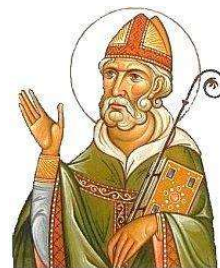


# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity 8**

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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Clare of Assisi, founder of Poor Clares**

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Bishop Jeremy Taylor**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Trinity 9**

**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: (Sheet) Great is thy faithfulness**

**Gradual: 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

**Offertory: 294 Just as I am, without one plea**

**Final: (Sheet) Lord for the years**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own. The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of earth. From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. **{Response}**

He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works. No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. **{Response}**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine. **{Response}**

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; in his holy name have we put our trust. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord be upon us, as we have set our hope on you. **{Response}**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and

builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-40**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

### **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:*** Wilfrid Peters (Henry) (10th), Gwen Twaites and Alan Twaites (12<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Frost (15<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:**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

**Next week’s readings: Trinity 9**

**Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56**

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. Julian and his family have now moved into our Parish, and this service is when we will formally welcome them 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

**MenWalkTalk** is a UK-based charity which promotes mental health awareness for men. Local walks, led by Rev'd Canon Brian Senior, take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am, next on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**, starting at The Beach Hut Café on the prom in front of the Royal Norfolk Hotel. The level & accessible walk of about one & half hours goes to Felpham, where a coffee break is followed by a return to Bognor. All (men!) are welcome. More details can be found at [www.menwalktalk.co.uk](http://www.menwalktalk.co.uk) where you can also sign up for the walk.

**Art Exhibition at St Thomas à Beckett on 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)

### **Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, Saturday 13th September, 9am–5pm.**

Ride and Stride is an annual fundraising event where people walk, ride a bike or travel using any other means of transport between participating churches. Participants seek sponsorship from family, friends or acquaintances and nominate a church which receives 50% of the money raised with the remainder going to the Trust's funds, allowing it to make grants to churches. St Richard's has signed up to this event again this year. The church will be open to participants from other churches who choose to include St Richard's in their 'Ride and Stride'. If you would like to take an active part on behalf of St Richard's, further details, including application forms are available on the noticeboard in the porch, or can be requested by email from [david.williams1945@gmail.com](mailto:david.williams1945@gmail.com)

**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 with her. 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: 07890 266404.

**Quiz Night:** This will be held in the Mosse Hall on **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.

**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. Please do keep knitting poppies and bringing them into church. A pattern is available if you haven't yet started and 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, please do sign up - there is a rota on the church noticeboard. 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, pasta sauces, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned/packet soup. **We have plenty of:** pulses.