

# Pews News

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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
Michael and All Angels			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children

### Hymns

186 For the healing of the nations

169 Fight the good fight

752 Will you come and follow me?

509 O Lord, all the world belongs to you

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** 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.**



**First Reading: Amos 6.1a,4-7** Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, 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.

**Response to Psalm 146** 'Praise the Lord, O my soul!'

**Second Reading: 1 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 honor 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 16.19-31** 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:** Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Pam Browning, Gary Edgington, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny, James, Sarah Wilson and Roger Lewis.

**Anniversary of death:** 28<sup>th</sup> - Ernest Halling, 29<sup>th</sup> - Michael Bridge, 30<sup>th</sup> - Shepherd King, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Albert Piper, 2<sup>nd</sup> - James Sage, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Charles Major, 4<sup>th</sup> - Daisy Major

**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:** 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.**



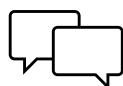
Dear all, I just wanted to pass on my thanks to those who decorated the church so beautifully for our Harvest Festival. I am not sure who was involved but please let them know how grateful we all were to be worshipping in such beautiful surroundings. God bless and have a good week, Julian

**Thank you** to everyone who helped make our church look so beautiful for the Harvest Thanksgiving last weekend — the hard work and creativity were truly appreciated. Also thanks to all those who worked so hard to create the highly successful and enjoyable Hog Roast event, which brought so many together to help celebrate the Harvest. Special thanks to Amanda and Stephen Cox-Rusbridge for hosting the event and for all the hard work they put in to make it a success. £285 was raised for Bishop Ruth's Harvest appeal, and a large quantity of goods was donated to the Food Bank. Thank you!



**Beating the Bounds Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** Leaving church (after morning service) at about 11.15, walking along the beach, through the Bay Estate and then on roads and field paths to Copyhold Farm, Lagness, where we will be stopping for lunch. Please bring your own packed lunch and plenty of water. The walk continues after lunch round the parish boundary and returns to church for approx. 15:45/16:00. Please join us for some or all the walk or for lunch, even if you are not walking.

**2025 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal:** We have supported this charity for more than 25 years, but the need still remains. Boxes will be distributed to Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. Leaflets are now available at the back of church. Please bring boxes to church by Sunday November 2nd. Pick up a leaflet and fill a box - or if you feel you cannot fill a box, perhaps you could supply some of the items, or money towards the transport costs. Every little helps. Details - Trudi 07703597353



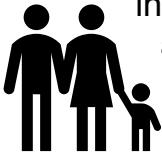
**A talk by Rev Celia Woodruff: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm,** in the Mosse Hall, behind St Richard's Church. Celia worked at a senior level in the Home Office immigration department before she was ordained as a priest. She is going

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 Aldwick Mothers' Union.



**Bishop Luffa** School Foundation Supplementary Information Forms are available for completion on the school website for 2026 admissions. Those applying for Foundation Places should make an appointment with Reverend Julian via his email so the Church Support Form can be completed.

**Tuesday@7 returns on 30<sup>th</sup> September!** Mid-week, 40 minutes and family friendly. An informal church service suitable for Children and Families, accessible readings and a short reflection, A welcoming and inclusive invitation for those looking for a different way to worship and explore their faith. A great option for those with busy Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome!



The next meetings of **Bognor Churches Together Prayer** will be on Thursday 23rd October and Thursday 20th November at 7pm for refreshments and meeting from 7.30-8.30pm. The venue is The Shore Community Church, 73 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis PO21 2TD.

Please come and pray for your town and surrounding area. "How good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133. Come and join others with a heart for the people of Bognor.



**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 the dates when our community groups will next meet:**

**The Bear Necessities:** on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

**Pints of View:** on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4, Psalm 37.1-9

2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10