

# Pews News

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## Sunday 3rd August 2025 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Family Eucharist</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b> The Transfiguration of Our Lord	<b>09:30</b>	<b>No public worship today</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> <small>Manor Nursery</small>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b> <b>10:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00-15:00</b>	<b>No public worship today</b> <b>Quiet Day</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

## Hymns

419. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
Sheet. Christ be our Light  
447. May the mind of Christ  
503. O Jesus I have promised

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**First 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 labors 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.

**Response to Psalm 49.1-12:** ‘My mouth, O Lord, shall speak of wisdom.’

**Second Reading: 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 toward God.”



### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> - Robert Tomlinson, Roy Ell, 4<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Dobson, 9<sup>th</sup> - John Kitchener

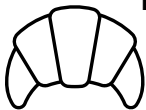
**We pray** We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:** 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.**



**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. Please add your name to the lists on the white noticeboard if you are able to help with catering or stewarding. Entry forms are available at the rear of church. For details - Trudi Kearsley 07703597353 or [trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk)



**Breakfast Club** meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of August. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.



**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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 11 - 3pm at St Thomas a Becket, Pagham. Tea and coffee provided, but bring your own lunch.



**Easyfundraising:** Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, 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 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.

**Quiz Night:** This will be held in the **Mosse Hall, St Richard's Church** 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 St Richard's church, or email [strichardsaldwick@gmail.com](mailto:strichardsaldwick@gmail.com) to book your places, giving any dietary requirements.



Apologies that our website isn't working at the moment. We are looking into fixing. In the meantime, you will find updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasPagham> or on A Church Near You <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5079/>



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 15.1-6, Psalm 33.12-22\*

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40