

Pews News

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

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Sunday 15th February 2026 The Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 15th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday 16th	09:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17th Shrove Tuesday	15:00	Pancake Party St Andrew's Chapel
Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday	17:30	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	19:00	Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday
Thursday 19th	09:15	Morning Prayer
Friday 20th		No public worship today
Saturday 21st		No public worship today
Sunday 22nd	09:30	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations

Hymns

552 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

509 O Lord, all the world belongs to you

252 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

752 Will you come and follow me

***The Collect (Opening Prayer):* Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



First Reading: Exodus 24.12-18 The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17.1-9 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

Post Communion Prayer: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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 and Sheila Mullings.

Anniversary of death: 15th – Agnes Ray, 16th – Gertrude Bradley, Darren Callaway, Peter Downey, Raymond Radmall, 17th – Agnes Robbins, 18th – Betty Wilmott, Sandy Sell, 21st - Thomas Best, Jack Field, Tony Spurle

Recently departed: Anne Hatzfeld

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.



Pancake Party! – Come and join us on Tuesday 17th February, from 3pm to 5pm in St Andrew's Chapel. Everyone is welcome- bring a friend! Please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard to give us some idea of how many to cater for.



Ash Wednesday and Lent Course The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm on Wednesday 18th February. The following Wednesday 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. A sign-up sheet and flyer will be available at the back of the church on the Sundays leading up to Lent. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stations of the Cross Meditations Sundays 22nd February and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of March in St Andrew's Chapel.



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. There is a sign up sheet asking for help, with making soup, setting up or clearing away.



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.



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



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: antibacterial spray, small jars of coffee, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables.



Easyfundraising: Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for St Thomas a Becket Church with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to donate, including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and M&S. All you need to do is: Go

to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/paghamchurch/> and join for free. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, the retailer will donate to St Thomas a Becket Church, at no extra cost. There are no catches or hidden charges, and St Thomas a Becket Church will be grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



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.

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 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Psalm 32

Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

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