irenaeus, Greek Bishop**

**10:30–Noon Coffee, Cake & Conversation (Mosse Hall)**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**08:00 Holy Communion**

**Trinity 2**

**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: 360 Firmly I believe and truly**

**Gradual: 225 Give me the wings of faith to rise**

**Offertory: 272 All for Jesus!**

**Final: 466 Thou whose almighty word**

## The Collect (Opening Prayer) for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through 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**

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

## Psalm 22: 19-28 Response: All the ends of the earth shall bow before him



Be not far from me, O Lord: you are my strength; hasten to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword: my poor life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen: You have answered me! **{Response}**

I will tell of your name to my people: in the midst of the congregation will I praise you. Praise the Lord, you that fear him: O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them: but when they cried to him he heard them. **{Response}**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation: I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord: and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations. **{Response}**

## **New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Galatians 3: 23-end**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 26-39**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' — for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## **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:*** Kenneth William Farley (22<sup>nd</sup>), Vera Quant (23<sup>rd</sup>), Marion Casperson (24<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:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Next week's readings: Ss Peter and Paul (Trinity 2)  
Acts 12: 1-11; Psalm 125; Timothy 4: 6-8; Matthew 16: 13-19**

## Community Groups and Events

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

**Mothers' Union** will be holding an afternoon tea on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 4pm**. Venue to be confirmed. Please email Jane Thomson [janehomson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janehomson1@hotmail.co.uk) to sign up so that we know how many to cater for.

**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:** 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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@jrmil.co.uk](mailto:carole.matthews@jrmil.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:** Tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta sauces. **We have plenty of:** pulses.