

# Pews News

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## Sunday 17th August 2025 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Mary Magdalene		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
	<b>10:00-17:00</b>	<b>Art Exhibition</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>11:00-17:00</b>	<b>Art Exhibition</b>

## Hymns

756. Ye servants of God

297. How sweet the sound

333. It is a thing most wonderful

238. Go forth and tell

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may

bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Jeremiah 23.23-29** Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed! I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

**Response to Psalm 82** 'Arise, O God, and rule the Earth.'

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2** By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 12.49-56** I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain," and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat," and it

happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?



### **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:** 19<sup>th</sup> - Frederick Stevens, 21<sup>st</sup> - William Hudson, Beryl Gore, 22<sup>nd</sup> - May Ashwood, William Rockcliffe, Marion Shaw

**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:** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



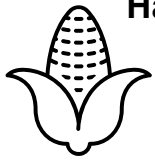
**Art Exhibition** - Saturday 23rd August, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 24th August, 11am – 5 pm, Monday 25th August, 10am – 5pm. Entry is free. Refreshments served throughout the day, with light lunches between 12 and 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for offers of cakes and raffle prizes please. Please continue to help spread the word. Full details and entry forms are available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or [trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk)



**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)



**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.



**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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:** tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned puddings, UHT fruit juice, UHT milk.

**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:** Churchwardens Mrs Sue O'Neill and Mr Alex Brockhurst's day off is Friday each week.

**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

**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

**Next week's readings:**

Isaiah 58.9b-14, Psalm 103.1-8  
Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17