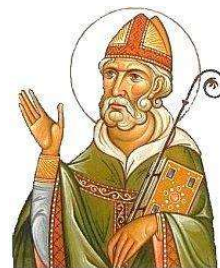


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SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 28th
Trinity 15

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Committee Room
11:15 Parish Eucharist

Monday 29th
St. Michael & All Angels

09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 30th
Wednesday 1st October
Thursday 2nd

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nurseries)
09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Friday 3rd
Bishop George Bell

No public worship today

Saturday 4th
St. Francis of Assisi

No public worship today

Sunday 5th
Trinity 16

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Family Eucharist
12:45 Lunch on Sunday (Mosse Hall)

The Church is open for private prayer Monday – Saturday 10.00-4.00 and until 4.00 on Sunday

The Collection plate - If you would like to make an offering, please use the contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both of which can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymns

Introit: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: 484 The Church's one foundation (omit verses 3 & 4)

Offertory: 373 How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?

Final: 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146 Response: Praise the Lord, O my soul

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God. Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them. When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish. **{Response}**

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger. **{Response}**

The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous; The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia. **{Response}**

New Testament Reading: The 1st Letter of Paul to Timothy 6: 6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only

Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 19-end

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

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, Betty Kernan, Angela Wallis, Molly Hendry.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death:

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.

We pray for our vacancies - Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC Secretary.

Post Communion Prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next week’s readings (Trinity 16)

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; Psalm 37: 1-9; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

If you have a **Children's Society Collection Box** please could you return it to Jane Harmsworth, or leave it at the back of the Church, as soon as possible? Many thanks.

PCC vacancies. We are currently looking to fill the posts of Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC Secretary. If you may be interested, please contact Revd Julian or one of the churchwardens. Training will be offered.

Parish Giving Scheme: if you subscribe to this scheme and also use their website, please note that the website will be taken offline from 3pm Monday 13 October until a new, updated system launches on Thursday 30 October. This will not affect your existing contributions, but it will not be possible for you to make any changes to your contributions or personal details during this time.

Community Groups and Events

Breakfast club meets next on **Wednesday 1st October** 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.

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday will be **on October 5th at 12.45pm**, following the Parish Family Eucharist. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or email the Parish mailbox strichardsaldwick@gmail.com. If you would be willing to organise a future lunch, with a friend or two, please have a word with Angela Purser or email the Parish mailbox.

A talk by Rev Celia Woodruff: Tuesday 7th October, 7.30pm, in the Mosse Hall. Celia worked at a senior level in the Home Office immigration department before she was ordained as a priest. She is going to share a taste of that work with us. All are welcome. It would be great to give Celia lots of support for this talk, especially after all the **support** she gave us during our interregnum. This will be hosted by the Mothers' Union.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley **on Thursday 9th October 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.

The Bear Necessities - a discussion group for women, meets next on **Monday 13th October**, 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.

Knitted poppies: Thank you very much to everyone who has already knitted poppies and dropped them off. These will all be used for the Mothers' Union project to put on a big display in November, in the 80th anniversary year of peace in Europe and Japan. Barbara Cotton has begun putting together her creations from them. Please do keep going with more poppies to make decorations/hangings for inside and outside the church. If you haven't knitted any yet, but would like to, a pattern is available at the back of the church, or please contact Carole via email: carole.matthews@jrmil.co.uk

eBay and easyfundraising have teamed up to launch the £5,000 Big Give. They will donate ten £500 micro grants this autumn – and churches are eligible. We could automatically get a chance to receive £500 in extra funding if any of us buys from eBay via the easyfundraising website or app **during September**. Please note that **there are only a few days left!** To sign up to easyfundraising go to: 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: Tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk. **We have plenty of:** pulses.