

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY (WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY)

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 Holy Communion
Epiphany 2	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
	17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No public worship today
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	No public worship today
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

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: 484 The Church's one foundation (omit v 3)**  
**Gradual: 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise**  
**Offertory: 205 Christ is made the sure foundation**  
**Final: 495 God is working his purpose out**

## **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## **Psalm 40: 1-12**

## **New Testament Reading: First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it

remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

***Recently departed:***

***Anniversary of death:*** Elizabeth Mount (20th), Ernest Wort (23<sup>rd</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:**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Next week's readings (Epiphany 3, The conversion of Paul)**  
**Isaiah 9.1–4; Psalm 27: 1 Corinthians 1.10–18; Matthew 4.12–23**

**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](mailto: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 Revd 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

Our next monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place in the Mosse Hall, 10.30am-12noon on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. **If anyone would like to host one of our 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

The next 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.

**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 – save the date

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, we are holding a Valentine's Ball in the Mosse Hall. Live music will be provided by our very own Regis Rhythms. More details to follow. For now, please save the date.

### Knitted poppies

Following the success of our display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday last year, Barbara would like to make an even bigger display this year – and there's no time like the present to get started! If you would like to help with this Mothers' Union project by knitting more poppies, please contact Carole ([cmatthews@jrmail.co.uk](mailto:cmatthews@jrmail.co.uk)) for the pattern, or pick a copy up at the back of church, and drop your poppies into church as you complete them.

### 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)

### Hygiene Poverty

A Hygiene Bank, co-ordinated by Sheila Farmer, has been set up in the Church porch. The Hygiene Bank will collect **new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials**. For health and safety reasons, opened, half-used or products past their best-before date cannot be accepted.

Leaflets about the scheme are available at the back of the church and further details are at

<https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/>

### Newspapers for Brent Lodge

Charlotte is maintaining a donation point at Church for newspapers for Brent Lodge. If you have any, please feel free to drop them in the green box in the porch. They will be collected periodically and taken to Brent Lodge to be used as bedding in their animal hospital. Thank you for supporting Charlotte to **support** this charity.

## SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



**Urgently needed this week:** Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, sponge puddings, UHT orange juice, sauces (ketchup etc.). **We have plenty of:** pulses.