

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025

7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Sunday 3rd
Trinity 7**

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Family Eucharist

Monday 4th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 5th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Wednesday 6th

09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)

St. Oswald

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday 7th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Transfiguration of our Lord

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 8th

No public worship today

Dominic, founder of Order of Preachers

Saturday 9th

No public worship today

Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union

10:00 MenWalkTalk (see page 4)

11:00-15:00 Quiet Day (Pagham)

Sunday 10th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 8

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: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: 297 Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us (Living God)

Offertory: 495 God is working his purpose out

Final: 413 Now thank we all our God

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 49

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all you that dwell in the world, you of low or high degree, both rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding. I will incline my ear to a parable; I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. Why should I fear in evil days, when the malice of my foes surrounds me, such as trust in their goods and glory in the abundance of their riches? For no one can indeed ransom another or pay to God the price of deliverance. To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it, so that they might live for ever, and never see the grave. For we see that the wise die also; with the foolish and ignorant they perish and leave their riches to others. Their tomb is their home for ever, their dwelling through all generations, though they call their lands after their own names. Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that perish.

New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming

on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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: Edward Moody (9th), Peggy Chadwick (9th).

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:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next week’s readings: Trinity 8

Genesis 15: 1-6; Psalm 33: 12-end; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

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**. Julian and his family have now moved into our Parish, and this service is when we will formally welcome them 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

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club meets next at **9.30am, Wednesday 6th August** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast, which costs £10-£14, with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! Any queries, please contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

MenWalkTalk is a UK-based charity which promotes mental health awareness for men. Local walks, led by Rev'd Canon Brian Senior, take place every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10am (next dates: **Saturday 9th and 23rd August**) starting at The Beach Hut Café on the prom in front of the Royal Norfolk Hotel. The level & accessible walk of about one & half hours goes to Felpham, where a coffee break is followed by a return to Bognor. All (men!) are welcome. More details can be found at www.menwalktalk.co.uk where you can also sign up for the walk.

Events at St Thomas à Becket in August:

Quiet Day: Saturday 9th August, 11am-3pm. 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. 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

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, Saturday 13th September, 9am–5pm

Ride and Stride is an annual fundraising event where people walk, ride a bike or travel using any other means of transport between participating churches. Participants seek sponsorship from family, friends or acquaintances and nominate a church, which receives 50% of the money raised with the remainder going to the Trust's funds, allowing it to make grants to churches. St Richard's has signed up to this event again this year. The church will be open to participants from other churches who choose to include St Richard's in their 'Ride and Stride'. If you would like to take an active part on behalf of St Richard's, further details are available at the back of the church or can be requested by email from david.williams1945@gmail.com

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: There is no Coffee, Cake & Conversation in 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 with her. 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: 07890 266404.

Quiz Night: This will be held in the Mosse Hall on **Saturday 27th September, 6 for 6.30pm to 9.30pm.** Jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings and a selection of desserts will be provided for supper, along with tea and coffee, but please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. The cost for this fun evening will be £10 per person. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Do come along - and bring your friends.

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.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Baked beans, Instant coffee, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes, Toilet rolls. We have plenty of: pulses.