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Sunday 12th October 2025 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday	12 th	09:30 11:15	Parish Eucharist with provision for children Beating the Bounds Parish Walk
Monday	13 th	09:15 19:30	Morning Prayer The Bear Necessities @The Bear Inn
Tuesday	14 th	10:00 18:00 19:00	Burial of Ashes, Julia Miller Evening Prayer Tuesday @7
Wednesday	15 th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday	16 th	09:15 10:00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Friday	17 th		No public worship today
Saturday Luke the Evangelist	18 th		No public worship today
Sunday	19 th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children

Hymns

587. Saviour again to thy great name we raise Lord you know me and You study me (song sheet) 474. Now thank we all our God 851. Jesus put this song into our hearts

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and

draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c 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 plowing 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!"

Response to Psalm 111 'The works of the Lord stand fast for ever.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17.11-19 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Post Communion Prayer: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



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, Sarah Wilson and Roger Lewis

Recently departed: Revd. James Cooper

Anniversary of death: 16th - Roger Gilbert, 18th - Eileen Share

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.

It is with very great sadness that we write to let you know that the Reverend James Cooper passed away on Saturday 4th October. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for Liz and family at this time.

Beating the Bounds Sunday 12th 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.

Annual Memorial Service on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm, we hold our annual memorial service. At this service we will remember by name all those we love but see no longer, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle. Do join us for this poignant service as the nights draw in and we begin a month of remembrance and celebration of all the saints' living and departed, who shape our lives and faith. Please add names to be remembered to the list at the back of church. Refreshments will be available after the service.

The Bear Necessities at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 13th of October. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

Friends of Pagham Parish Church: Winter Warmer - 1pm - 3pm on Saturday 1st November at The Church Centre, with entertainment. Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, followed by a choice of dessert. Tickets in advance only - Friends £12 each, non-members £15 each. Sign-up sheet on noticeboard and tickets available from Trudi 07703597353.

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

Bishop Luffa School Foundation Place applications 2026: The Church Support Form (CSF) required to support a Foundation Place must be submitted by the church to the school by 21st November 2025. The Tuesday@7 team will be meeting with Reverend Julian during the week commencing 15th October to complete the CSF. He will then meet with parents after this date to sign off their CSF, which will then be sent to Bishop Luffa School. If you are submitting an application please could you inform the Tuesday@7 team using the email below so we can arrange for your CSF to be signed off by Reverend Julian when he meets with you. (E-mail – trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk).

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.



Support for the FoodBank is more important than ever.

Urgently needed this week: baked beans, tinned fruit, tinned meat, foodbank UHT fruit juice, UHT milk.

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:

The Bear Necessities: on 13th October, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: on 7th November, 2pm in St Andrew's Chapel

Pints of View: on 13th November, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 5th November at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery. Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

Next week's readings:

Genesis 32.22-31, Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5, Luke 18.1-8

For any queries regarding our Pew Sheet, please contact Emily- paghampew@gmail.com