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SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Sunday 1st	08:00 Holy Communion
St David	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Patron Saint of Wales	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday school
	12:45 Lunch on Sunday (Mosse Hall)
Monday 2nd	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
St Chad of Mercia	
Tuesday 3rd	17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 4th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
	09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)
	17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom
	19:00 Lent Course (Week 2) see page 3
Thursday 5th	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 6th	10:30 World Day of Prayer service – see page 4
	14.00 Book Group (Pagham)
Saturday 7th	No public worship today
Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	
Sunday 8th	08:00 Holy Communion
The 3rd Sunday of Lent	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday school

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.

Hymns

Introit: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Offertory: 471 We love the place, O God, wherein thine honour dwells

Final: 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading: Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say about Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not

know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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, Joan Burt.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Bill Thomas, Priest (1st), Charles Cox (3rd), Kathleen Alice Harrison (4th), Megan Lacey (5th), Peter Bennet (7th), Pat Lippet (7th).

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:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Exodus 17.1–7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1–11, John 4.5–42

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.

Sunday School: This is currently being held in the children's corner in church, with a view to moving into the hall longer term. It runs term-time only during the 11.15am service, led by a rota of volunteers. All children are welcome. If there is anyone who would like to find out more, or about possibly joining the rota, please contact Julie Broad (juliebroad28@gmail.com).

Lent Course: Wednesday 4th March, at 7pm is the second session 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 the St Andrew's Chapel, Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham. It will be preceded by refreshments from 6.30pm.

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.

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday is today, 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. If you have not signed up but would like to come, please ask if there is space. If you would like to consider organising a lunch in the future, please contact Angela Purser. Please note that the next lunch will be deferred to April 12th, as April 5th is Easter Day.

Lent soup 2026: Lent Soup Lunches are on offer again this year on **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.

Breakfast club meets next on **Wednesday 4th March** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café, at **9.30am**. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10 and £14. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! Any queries, please contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

World Day of Prayer: This will be hosted in St Richard's on **Friday 6th March at 10.30am** on behalf of Bognor Churches Together. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, which this year has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria. The service will be followed by refreshments.

The Book Group meets at St Andrew's Chapel, Pagham Church on **Friday 6th March at 2.00pm until about 3.30pm**. If you would like to be added to the Book Group's mailing list, or have any queries, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com

The Bear Necessities will meet next on **Monday 9th March at 7.30pm** at The Bear Inn, Pagham.

Pints of View will meet next on **Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm** at the Inglenook, Pagham.

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 meat, small jars of coffee, antibacterial spray, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables. **We have plenty of:** pulses.