

# The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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## **SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026** **PALM SUNDAY**

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall</b>
	<b>11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School</b>
	<b>18:00 Stations of the Cross (Pagham)</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30 Stations of the Cross (Pagham)</b>
	<b>20:00 Compline on Zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>09:30 Stations of the Cross (Pagham)</b>
	<b>20:00 Compline on Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>09:30 Stations of the Cross (St Richard's)</b>
	<b>20:00 Compline on Zoom</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>09:30 Stations of the Cross (St Richard's)</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>19:00 Institution of the Lord's Supper / Stripping of Altar and the Watch (Pagham)</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00-12:00 Children's Workshop (Mosse Hall)</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>14:00 Liturgy of Good Friday (at both churches)</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00-12:00 Church cleaning &amp; dressing</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Church open for quiet reflection until 16:00</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion</b>
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall</b>
	<b>11:15 Parish Eucharist with blessing of the Easter Garden</b>

**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 can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.*

### **Hymns**

**Processional: All glory, laud and honour (in service booklet)**

**Gradual: 511 Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**Offertory: 90 O sacred head, sore wounded (omit \* verses)**

**Final: 92 There is a green hill far away**

## **The Palm Gospel: Matthew 21. 1-11**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

### **Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

### **New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Phillipians: 2. 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **The Passion according to Matthew: 26: 14–end; 27: 1–66**

*The Passion is read in dramatic form.*

## 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, Martin Lang, Catherine Allott.

### ***Recently departed:***

***Anniversary of death:*** David Matthews (29<sup>th</sup>), Val Bradbury (31<sup>st</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.

## Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Next week's readings: Easter Day. He is risen – Alleluia!  
Jeremiah 31.1–6; Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24; Acts 10.34–43; Matthew 28.1–10**

**Sunday School** this week will start in the children's corner in church and then move into the Committee Room in the Mosse Hall. It is led by a rota of volunteers during the 11.15am service. All children welcome. If anyone would like to find out more, or might be interested in join the rota, please contact Julie Broad ([juliebroad28@gmail.com](mailto:juliebroad28@gmail.com)).

## Community Groups and Events

**Good Friday Children's Workshop**, a morning of fun and crafty activities for children and families **10am-12noon on 3<sup>rd</sup> April** in the Mosse Hall. Children of all ages and their grown-ups are welcome! Ending with a short act of worship and hot cross buns!

**Bognor Churches Together - Good Friday Walk of Witness** beginning at **10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> April** on Bognor Regis railway station forecourt. Moving on for two or more journey points on London Road. Concluding with a short service and refreshments at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Event coordinated by Bognor Churches together. Please email [bognorchurches@gmail.com](mailto:bognorchurches@gmail.com) for more details.

**Easter Flowers and Easter Church Cleaning & Dressing:** We hope to fill the church with flowers again for Easter. If you would like to help with this, please collect a basket from the entrance porch over the next week. Baskets can be filled with spring flowers/greenery or a combination - gathered from your gardens if possible! The oasis provided will need to be thoroughly soaked. Please return your baskets on **Holy Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> April) between 9am and 12noon** when we shall be dressing the church for Easter Day - alongside the big Easter Church Clean. If you are able to come along, your help with preparing the church for Easter Day would be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work. Hot cross buns will be provided!

**Talk about Estate Planning – 'Tax, care and toy boys':** This very entertaining and informative talk will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**, in the Mosse Hall. The talk is free, but minimum numbers are needed for it to go ahead. Sign-up sheets are available in church. Refreshments will be provided by Aldwick Mothers' Union. Do come - and bring your friends.

**Lunch on Sunday** - The next Lunch on Sunday will be on **12<sup>th</sup> April at 12.45pm** following the Parish Eucharist. Please note the change of date due to the first Sunday in April being Easter Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a 2-course meal and fellowship together in relaxed surroundings. It will be a bring-and-share lunch, with suggested donations of £3 per adult (children free) to cover the cost of tea, coffee, mints and incidentals. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of church. **We're looking for volunteers to organise lunches in the future.** Support will be provided. If you, along with some friends, would be interested in organising a lunch (you get to choose what's on the menu), please have a word with Angela Purser or email the Parish mailbox ([strichardsaldwick@gmail.com](mailto:strichardsaldwick@gmail.com)).

**Coffee, Cake & Conversation** will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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](mailto: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 at a time to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some yummy cakes.

**A Prize Bingo Night** will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**, time to be confirmed, but probably starting around 6.30pm until 9.30pm – **please save the date.** This should be a fun evening, whether you're a bingo pro or a complete novice. Refreshments will be provided during the interval, but please feel free to bring drinks and nibbles of your choice. A pen would also be useful and some additional cash for the (optional) jackpot game. Sign-up sheets will shortly be available at the back of the church once details are finalised. If anyone would like to get involved in organising this event, please contact Angela Purser. Alternatively, for more information, or to book places, please email the Parish mailbox ([strichardsaldwick@gmail.com](mailto:strichardsaldwick@gmail.com)).

**Newspapers:** We've been collecting newspapers for bedding for sick animals at Brent Lodge for over 3 years. Following our appeal, a new volunteer has now come forwards who is willing to collect the papers from church and deliver them. Hence, we are delighted to confirm that newspapers can continue to be dropped off in the church porch to be passed on to Brent Lodge.

**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 (treasurer) or Angela (church warden). Further details are available 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)

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



**Urgently needed this week:** Coffee, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, tinned meat. **We have plenty of:** pulses.

