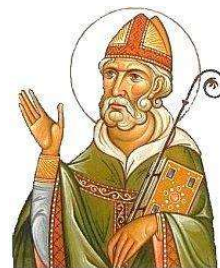


The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2025

11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Sunday 31st
Trinity 11**

08:00 Holy Communion (in the Mosse Hall)

10:30 Coffee in the Committee Room

11:15 Parish Eucharist (in the Mosse Hall)

Monday 1st September

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 2nd

19:30 Licensing of Rev'd Julian McAllen (Pagham)

Wednesday 3rd

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

St. Gregory the Great

09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)

Thursday 4th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 5th

No public worship today

Saturday 6th

No public worship today

Sunday 7th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 12

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Family Eucharist

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.

Temporary closure of St Richard's Church. The church is closed for two weeks because of the Quinquennial work being undertaken inside by the stonemason. Please note that the 8am and 11.15am services on 31st August will follow their normal format but will be held in the Mosse Hall. Coffee at 10.30 will be in the Committee Room.

Hymns

Introit: 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Gradual: 238 New every morning is the love

Offertory: 307 Sweet Sacrament divine

Final: 486 We have a Gospel to proclaim

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

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**

Old Testament 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.

Psalms 112. Response: Light shines in the darkness for the upright

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. **{Response}**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, for they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. **{Response}**

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes.

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. **{Response}**

New Testament 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 for ever. 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: Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Rev'd James Cooper.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: May Lewis (6th).

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:

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**

Next week's readings: Trinity 12

Deuteronomy 30: 15–end; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25–33

THE BENEFICES OF ALDWICK AND PAGHAM

The Licensing by

The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester
and the Installation by

The Revd Tom Robson, Assistant Archdeacon of Chichester
of

The Revd Julian McAllen

as Priest in Charge of the benefices of St Richard's, Aldwick & St Thomas a Becket, Pagham
will take place on 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm at St Thomas à Becket, Church Lane,
Pagham, PO21 4NU

Followed by refreshments

If you are able to provide cake, in the form of a traybake, please contact Trudi Kearsley so that she knows how many of what flavour to expect: trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk

Community Groups and Events

Breakfast Club meets next **Wednesday, 3rd September** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café at **9.30am**. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10 and £14. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation! Any queries, please contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets next at **7.30pm on Monday 8th September** at The Bear Inn, Pagham. All ages welcome. All views welcome. This is a safe space to discuss current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm** in The Inglenook, Pagham. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages.

Book Group: Please note the change of date, with the group meeting **2.00–3.30pm** at St Thomas à Becket on **Friday 12th September**, NOT on 5th September. If you would like to be added to the Book Group's mailing list, or have any queries, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, takes place on **Saturday 13th September, 9am–5pm**. St Richard's has signed up again this year. The church will be open to participants who include St Richard's in their 'Ride and Stride'. If you would like to take an active part on behalf of St Richard's, please contact david.williams1945@gmail.com

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday will be at 12.45pm, following the Parish Eucharist, on **14th September**, not 7th, to enable Julian and his family to join us. Sign-up sheets will be available at the services on Sunday or email the Parish mailbox: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

Hog Roast: As part of Pagham's Harvest Celebration we are holding a HOG ROAST at Copyhold Farm, Lagness, PO21 1LN, from **4pm on Saturday 20th September**. Hog Roast (vegetarian option available), followed by Autumn Dessert - tickets are £10 per adult (under 16's free). If you would like to attend, please email stthomaspagham@gmail.com or speak to Trudi 07703597353

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: **Saturday 27th September, 10.30am–12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are able to host an event in the future, please contact Jayne Foulks: 07890 266404.

Quiz Night: **Saturday 27th September, 6 for 6.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Mosse Hall. £10 per person to include supper. Sign-up sheets will be available at the services on Sunday or email the Parish mailbox to book your places: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

easyfundraising: We've just received our latest payout from easyfundraising. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this. If you haven't already, we'd really appreciate it if you would sign up and support us. You can raise donations for us every time you shop online (including click and collect) from over 8,000 retailers – at no cost to you! It only takes a moment:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



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