

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**08:00 Holy Communion**

**Epiphany 3**

**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**

**Conversion of Paul**

**11:15 Parish Eucharist**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**

**Ss. Timothy & Titus**

**17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)**

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

**17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**No public worship today**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**10:30 Coffee, cake & conversation (Mosse Hall)**

**Epiphany 4**

**08:00 Holy Communion**

**Presentation of Christ in  
the Temple**

**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**

**11:15 Parish Family Eucharist**

**12:45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall**

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.*

If you wish to take part in the Zoom evening prayer services on Tuesday or Wednesday, please contact [trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk) for the link.

### Hymns

**Introit: 473 When morning gilds the skies (omit \* verses)**

**Gradual: 457 The King of love my shepherd is**

**Offertory: 294 Just as I am, without one plea**

**Final: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim**

## **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Isaiah 9: 1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **Psalm 27**

## **New Testament Reading: First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that

time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## Prayers of Intercession

**The sick and those who care for them:** Janet Lock, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Betty Kernan, Molly Hendry, Bob Coyne, Sheila Chittenden, Jo Greenwood.

### Recently departed:

**Anniversary of death:** Dick Suckling (25<sup>th</sup>), Michael Cochrane {Priest} (26<sup>th</sup>), Denis Foot (28<sup>th</sup>), David Belcher (31<sup>st</sup>)

**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 vacancy – PCC Secretary.

## Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Next week's readings (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**  
**Malachi 3.1–5; Psalm 24. 7–end; Hebrews 2.14–end; Luke 2.22–40**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO):** We are delighted to announce the appointment of Amy Nettleton as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Amy can be contacted at amy@nurturingminds.co

**PCC vacancy.** We are still looking to fill the post of PCC Secretary. If you may be interested, please contact Revd Julian or one of the churchwardens. Training will be offered.

**Leading intercessions.** Would you like to get more involved in our services? Could you do this by joining a rota to lead the intercessions? If this is something you might be interested in doing, please speak to Rev'd Julian to find out more.

**Sponsoring flower arrangements in church:** If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers.

## Community Groups and Events

**Coffee, Cake & Conversation** will take place on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10:30am – 12 noon**, in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. **If anyone would like to host one of our monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation events then please do get in touch with Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com)**. We need volunteers for future dates. Full training on the coffee machine can be given, and it only needs a couple of people to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some yummy cakes.

**Lunch on Sunday** will be on **1<sup>st</sup> February at 12.45pm** following the Parish Family Eucharist. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy a 2-course meal and fellowship together in relaxed surroundings, at just £10 for adults, children free. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of church. If you, along with some friends, would like to organise a lunch in the future, please contact Angela Purser.

**Aldwick Mothers' Union** AGM will be held at the Waverley on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to come and join us for what will primarily be a social event.

**Breakfast club** meets next **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café, at **9.30am**. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10 and £14. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! Any queries, please contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

**The Bear Necessities** will meet next on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** at The Bear Inn, Pagham **Pints of View** will meet next on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** at the Inglenook, Pagham

**Valentine's Ball:** This fundraising event will be held in the Mosse Hall on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm-9pm**. Dress code - evening dress/dress to impress. Live music provided by Regis Rhythms. Love Quiz. Bring 'n' share buffet. Bring your own liquid refreshment. Bring a friend! Numbers are limited, so please book now using the sign-up sheets in church, or by emailing [strichardsaldwick@gmail.com](mailto:strichardsaldwick@gmail.com). Tickets are just £12 per person to include a glass of bubbly. You are asked to pay in advance to secure your booking. Pay by BACS transfer to Aldwick Parochial Church Council, Sort Code: 20-20-65, account number: 50759368, putting 'Valentine' as the reference. Alternatively pay Angela Purser or David Williams by cash or cheque made payable to Aldwick PCC Mosse Hall Account.

**Ash Wednesday and Lent Course:** The Ash Wednesday service will be at **7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** at St Richard's. **The following Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, at 7pm** marks the beginning of our **five-week Lent course**. The Diocesan course for this year is called, 'The Year of Matthew'. Key themes that we will be looking at include, the birth of Jesus, the calling of the disciples, Jesus as teacher, his miracles, and his impending passion. This year's parish Lent course will be held in the St Andrew's Chapel, Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham. A sign-up sheet and flyer will be available at the back of the church on the Sundays leading up to Lent.

**Online shopping:** When you are doing your online shopping, remember to use **easyfundraising** in support of St Richard's to help us raise additional funds, **at no cost to you**. If you're not sure how, please talk to David or Angela. Further details are at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strichardsaldwick/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](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:** Sauces (ketchup, mayo etc), sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, UHT fruit juice. **We have plenty of:** pulses.