

# Pews News

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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>19:30</b>	<b>The Bear Necessities</b> The Bear Inn
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with Sunday School

## Hymns

408. Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour  
736. When I needed a neighbour  
448. Meekness and majesty  
851. Jesus put this song into our hearts

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** 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.**



**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.9-14** <sup>9</sup> and 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, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> 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?' <sup>13</sup> 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?' <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**Response to Psalm 25.1-10:** 'Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.'

**Second Reading: Colossians 1.1-14** <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters <sup>[a]</sup> in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> 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 <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. <sup>[b]</sup> He is a faithful minister of Christ on your <sup>[c]</sup> behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>[d]</sup> will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled <sup>[e]</sup> you <sup>[f]</sup> to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 10.25-37** <sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. <sup>[a]</sup> 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup> He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup> 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.’ <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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.” <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ <sup>37</sup> 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:** 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:** 13<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Jaques

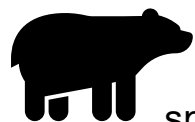
**We pray** We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

**For urgent prayer,** contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

**Post Communion Prayer:** 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.**



**Art Exhibition 2025:** The Annual Art Exhibition will take place in church on the **23rd /24th /25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk)



**The Bear Necessities** at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> of July. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.



**Ride + Stride** is an annual event that 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. The theme will be looking at just three of God's gifts to his people. To be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 11-3pm at St Thomas a Becket, Pagham. Further details soon.



**Deanery Synod Meeting** 7pm for 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, North Bersted, with a talk by Rev Andy Kerr on his work at HMP Ford. This is an open meeting - all are welcome.



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 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

**Breakfast Club:** on 6<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

**Pints of View:** on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18.1-10a, Psalm 15  
Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-42