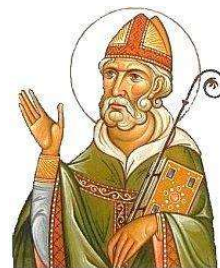


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SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025

5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Sunday 20th
Trinity 5**

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

Monday 21st

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 22nd

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 23rd

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday 24th

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)**

Friday 25th

No public worship today

James the Apostle

Saturday 26th

No public worship today

Sunday 27th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 6

**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: 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Gradual: 456 Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see

Offertory: 305 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

Final: 239 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament reading: Genesis 18: 1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Psalm 15.

Response: Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right; {**Response**}

Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue; Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; {**Response**}

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord. Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word; {**Response**}

Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent; Whoever does these things shall never fall. {**Response**}

New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 1: 15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether

on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 38-end

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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: Harry Mundell.

Anniversary of death: Frank Allsopp (21st).

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:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next week's readings: Trinity 6

Genesis 18. 20-32; Psalm 138 (read); Colossians 2. 6-15; Luke 11. 1-13.

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

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: There is no Coffee, Cake & Conversation in July or August. The next one will take place on **Saturday 27th September, 10:30am–12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. Jayne will be away, so if you are able to host it, or any future 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 contact Jayne Foulks if you can help out: 07890 266404.

Quiz Night: This will be held in the Mosse Hall, **Saturday 27th September, 6 for 6.30pm to 9.30pm.** There will be food, fun and a raffle. Please pop the date in your diary. Further details to follow.

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!**

Events at St Thomas a Becket in August:

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, 11am-3pm.** Refreshments provided, but please bring your own lunch.

Art Exhibition: 23rd/24th/25th August. Full details and entry forms are available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.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.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned/packet soup, UHT milk. We have plenty of: pulses.