

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025

18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 19th	08:00 Holy Communion
Trinity 18	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist
Monday 20th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 21st	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 22nd	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 23rd	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 24th	No public worship today
	14:30 Funeral of Rev'd James Cooper
Saturday 25th	No public worship today
	10:30–12 noon Coffee, Cake & Conversation (Mosse Hall)
Sunday 26th	08:00 Holy Communion
Bible Sunday	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Last after Trinity	11:15 Parish Eucharist

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: 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (omit * verses)

Gradual: 406 Lord, teach us how to pray aright

Offertory: 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Final: (Sheet) Lord for the years

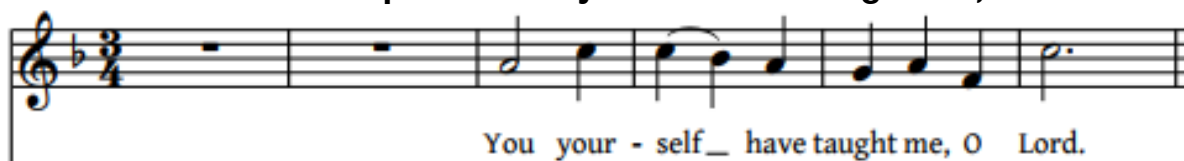
The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Jeremiah 31: 27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119: 97-104 Response: You yourself have taught me, O Lord



Lord, how I love your law! All the day long it is my study. Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. **{Response}**

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I am wiser than the aged, because I keep your commandments. **{Response}**

I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word. I have not turned aside from your judgements, for you have been my teacher. **{Response}**

How sweet are your words on my tongue! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I get understanding; therefore I hate all lying ways.

{Response}

New Testament Reading: The 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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: Rev'd James Cooper.

Anniversary of death: Fred Bonner (20th); Bernard Etheridge (20th); Anne Redstone (21st).

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:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Next week's readings (Bible Sunday: Last after Trinity)
Isaiah 45: 22-end; Psalm 119: 129-136; Romans 15: 1-6; Luke 4: 16-24

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 is offline 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

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Saturday 25th October, 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 Christine Eaton-Hennah. It only takes one or two people, and full training can be provided on the coffee machine!

Lunch on Sunday: The next lunch will be on **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 for lunch 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.

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.

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

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.