

Pews News

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Sunday 30th November 2025 First Sunday of Advent

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Monday 1 st	09:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 2 nd	17:30 19:00	Evening Prayer on Zoom Tuesday @7
Wednesday 3 rd	09:30	Breakfast Club Manor Nursery No public worship today
Thursday 4 th	09:15 10:00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Friday 5 th		No public worship today
Saturday 6 th		No public worship today
Sunday 7 th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children

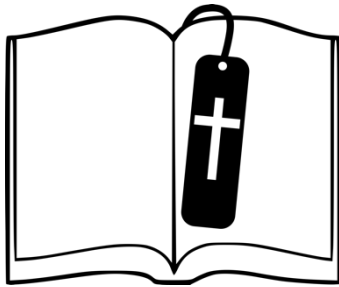
Hymns

57 Awake, awake, fling off the night
128 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
480 O come, O come, Emmanuel
405 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Prayer for the Lighting of the Advent Candle
Advent 1 – The Patriarchs (purple)

Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.
Amen

The Collect (Opening Prayer): *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*
Amen.



First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Response to Psalm 122 *'I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'.*

Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14 Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36-44 Jesus spoke to his disciples: About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be

grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion Prayer: *O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Julie Green, Revd. Colin Wood and Susie Usher.

Recently departed: Joan Ferguson, Jayne Smith and Susan Smith.

Anniversary of death: 30th - Alan Harmer, December 3rd - John Morrish, Charles Meyer, David Atkins, 4th - Brian Jenkin, Greta Garland, Gwendoline Patricia Nicholls, 5th - Jack Vagg, 6th - Charles Martin

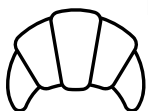
We pray We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

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

Advent Message from Revd Julian: Advent is a time of waiting with hope as we prepare to welcome Christ the Light of the World into our hearts and into our homes. May I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the church throughout the year and during the Advent and Christmas season.



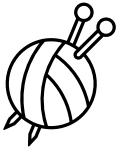
Christmessy Family Fun Morning You are very warmly invited to our Christmas family fun morning 10.30 am – 12 noon, Saturday 13th December. There will be a range of activities available, from crafts and a scavenger hunt, to caroling and The Christmas Story, it's sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. Festive refreshments will be available. £3 per family. Please contact Emily with any queries or offers of help 07784398293



Breakfast Club meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 3rd of December. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.



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 11th 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

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th 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.



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: spreads (peanut butter/ honey), loo rolls, tinned rice puddings, UHT fruit juice and UHT milk.

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

The Bear Necessities: on 8th December, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: 2nd December, 2pm, in St Andrew's Chapel

Pints of View: on 11th December, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 3rd 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:

Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7, 18, 19*

Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

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