

Pews News

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Sunday 22nd March 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22nd	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations
Monday 23rd	09:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24th	17:30	Evening prayer on Zoom
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 25th	19:00	Lent Course
<small>The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</small>		
Thursday 26th	09:15	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	12-	Lent Soup Lunches Pagham Parish Church
	13:15	Centre
Friday 27th		No public worship today
Saturday 28th		No public worship today
Sunday 29th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations

Hymns

631 Tell out, my soul

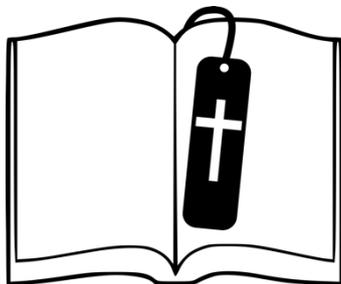
206 Glory be to Jesus

299 I am the bread of life

666 The Spirit lives to set us free



The Collect (Opening Prayer): Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Ezekiel 37.1-14 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8.6-11 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: John 11.1-45 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this

he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. 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, Marion Peters and Ian Hunter

Anniversary of death: 22nd - Ann Gristwood, 23rd - Norman Teulon, John Pegnall, 24th - Frank Sutton, 25th - David Horlock, Eileen Simpson, 27th - Kenneth Winfield, 28th - Frank Myatt

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.



Palm Sunday – 29th March, 9:30 am Join us as we share in Christ's own journey, starting with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative will be read, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated.

Holy Week:

Stations of the Cross – 30th and 31st March, 09:30

Compline on Zoom – 30th, 31st March and 1st April, 20:00

Maundy Thursday: 2nd April, 19:00 Institution of the Lord's Supper/ Stripping of the Altar and The Watch until 23:00 2nd April

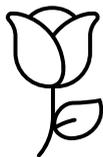
Good Friday: 3rd April, 14:00 The Liturgy of Good Friday.

Children's Workshop at Mosse Hall, Aldwick, 3rd April, 11:00-12:30

Walk of Witness on 3rd April, starting at Bognor Regis station forecourt at 10:00, continuing via London Road, and concluding with a short service and refreshments at Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve: 4th April, 09:00-12:00, Church cleaning and dressing the church

Easter Day: 5th April, 09:30, Parish Family Eucharist with blessing of the Easter Garden.



Easter Flowers If you would like to contribute to the cost of Easter Flowers please speak to Trudi - 07703597353.

Thank you to the cake makers and flower arrangers who made it a very special Mothering Sunday.



Churchyard care and maintenance After many faithful years of overseeing the care and maintenance of our Churchyard, and the community team, Mike Wake has decided to enjoy some well deserved retirement. We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take over from Mike, (it's not an onerous task!) if you would like to know more please speak to Mike, Alex or Sue, we have a job description we can share. Visitors always remark on how beautiful the Church and Churchyard is, and we need help in keeping it that way.



Please join us for our last Lent Soup Lunch this week, Thursday 26th March 12:00 – 13:15. All proceeds to our nominated charities.

Next week's readings:

Liturgy of the Palms, Liturgy of the Passion

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.

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