

# Pews News

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REVEREND JULIAN McALLEN (REST DAY - FRIDAY)**

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Second Sunday before Advent

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> on Zoom
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> on Zoom
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children

### Hymns

105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
629 Teach me, my God and King  
292 How firm a foundation (omit verse 5)  
598 Sing for God's glory

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** *Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may*

***be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***



**First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2a** See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

**Response to Psalm 98** 'The Lord comes to judge the earth [and the peoples with equity].'

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13** Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 21.5-19** When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

**Post Communion Prayer: *Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.***



**Prayers of Intercession**

**The sick and those who care for them:** Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Pam Browning, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny, Roger Lewis, Colin May, Revd. Keith Smith, Shelagh and Julie Green.

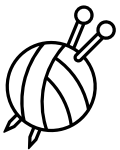
**Recently departed:** Joan Ferguson and Jayne Smith.

**Anniversary of death:** 16<sup>th</sup> - Edward D'Arcy Saunders, 17<sup>th</sup> - Irene Jev, Ethel Goldsmith, Ann Eden, 20<sup>th</sup> - Mary King, 21<sup>st</sup> - Ernest Caterer, Joan Lack, Eileen Badger, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ronald Rudduck

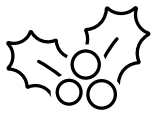
**We pray** We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

**For urgent prayer,** contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

**Christmas Quiz** The Annual Christmas Quiz, raising funds for the Friends of Pagham Church, is available for £1.50 in church or from Mo Hatzfeld - 268576. The prize is a celebration hamper. Closing date is Sunday 4th January, with the winner being declared on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January.



**Thank you** to the knit and natter group who have donated blankets for use in Church on a Sunday, please feel free to use if you are chilly, and return after the service



Our **Christmas Fair** will be taking place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 11 - 2pm at the Church Centre, please see the flyers for items needed and please sign up on the sheet in Church if you are able to help with a stall, setting up or refreshments. Any questions please see Sue O'Neill or Trudi



**Advent workshop:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, in the Mosse Hall, behind St Richard's church, 10am-12 noon. A warm welcome awaits both children and adults. Fun craft activities, children's worship and light refreshments. Contact Kate Agnew for further details or if you would like to help with the crafts. (Absolutely no experience or artistic ability required!)



**The Christmas Tree Festival** will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, at St Richard's Church. Further details will be published shortly. In the meantime, however, if anyone has an artificial tree, holly or ivy that is no longer required, we would be delighted to make use of them for the Festival. Any size or colour!



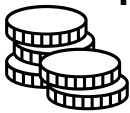
**Easyfundraising:** Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for St Thomas a Becket Church with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and M&S. All you need to do is: Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/paghamchurch/> and join for free. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Thomas a Becket Church, at no extra cost. There are no catches or hidden charges and St Thomas a Becket Church will be grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



**Friends of Pagham Church** Raising funds to help maintain this beautiful 13<sup>th</sup> Century Church Events organised through the year. We would be very pleased to welcome you to join us. For further information contact: Maureen Hatzfeld 01243 268 576



**Bell Ringing** Have you ever wanted to try bell ringing? Practice takes place on Mondays at 19:30 and new members are most welcome. Contact: Mike Wake- Tower Captain for more details 01243 264 254



**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.



**Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever.**

Urgently needed this week: tinned meat, tinned peas and carrots, tinned rice puddings, UHT fruit juice and UHT milk.

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

**The Bear Necessities:** on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2pm, in St Andrew's Chapel

**Pints of View:** on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

**Bell ringing:** on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

**Next week's readings:**

Jeremiah 23.1-6, Psalm 46

Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

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