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Sunday 24th August 2025 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 24th	09:30	Parish Eucharist
	11:00-	Art Exhibition
	17:00	
Monday 25th	10:00-	
James the Apostle	17:00	Art Exhibition
Tuesday 26th		No public worship today
Wednesday 27th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 28th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
Friday 29th		No public worship today
Saturday 30th		No public worship today
Sunday 31st	09:30	Parish Eucharist
	12:00	Baptism
	14:00	Baptism

Hymns

609. Songs of thankfulness and praise

231. Gods spirit is in my heart

303. I cannot tell

305. I danced in the morning

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: Isaiah 58.9b-14 If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Response to Psalm 103.1-8 'Bless the Lord, O my soul!'

Second Reading: Hebrews 12.18-29 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them—for they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.10-17 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those

days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.



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: 23rd - Jean Sage, 25th - Ethel Hadfield, 26th - Raymond de Marvine, 27th - Audrey Bridge, 28th - Robert Lack, 29th - Eric Lock, Hilda Hughes, Peter Eden, 30th - Primrose Green, William Smith

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: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Art Exhibition 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. Please continue to help spread the word. Full details available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk



Due to the Art Exhibition, there will be no coffee immediately after the Eucharist on Sunday, but plenty on offer throughout the weekend!



Licensing and Installation of Reverend Julian McAllen as Priest in Charge: Tuesday 2nd 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 If you are able to help with refreshments please speak to Trudi.



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 **14th September**, not 7th, 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 to let us know you're coming, let us know your preference and dietary requirements.



Harvest Celebration Meal: Join us on Saturday 20th 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 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 puddings, tinned vegetables, tinned or packet soups, loo rolls.



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 8th September, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: on 12th September, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

Breakfast Club: on 3rd September at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

Pints of View: on 11th 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:

Proverbs 25.6-7, Psalm 112

Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16, Luke 14.1,7-14