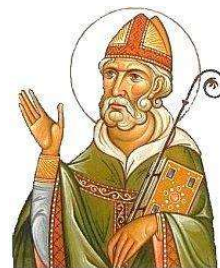


The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST 2025

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Sunday 17th
Trinity 9**

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

Monday 18th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 19th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Wednesday 20th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Thursday 21st

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

Friday 22nd

No public worship today

Saturday 23rd

No public worship today

**10:00 MenWalkTalk (see Page 4)
10:00 – 17:00 Art Exhibition (Pagham)**

Sunday 24th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 10

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

11:00 – 17:00 Art Exhibition (Pagham)

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: 15 The Lord will come and not be slow

Gradual: 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Offertory: (Sheet) Make me a channel of your peace

Final: 476 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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**

Old Testament 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?

Psalm 82 Response: Arise, O God, and rule the earth



God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; in the midst of the gods he gives judgement: 'How long will you judge unjustly and show such favour to the wicked? {Res} You were to judge the weak and the orphan; defend the right of the humble and needy; Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. {Response} They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are shaken. Therefore I say that though you are gods and all of you children of the Most High. {Response}

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like one of their princes.' Arise, O God and judge the earth, for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. {Response}

New Testament 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:

Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Rev’d James Cooper, Mike Broad.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Donald Pinn (21st)

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:

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**

**Next week’s readings: Trinity 10
Isaiah 58.9b–end; Psalm 103.1–8; Hebrews 12.18–end; Luke 13.10–17**

THE BENEFICES OF ALDWICK AND PAGHAM

The Churchwardens & PCC invite you to 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 à Becket, Pagham
on 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm at St Thomas à Becket, Church Lane, Pagham, PO21 4NU

Followed by refreshments

Please RSVP by 22nd August 2025 to the Parish mailbox: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

Community Groups and Events

MenWalkTalk is a UK-based charity which promotes mental health awareness for men. The next local walk, led by Rev'd Canon Brian Senior, is **Saturday 23rd August, 10am**, at The Beach Hut Café on the prom in front of the Royal Norfolk Hotel. The level, accessible walk for about one & half hours goes to Felpham, where a coffee break is followed by a return to Bognor. All (men!) are welcome. More details available at www.menwalktalk.co.uk where you can also sign up for the walk.

Art Exhibition at St Thomas à Becket on **Saturday 23rd August 10am-5pm, Sunday 24th 11am-5pm and Monday 25th 10am-5pm**. Entrance is free, and you can view the work of many local artists, with the opportunity to purchase. Refreshments served all day. Light lunches between 12 and 1.30pm. Full details and entry forms available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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 back of church very soon.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, takes place on **Saturday 13th September, 9am-5pm**. Ride and Stride is an annual fundraising event where people are sponsored to walk, ride a bike or travel using any means of transport between participating churches. 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, further details are available on the church noticeboard or by email from david.williams1945@gmail.com

Coffee, Cake & Conversation, Saturday 27th September, 10:30am-12 noon in the Mosse Hall. Needs 2 people to host it. Please contact Jayne Foulks if you can help: 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 are available at the back of the church.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned puddings, UHT fruit juice, UHT milk. We have plenty of: pulses.