

# Pews News

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Baptism of Frankie Jude Simmonds</b>
	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Baptism of Eade May, Norah Fay and Phoebe Rae Cross</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <small>September</small>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>Licensing and Installation of Reverend Julian McAllen as Priest in Charge</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> <small>Manor Nursery</small>
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Family Eucharist</b>

### Hymns

558. Praise and thanksgiving  
 448. Meekness and majesty  
 260. Beauty for brokenness  
 332. I the Lord of sea and sky

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.**



**First Reading: Proverbs 25.6-7** Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**Response to Psalm 112** 'Light shines in the darkness for the upright.'

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16** Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1,7-14** On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



### **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:** 6<sup>th</sup> September- Reginald Holyoak

**Baptism** - We pray for Frankie Jude Simmonds and Eade May, Norah Fay and Phoebe Rae Cross and for their parents and Godparents

**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 of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



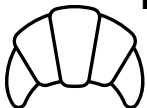
**Art Exhibition** The event over the Bank Holiday Weekend was a great success with many visitors enjoying the work of 54 exhibitors. Our thanks to the Artists for displaying their work, the loyal team of volunteers giving their time to make the event happen and to all those many, many visitors who came along to support us. This was a very successful show with 85 pieces of work sold. Lots of visitors and a great atmosphere. The event has raised £2218 for church funds. Thank you.



**Licensing and Installation of Reverend Julian McAllen as Priest in Charge:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 19:30 at St Thomas a Becket Church. To help with the planning we need an indication of numbers attending. Please let Trudi know if you plan to attend [trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk)



**Harvest Flowers.** Once again we are aiming fill the church with flowers to help celebrate Harvest Festival. We will be decorating the church from 09:00 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September in readiness to celebrate the Harvest. Donations of greenery and produce for use in the arrangements would be welcomed. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement or contribute to the costs of the flowers, or help with the arranging, please contact Trudi - 07703597353



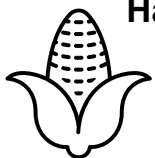
**Breakfast Club** meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.



**The Bear Necessities** at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> of September. 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.



**Lunch on Sunday:** The next Lunch on Sunday will be at 12.45pm in the Mosse Hall, behind St Richard's church. It will be on **14<sup>th</sup> September**, not 7<sup>th</sup>, at just £10 per adult. On the menu there will be pasta bolognese and macaroni cheese with garlic bread and salad, followed by cake. Please email [strichardsaldwick@gmail.com](mailto:strichardsaldwick@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming, let us know your preference and dietary requirements.



**Harvest Celebration Meal:** Join us on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 4 pm for a tasty Hog Roast at Copyhold Farm, Lagness. £10 per head (under 16's free). Tickets are available from Trudi



**Quiz Night: 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 dessert will be provided for supper, along with tea and coffee. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets £10 per person. 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/>



**Please support your local Food Bank. Urgently needed this week:** biscuits, tea bags, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, packet/tinned soup.



**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 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

**Pints of View:** on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

**Bell ringing:** on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

**Next week's readings:**

Deuteronomy 30.15-20, Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33