

# Pews News

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REVEREND JULIAN McALLEN (REST DAY - FRIDAY)**

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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 The First Sunday of Lent

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross Meditations</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Evening prayer</b> on Zoom
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17:30</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> on Zoom
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Lent Course</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-</b>	<b>Lent Soup Lunches</b> Pagham Parish Church Centre
	<b>13:15</b>	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross Meditations</b>

### Hymns

221. God is working his purpose out

574. Purify my heart

195. From heaven You came

343. Jesu lover of my soul

***The Collect (Opening Prayer):* Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give**

us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7** The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### **Psalm 32**

**Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.1-11** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is

written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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, Tony May, Eileen Tooley, June Baker, Sheila Mullings and Shirley Witcomb.

**Anniversary of death:** 22<sup>nd</sup> - John Fisk, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Eric Willmot, 24<sup>th</sup> - Alfred Vickery, Jean Saunders, 26<sup>th</sup> - Alan Faulkner, Edith Warren, 27<sup>th</sup> - Ernest Cornell, Audrey Nicholls, Sandy Sell, 28<sup>th</sup> - Lilian Hamerton

**The World:** 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.



**Lent Course** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Stations of the Cross Meditations** 6pm on Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> of March in St Andrew's Chapel.



**World Day of Prayer** A service where everyone is welcome, is to be held at St Richard's Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 10.30 am. Refreshments will follow the service.



**Bell Ropes** – After several years of use, our church bell ropes are wearing out and need replacing at a cost of £200 each and we have six to replace. The bellringers will fund these themselves as much as possible but it would really help if our church family could assist with the cost. If you wish to make a donation, please have a word with Mike Wake 07899 705632.



**We will be offering Lent Soup Lunches** again this year, dates as follows: Thursdays 26th February and 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March 12:00 – 13:15. A warm welcome, delicious home-made soup with a bread roll, tea and coffee at Pagham Parish Church Centre. Proceeds will be donated to Grass Roots, Mary's Meals, Chestnut Tree House and The Food Bank.

**Thank you to our Pancake Tuesday team** Thank you to everyone who made Pancake Tuesday such a memorable occasion for our Tuesday@7 families. The children had a great time and we were blessed with dry weather. Thanks particularly to Emily for leading the team.



**Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever.**

Urgently needed this week: cleaning products, laundry wash pods, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, toilet rolls.

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

**The Bear Necessities:** on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm, at Alison's house, Swandene, 01243 261131

**Pints of View:** on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 4<sup>th</sup> March 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:**

Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

*Church Diary: This is held by Mo Hatzfeld. Please let her know if you are planning to use the church or St Andrew's Chapel to check availability. Tel: 01243 268576.*

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