

# Pews News

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## Sunday 28th December 2025 First Sunday of Christmas

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> The Holy Innocents	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> New Years Eve		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b> New Years Day The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Book Group</b> St Andrews Chapel <b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> Epiphany	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children

**Psalm 148\* response- Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.**



**First Reading: Isaiah 63.7-9** I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his

presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2.10-18** It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.13-23** Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."



### **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, Revd. Colin Wood, Tony May, Susie Usher, Marlene and Eileen Tooley.

**Anniversary of death:** 28<sup>th</sup> - Nicholas Carr, Terry Wice, Yvonne Clark, 31<sup>st</sup> - John Monkton, 1<sup>st</sup> - Florence Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Elsie Barker, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Richard Hardy,

Reginald Potter.

**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.

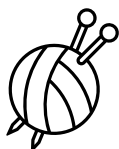
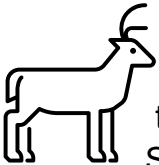
**For urgent prayer,** contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

**A very big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked so tirelessly to make our church look so beautiful and welcoming this Christmas. Your hard work and creativity transformed our church into a truly special space that brought peace and joy to all who entered.**

**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.



**Burns Night** You are invited for our annual Burns Night celebration on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at the Parish Centre. Two volunteers are needed. One for the toast for the Lasses and one for the response for the Lasses. Please contact Stephen for more information: [stephen.coxrusbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.coxrusbridge@btinternet.com) and mobile no 07974177905.



**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

**Don't forget, the Church is open every day, usually between 10am & 3pm. It is a beautiful place for quiet prayer and reflection.**

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

**The Bear Necessities:** on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

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

**Pints of View:** on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 7<sup>th</sup> January 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 60.1-6, Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15

Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

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