

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



## PARISH IN VACANCY

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## SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity 6**

**08:00 Holy Communion  
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall  
11:15 Parish Eucharist**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)  
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)**

**Mary, Martha & Lazarus**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)**

**William Wilberforce**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)  
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**No public worship today**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**08:00 Holy Communion  
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**

**Trinity 7**

**11:15 Parish Family 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: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

**Gradual: 499 The Kingdom come, O God**

**Offertory: 373 How shall I sing that majesty**

**Final: 485 Thy hand, O God, has guided Thy flock, from age to age**

## **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity:**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Genesis 18: 20-32**

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

## **Psalm 138. Response: When I called, you answered me, O Lord**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

**{Response}**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**{Response}**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

**{Response}**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me. The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands. **{Response}**

## **New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 2: 6-15**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 11: 1-13**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## **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:*** Joan Brighton (28<sup>th</sup>).

***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:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Next week's readings: Trinity 7

**Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23; Psalm 49 (read); Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21**

We are delighted that the licensing of the Rev Julian McAllen will take place at St Thomas à Beckett church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Coffee, Cake & Conversation:** There is no Coffee, Cake & Conversation in August. The next one will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 out: 07890 266404.

**Quiz Night:** This will be held in the Mosse Hall, **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Events at St Thomas à Becket in August:

**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, 11am-3pm.** Refreshments provided, but please bring your own lunch.

**Art Exhibition: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August.** Full details and entry forms are available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or [trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk)

**Knitted poppies:** Thank you to those of you who have begun knitting your poppies for the Mothers' Union project to put on a big display in November, in the 80<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



**Urgently needed this week:** Biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned/packet soup. **We have plenty of:** pulses.