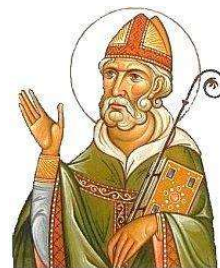


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SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 7th
Trinity 12

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Committee Room
11:15 Parish Family Eucharist
09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
19:30 The Bear Necessities (The Bear Inn, Pagham)

Monday 8th
Birth of the BVM &
Accession of King Charles III

Tuesday 9th
Wednesday 10th
Thursday 11th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
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09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
19:30 Pints of View (The Inglenook, Pagham)

Friday 12th

No public worship today
14:00 Book Group (Pagham)

Saturday 13th
St John Chrysostom

No public worship today
09:00 – 17:00 Ride & Stride

Sunday 14th
Trinity 13

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish 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 can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymns

Introit: 76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Gradual: (Sheet) Will you come and follow me

Offertory: 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Final: 420 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Deuteronomy 30: 15–end

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.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore, the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to 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 towards 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 as 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: Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Rev'd James Cooper.

Recently departed: Evelyn Mundell.

Anniversary of death: Geoffrey Lewis (8th).

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:

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**

Next week's readings: Trinity 13

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-11; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Message from Rev'd Julian & family

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.

Community Groups and Events

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.

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets at 7.30pm on Monday 8th September 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.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on Thursday 11th September 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.

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. If you would like to be added to the Book Group's mailing list, or have any queries, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, takes place on Saturday 13th September, 9am–5pm. 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'.

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday will be at 12.45pm, following the Parish Eucharist, on 14th September, when we welcome Julian and his family to this regular event. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or email the Parish mailbox strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

Hog Roast: As part of Pagham's Harvest Celebration we are holding a HOG ROAST at Copyhold Farm, Lagness, PO21 1LN, from 4pm on Saturday 20th September. Hog Roast (vegetarian option available), followed by Autumn Dessert - tickets are £10 per adult (under 16's free). If you would like to attend, please email stthomaspagham@gmail.com or speak to Trudi 07703597353

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Saturday 27th September, 10.30am–12 noon in the Mosse Hall. We look forward to seeing you there for yummy cake and convivial conversation. We're looking for volunteers to run future events. If you would be willing, please contact Jayne Foulks: 07890 266404.

Quiz Night: Saturday 27th September, 6 for 6.30pm to 9.30pm in the Mosse Hall. £10 per person to include supper, though please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church, or email the Parish mailbox: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

easyfundraising: We recently received our latest payout from easyfundraising. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this. If you haven't already, we'd really appreciate it if you would sign up and support us. You can raise donations for us every time you shop online (including click and collect) from over 8,000 retailers – at no cost to you! It only takes a moment:

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: Biscuits, tinned baked beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tins of pasta. We have plenty of: pulses.