

Pews News

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

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Sunday 1st March 2026 The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 1st	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations
Monday 2nd	09:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 3rd	17:30	Evening prayer on Zoom
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 4th	09:30	Breakfast Club Manor Nursery
	19:00	Lent Course
Thursday 5th	09:15	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	12-	Lent Soup Lunches Pagham Parish Church Centre
	13:15	The Book Club
	14:00	
Friday 6th		No public worship today
Saturday 7th		No public worship today
Sunday 8th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations

Hymns

19 All my hope on God is founded

649 The King of love

503 O Jesus I have promised

70 Be thou my vision

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5,13-17 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told

you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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, Revd. Colin Wood, Tony May, Eileen Tooley, June Baker, Sheila Mullings, Shirley Witcomb, Sue Miller and Laurell Lewis.

Recently Departed: Colin May

Anniversary of death: 1st - Alan Dalrymple, Phyllis Burrow, 2nd - Gladys McClelland, 3rd - Michael Fielder, Ronald Bosher, 4th - Margaret Bell, Douglas Pennicott, 5th - Frank Stedman, Dorothy Tapping, Olive Lewis, Irene Plumb, 6th - Roland Hunt, 7th - Ronald Knight, Andrew Dobson

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 on Wednesdays at 7pm for five weeks. 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 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of March in St Andrew's Chapel.



World Day of Prayer - a service for everyone, featuring Nigeria. Fri 6th March 2026 at 10.30 am, St Richard's Church, 25 Gossamer Lane, Aldwick, PO21 3AT <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2026-spotlight-on/#> More details from Gabrielle Thorpe, 07736 814364, or Alison Blenkinsop, 07784 544981

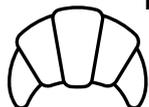


Bell Ropes – After several years of use, our church bell ropes are wearing out and need replacing at a cost of £200 each and we have six to replace. The bellringers will fund these themselves as much as possible but it would really help if our church family could assist with the cost. If you wish to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

We are offering Lent Soup Lunches again this year, dates as follows: Thursdays 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.



The Book Group will be meeting at Alison's house; 2.00pm on Friday 6th of March. All welcome. Please contact Alison for her address 01243 261131 If you would like to be added to the Book Group mailing list, or have any questions, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com.



Breakfast Club meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 4th of March. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.



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 9th March, 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 12th March, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 4th 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.

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