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Sunday 7th September 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 7th	09:30	Parish Family Eucharist
Monday 8th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	19:30	The Bear Necessities The Bear Inn
Tuesday 9th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 11th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	19:30	Pints of View The Inglenook Pub
Friday 12th	14:00	The Book Group St Andrew's Chapel
		No public worship today
Saturday 13th		No public worship today
		Ride and Stride
Sunday 14th Holy Cross Day	09:30	Parish Eucharist

Hymns

- 58. Awake my soul (verses 1-3, 8)
- 626. Take up thy cross (verses 1-5)
- 346. Jesus calls us here to meet him
- 617. Stand up, stand up for Jesus

The Collect (Opening Prayer): God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Response to Psalm 1 'Lord, my delight is in your law.'

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and

children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'



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, Andrew Naylor.

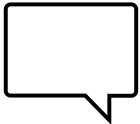
Anniversary of death: 7th - Ena Groves, Hazel Hope, 9th - Tony Perez, 10th - Douglas Wells, 11th - Eileen Piper, David Dewing

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.

-We thank God for the safe arrival of a daughter to Revd Gemma (née Green) and Revd Jonathan Fleury in Leeds. Martha was born on Sunday 31st August, the day before her parents' 5th wedding anniversary. They are very grateful for our prayers.

Post Communion Prayer: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Monika and I would like to thank you all for making us feel so welcome since our arrival just over a month ago. We are truly grateful for the kindness and support we have been shown. September is now upon us and we look forward to spending time with you all and making firm friendships in the weeks and months to come. In the installation service the Bishop reminded us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. When we do this we shine as a light to the world to the glory of our Father in Heaven. Let us do this together in the times ahead.



Harvest Flowers. Once again we are aiming fill the church with flowers to help celebrate Harvest Festival. We will be decorating the church from 09:00 on Saturday 20th September in readiness to celebrate the Harvest. Donations of greenery and produce for use in the arrangements would be welcomed. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement or contribute to the costs of the flowers, or help with the arranging, please contact Trudi - 07703597353 or give your donation to Mo.



The Book Group will be meeting in St Andrew's Chapel at Pagham Church; 2.00pm on Friday 12th of September. All welcome. If you would like to be added to the Book Group mailing list, or have any questions, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com.



The Bear Necessities at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 8th of September. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.



Harvest Celebration Meal with Hog Roast: Join us on Saturday 20th September, 4pm for a tasty Hog Roast at Copyhold Farm, Lagness. £10 per head (under 16's free). Sign-up sheet in church. Please pay Mo for your tickets.



Pints of View: a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on Thursday 11th November at 19.30 in the snug at The Inglenook. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages. Please contact Clive cliveashley111@gmail.com for more information.



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/>



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

Pints of View: on 11th September, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 1st October at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

Next week's readings:

Exodus 32.7-14, Psalm 51.1-11

1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10