

# Pews News

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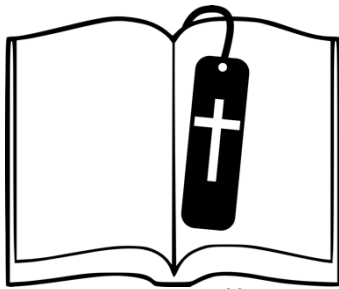
## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Third Sunday after Trinity

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| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>09:30</b> | <b>Parish Family Eucharist</b>         |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>    |              | <b>No public worship today</b>         |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>18:00</b> | <b>Evening Prayer</b>                  |
|                                 | <b>19:00</b> | <b>Tuesday @7</b>                      |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>18:00</b> | <b>Evening Prayer</b>                  |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>09:00</b> | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                  |
|                                 | <b>10:00</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>                  |
|                                 | <b>19:30</b> | <b>Pints of View</b> The Inglenook Pub |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>   |              | <b>No public worship today</b>         |
| <b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b> |              | <b>No public worship today</b>         |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>09:30</b> | <b>Parish Eucharist</b>                |

## Hymns

558. Praise and thanksgiving  
 186. For the healing of the nations  
 509. O Lord, all the world belongs to you  
 646. The kingdom of God

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



**First Reading: Isaiah 66. 10-14** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

**Response to Psalm 66.1-8:** 'Be joyful in God, all you lands.'

**Second Reading: Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16** Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which<sup>[c]</sup> the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For<sup>[d]</sup> neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 10.1-11,16-20** After this the Lord appointed seventy<sup>[l]</sup> others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." <sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>17</sup> The seventy<sup>[a]</sup> returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' <sup>18</sup> He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'



## 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.

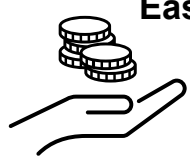
**Recently died:** Diane Townson. A memorial service for Diane Townson will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30 am at Chichester Crematorium. Diane was a faithful member of Pagham Church for many years. (Contact Alison Blenkinsop for more information.)

**Anniversary of death:** 7<sup>th</sup> - William Jackson, Jessie Gleadle, Louisa Harris, 8<sup>th</sup> - Isobel Myatt, Frederick Daniell, 9<sup>th</sup> - Joseph Jaques, Frank Bailey, Kenneth Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> - Ethel Alderton, David Kearsley, John Hayden, Jenny Wood, Lila Cowee, 11<sup>th</sup> - Ian Hartley, Guy Peace, Alastair Stewart, 12<sup>th</sup> - Violet Antill, Ronald Turner

**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:** O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



**Easyfundraising:** Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for St Thomas a Becket Church with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and M&S. All you need to do is: Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/paghamchurch/> and join for free. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Thomas a Becket Church, at no extra cost. There are no catches or hidden charges and St Thomas a Becket Church will be grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



**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. 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.



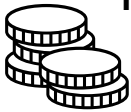
**Pints of view-** a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 19.30 in the snug at The Inglenook. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages. Please contact Clive [cliveashley111@gmail.com](mailto:cliveashley111@gmail.com) for more information.



**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 14<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 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:**

Deuteronomy 30.9-14, Psalm 25.1-10

Colossians 1.1-14, Luke 10.25-37