

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2025

4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 13th
Trinity 4

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

Monday 14th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

John Keble, priest, poet

19:30 The Bear Necessities (The Bear Inn, Pagham)

Tuesday 15th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

St Swithun

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

Wednesday 16th

No public worship today

Thursday 17th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

19:30 Deanery Synod (see page 4)

Friday 18th

No public worship today

Saturday 19th

No public worship today

Ss Gregory & Macrina

16:00 Sounds Familiar Concert

Sunday 20th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 5

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: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Gradual: 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Offertory: 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Final: 393 Lead us, heavenly Father

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalm 25: 1-10.

Response: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust: let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame: but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **{Response}**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. **{Response}**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love: for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions: but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **{Response}**

Gracious and upright is the Lord: therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. **{Response}**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your name's sake, O Lord: be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

{Response}

New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit

and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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: Herbert George Woodward (13th), Thomas Green (19th).

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 God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings: Trinity 5

Genesis 18. 1-10a; Psalm 15 (read); Colossians 1. 15-28; Luke 10. 38-end

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

The Bear Necessities will meet at **7.30pm** on **Monday 14th July** at The Bear Inn, Pagham. Please note that there will be no meeting in August and the next meeting will be on **September 8th**.

Deanery Synod will take place on **Thursday 17th July** at Holy Cross Church, Chichester Road, North Bersted, PO21 5AU at **7.30pm** with refreshments available from **7.00pm**. The meeting will explore chaplaincy at Ford Prison. All are welcome to attend.

Sounds Familiar concert: This summer music offering by a local community choir will take place on **Saturday 19th July**, starting with Pimms and soft drinks on the church lawn at **4pm** (for a donation) with **music from 4.45pm**. Please do come and support the choir. Entry will be £5 on the door for 16s and over, under 16s free. Tickets can also be purchased in advance from Barbara Cotton.

Knitted poppies: Thank you to those of you who have begun knitting 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@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 fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned/packet soup, UHT milk. **We have plenty of:** pulses.