

Pews News

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Sunday 11th January 2025 The First Sunday of Epiphany

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| Sunday | 11th | 09:30 | Parish Eucharist with provision for children |
| The Baptism of Christ | | | |
| Monday | 12th | 09:15 | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday | 13th | 17:30 | Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| | | 19:00 | Tuesday @7 |
| Wednesday | 14th | 17:30 | Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| Thursday | 15th | 09:15 | Morning Prayer |
| | | 10:00 | Holy Communion |
| Friday | 16th | | No public worship today |
| Saturday | 17th | | No public worship today |
| Sunday | 18th | 09:30 | Parish Eucharist with provision for children |

Hymns

609. Song of thankfulness and praise
762. You are the king of glory
85. Brightest and best
666. Walk in the light

The Collect (Opening Prayer): *Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Isaiah 42.1-9 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Post Communion Prayer: *Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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. Colin Wood, Susie Usher, Marlene and Eileen Tooley.

Anniversary of death: 11th - June Bunning, Della Hooper, Hilda Lock, Allan Darlow, Sidney Earwaker, 12th - Olivia Cole, Frederick Gray, Mary Kitchen, 13th - Frederick Hadler, George Weaver, Clive Bratt, Diana Willson, 14th - Margaret Woombell, 15th - Gladys Pickett, 16th - Ronald Masters

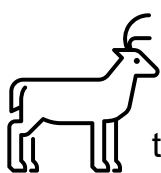
We pray We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

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

Tuesday@7 returns on the 13th January! Mid-week, 40 minutes and family friendly. An

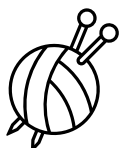


informal church service suitable for Children and Families, accessible readings and a short reflection, A welcoming and inclusive invitation for those looking for a different way to worship and explore their faith. A great option for those with busy Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome!



Burns Night You are invited for our annual Burns Night celebration on Friday 23rd January 2026 at the Church Centre, Nyetimber Lane, 18:30 for 19:00 start. Adults - £15.00, under 14s - £8.00. Two volunteers are needed. One for the toast for the Lasses and one for the response from the Lasses. Please contact Stephen for more information: 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



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: sauces (ketchup/,mayonnaise), sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, UHT fruit juice and UHT milk.

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

The Bear Necessities: on 2nd February, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: 6th March, 2pm, at Alison's house, Swandene, 01243 261131

Pints of View: on 5th February, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 4th February at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

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

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

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 49.1-7, Psalm 40.1-12

1 Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42

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