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SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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)
09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
19:30 PCC meeting (Committee Room, Mosse Hall)
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
19:30 Talk by Rev Celia Woodruff (Mosse Hall)
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
19:30 Pints of View (The Inglenook, Pagham)
No public worship today

Monday 6th
William Tyndale, martyr
Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th
Thursday 9th

Friday 10th
St. Paulinus
Saturday 11th
Sunday 12th
Trinity 17

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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: 239 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Gradual: 137 Come down, O Love divine

Offertory: 297 Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us (Living God)

Final: 373 How shall I sing that majesty

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: The Book of Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 37

Fret not because of evildoers; be not jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like grass and like the green herb fade away. Trust in the Lord and be doing good; dwell in the land and be nourished with truth. Let your delight be in the Lord and he will give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait for him; do not fret over those that prosper as they follow their evil schemes. Refrain from anger and abandon wrath; do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

New Testament Reading: The 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony

about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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: Stanley Emsley (6th)

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:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next week's readings (Trinity 17)

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Psalm 66: 1-11; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

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 period.

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday follows the Parish Eucharist on **5th October** (today) at 12:45 in the Mosse Hall. If you have not signed up but would like to come please check with Julie Broad: there is likely to be room for you!

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. Tea and coffee provided.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm in The Inglenook**. 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 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.

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

Sponsoring flower arrangements in church: If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers.

Newspapers for Brent Lodge: Charlotte is maintaining a donation point at Church for newspapers for Brent Lodge. If you have any, please feel free to drop them in the green box in the porch. They will be collected periodically and taken to Brent Lodge to be used as bedding in their animal hospital. Thank you for supporting Charlotte to support this charity.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned baked beans, tinned fruit, tinned meat, UHT fruit juice, UHT milk. **We have plenty of:** pulses.