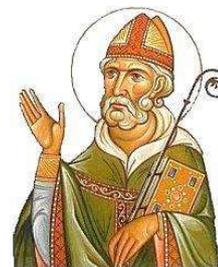


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SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026 **THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

Sunday 15th	08:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall 11:15 Parish Eucharist
Monday 16th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 17th	No public worship today
Archbishop Janani Luwum	
Wednesday 18th	19:30 Ash Wednesday service (St Richard's)
Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 19th	No public worship today
Friday 20th	No public worship today
Saturday 21st	No public worship today
Sunday 22nd	08:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall 11:15 Parish Eucharist
The 1st Sunday of Lent	

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 for the link.

Hymns

Introit: 341 Blest are the pure in heart
Gradual: 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Offertory: 178 'Tis good, Lord, to be here
Final: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Sunday next before Lent

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.**

Old Testament reading: Exodus 24: 12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and 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 into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for 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 people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2

New Testament Reading: The Second Letter of Peter 1: 16-end

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.'

Prayers of Intercession

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

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Ronald Deabill (17th), Ann Farmer (17th), Eric Hargreaves (19th), Chris Phillis (21st).

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:

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.**

Next week's readings

Genesis 2.15–17, 3.1–7; Psalm 32, Romans 5.12–19, Matthew 4.1–11

90th birthday congratulations

Congratulations to Audrey Thomas who celebrated her 90th birthday on Tuesday, 10th February, in the company of Spencer, Andrew, Sarah and her husband, Arthur. Unfortunately, Audrey and Spencer are no longer able to worship with us after 58 years of continuous commitment following Audrey's broken hip and replacement operation last May, and subsequent deterioration in their health, but they remain with us in spirit.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Course: The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 18th February at St Richard's. **The following Wednesday, 25th February, 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. This year's parish Lent course will be held in St Andrew's Chapel, Thomas à Becket Church, Pagham. A sign-up sheet and flyer will be available at the back of the church.

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 Rev'd 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 on **Saturday 28th February 10:30am – 12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. 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 2 of you at a time to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some yummy cakes.

Lent soup 2026

Lent Soup Lunches are on offer again this year. **Thursdays 26th February and March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th – 12noon-1.15pm.** A warm welcome, delicious home-made soup with a bread roll, tea and coffee at Pagham Parish Church Centre, Nyetimber Lane. All proceeds will be split between Chestnut Tree House, Mary's Meals, Grass Roots and Bognor Food Bank.

Lunch on Sunday

The next Lunch on Sunday will be on **1st March at 12.45pm** following the Parish 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 Benefact Group Movement for Good - nominate us for a chance of a £1,000 donation

It takes just a minute for you to nominate St Richard's Church for a £1,000 donation from The Benefact Group Movement for Good. The earlier you nominate, the more chances we have. Please note that nominations from 2025 are not carried over, so please be sure to nominate us for the 2026 programme. Our Charity Registration number: 1206799. Nominate here:

https://movementforgood.com/draws/1000?utm_source=Email-giving&utm_campaign=MFG25-Email-1&cmp=1&utm_medium=HTMLEmail

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) 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

Hygiene Poverty

A Hygiene Bank, co-ordinated by Sheila Farmer, has been set up within the Church. 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/>

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned meats, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, small jars of coffee, antibacterial spray. **We have plenty of:** pulses.