

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

BIBLE SUNDAY (LAST AFTER TRINITY)

Sunday 26th	08:00 Holy Communion
Bible Sunday	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Last after Trinity	11:15 Parish Eucharist
Monday 27th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 28th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Ss Simon & Jude	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 29th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
James Hannington	
Thursday 30th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 31st	No public worship today
Saturday 1st November	No public worship today
Sunday 2nd	08:00 Holy Communion
All Saints' Sunday	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Family Eucharist
	12:45 Celebratory Lunch (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: 485 Thy hand, O God, has guided they flock

Gradual: (Sheet) Love is his word, love is his way

Offertory: 407 Lord, thy word abideth and our footsteps guideth

Final: 394 Let all the world in every corner sing

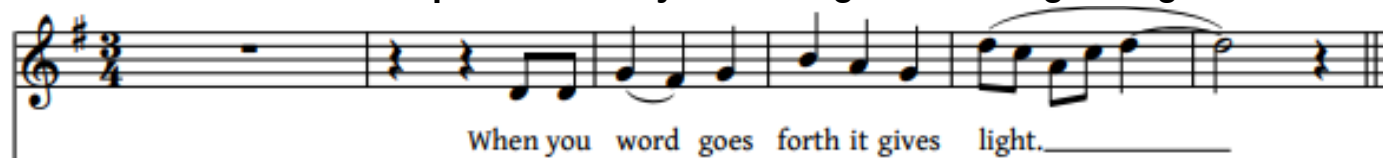
The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 45: 22-end

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Psalm 119: 129-136 Response: When your word goes forth it gives light



Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. **{Response}**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

{Response}

Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me. Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments.

{Response}

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes. My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law.

{Response}

New Testament Reading: The letter of Paul to the Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Betty Kernan, Angela Wallis, Molly Hendry.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Christine Cole (26th).

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:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next week's readings (All Saints' Sunday)

Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11–end; Luke 6.20–31

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 new website should be available again from Thursday 30 October. You will then be able to make changes to your contributions or personal details.

Knitted poppies - last chance! Thank you very much to everyone who has already knitted poppies and dropped them off. They are being used for the Mothers' Union project to put on a big display 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

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday: The next lunch will be next Sunday, **November 2nd at 12.45pm**, following the Parish Family Eucharist. This will be a celebration of the 90th anniversary of the licencing of the Rev Charles Mosse as the first vicar of St Richard's. 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.

Mothers' Union meets on **Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm** in the Mosse Hall. If you would like to find out more about the work of the Mothers' Union, to support women locally and worldwide, please do come along. A warm welcome will be received by all.

Breakfast club meets next on **Wednesday 5th November** 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.

The Book Group meets on **Friday 7th November at 2.00pm until about 3.30pm** at St Andrew's Chapel, Pagham Church. If you would like to be added to the Book Group's mailing list, or have any queries, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com

The Bear Necessities - a discussion group for women, meets next on **Monday 10th November at 7.30pm**, 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 13th November 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.

Line Dancing, led by Barbara and Alan Foster, returns by popular demand on **Saturday 15th November**, from 6.30pm in the Mosse Hall. This is an opportunity to meet friends and take part in beginners' line dances with a bring and share American Supper. It is open to everyone, especially absolute beginners, and should be a fun evening which can be as energetic as you wish to make it. Dancing is optional but do come and enjoy the evening and the music. Signup sheets are available at the back of the church where you can indicate what food you will be able to contribute to the supper, or email the Parish mailbox: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com. Please bring your own drinks (tea and coffee will be available). This promises to be a fun evening, for just £10 per person.

Christmas shopping? Do you ever shop online? If so, have you signed up to support St Richard's on easyfundraising? If you haven't already, we'd really appreciate it if you would sign up and support us - and ask friends and family to do so too. You can raise donations for us every time you shop online (including from Amazon and for click and collect) from over 8,000 retailers – at no cost to you! If you need any further information, please talk to David (treasurer) or Angela (Church Warden). 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: Strong carrier bags, dry pasta, biscuits, tinned mash potato, instant coffee. **We have plenty of:** pulses.