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Sunday 20th July 2025 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
	12:00	Baptism of Alan, Jaiden-Tyler and Fynley-Phoenix Sheldon
Monday 21st	09:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 22nd Mary Magdalene	18:00	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 23rd		No public worship today
Thursday 24th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
Friday 25th James the Apostle		No public worship today
Saturday 26th		No public worship today
Sunday 27th	09:30	Parish Eucharist

Hymns

54 At the name of Jesus
 97 Christ is made the sure foundation
 346 Jesus calls us here to meet Him
 503 O Jesus, I have promised

The Collect (Opening Prayer): 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.**



First 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.”

Response to Psalm 15: ‘Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.’

Second Reading: 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 10.38-42 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: 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.

Anniversary of death: 23rd - Donald Baxendale, Dennis Witcomb, Molly Morton, 24th - Mary Hill, 25th - Walter Mitson, Donald Hurst, 26th - Bernard Aldridge

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: 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.**



Art Exhibition 2025: The Annual Art Exhibition will take place in church on the **23rd /24th /25th August.** We need your help to spread the word, and will need help to run the event. Lists for volunteering for stewarding and catering will be available soon. Entry forms are available at the rear of church. For details - Trudi Kearsley 07703597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday @7 takes a break now for the summer holidays but we would love to welcome you at any of our services and events. And don't forget- churches make lovely cool places to be on a hot summer's day!



Ride + Stride is an annual event that raises more than £1.5 million for churches across the country. It's a lot of fun, giving everyone the chance to explore some of Sussex's unique historic buildings while also raising vital funds. Funds raised are shared equally between the Trust and the place of worship nominated by each participant. This year, Ride + Stride is taking place on Saturday, September 13 from 9am to 5pm. The goal is to have at least 200 places of

worship take part in 2025. Ride + Stride is open to all! Get your friends and family to sponsor you and then visit as many different churches as you can throughout the day. You can choose any route you want and any mode of transport – **walk, run, cycle, ride – or even drive** – between the different churches on the route you've chosen. You can be sponsored either based on the number of churches you manage to visit or by a flat donation. After the event, you can collect the sponsorship money personally or collect sponsorships online via our [JustGiving page](#). We would like to offer refreshments on the day and will put up a note for volunteers nearer the time. Please contact Emily 07784398293 or Sue if you would like more information.



Quiet Day. Join us for a day of quietness and peace, away from the busy-ness of life. There is time for reflection and discussion. Come and explore the themes of forgiveness, peace and joy. To be held on Saturday 9th August 2025 11 - 3pm at St Thomas a Becket, Pagham. Tea and coffee provided, but bring your own lunch



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>



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:

The Bear Necessities: on 8th September, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: on 5th September, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

Breakfast Club: on 6th August at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

Pints of View: on 11th September, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

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:

Genesis 18.20-32, Psalm 138

Colossians 2.6-15[16-19], Luke 11.1-13