

Pews News

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

REVJULIANMCALLEN@GMAIL.COM

01243 858355

CHURCHWARDEN: Mr Alex Brockhurst

Tel: 07792 544259

Email: alex.brockhurst@hotmail.co.uk

CHURCHWARDEN: Mrs Sue O'Neill

Tel: 07867 904780

Email: suesdesignservices@gmail.com

LICENSED LAY MINISTER: Mrs Rosemary Towse

Email: rosemarytowse@talktalk.net

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Mrs Emily Siemieniec

Email: paghamsafeguarding@gmail.com

Sunday 8th March 2026 The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations
Monday 9th	09:15	Morning Prayer
	19:30	The Bear Necessities The Bear Inn
Tuesday 10th	17:30	Evening prayer on Zoom
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 11th	19:00	Lent Course
Thursday 12th	09:15	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	12-	Lent Soup Lunches Pagham Parish Church Centre
	13:15	
	19:30	Pints of View The Inglenook Pub
Friday 13th		No public worship today
Saturday 14th		No public worship today
Sunday 15th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations

Hymns

570 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

114 Come down, O love divine

716 We have a gospel to proclaim

379 Lead us, heavenly Father

***The Collect (Opening Prayer):* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was**

crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Exodus 17.1-7 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Psalm 95

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-11 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading: John 4.5-42 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The

water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Post Communion Prayer: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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, Laurell Lewis, Paul, Tennant, Marion Peters and Ian Hunter

Recently Departed: Colin May

Anniversary of death: 8th - Jessie Towler, Lilian Gilham, 9th - Gladys Halling, 10th - Betty Wadlow, Joyce Winfield, 11th - Norman Williams, Robert Upton, Neville Purdy, Cynthia Brown, 12th - Stanley Holder, Harry Taylor

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.

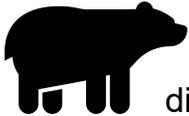
For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

-We said farewell to Sylvia Pugh last week, and pray for her as she adjusts to supportive accommodation near her family in Lancashire.



Lent Course on Wednesdays at 7pm- it's not too late to join! 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 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of March in St Andrew's Chapel.



The Bear Necessities at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 9th of March. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.



Pints of view- a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on Thursday 12th March at 19.30 in the snug at The Inglenook. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages. Please contact Clive cliveashley111@gmail.com for more information.



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 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.

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:

1 Samuel 16.1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41

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