

Pews News

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Sunday 15th March 2026 Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations
Monday 16th	09:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17th	17:30	Evening prayer on Zoom
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 18th	19:00	Lent Course
Thursday 19th Joseph of Nazareth	09:15	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	12-	Lent Soup Lunches Pagham Parish Church
	13:15	Centre
Friday 20th		No public worship today
Saturday 25th		No public worship today
Sunday 26th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	18:00	Stations of the Cross Meditations

Hymns

428 Love divine, all loves excelling

553 Peace is flowing like a river

429 Love is his word

753 Will your anchor hold



The Collect (Opening Prayer): God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 2.1-10 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 34.11-20

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion Prayer: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help

us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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, Marion Peters and Ian Hunter

Anniversary of death: 15th - Derek Luke, George Wise, 16th - Philip Bateman, 17th - William Wadlow, Thomas Hender, 18th - Christopher Rathbone, Terence McCarthy, 20th - Dennis Mackenzie, 21st - Patricia Bratt, Joan Taylor, 22nd - Ann Gristwood, 23rd - Norman Teulon, John Peggall, 24th - Frank Sutton, 25th - David Horlock, Eileen Simpson

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.

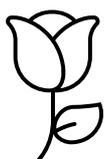
For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

-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 15th, 22nd, 29th of March in St Andrew's Chapel.



Easter Flowers As part of our celebration of Easter we like to fill the church with flowers. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement, or contribute to the costs of flowers, please speak to Trudi - 07703597353. The church will be cleaned and decorated on Saturday 4th April from 09:00. Please join us if you would like to help.. Donations of greenery would be appreciated, delivered to church by 09:00 on the 4th April. Thank you.



Bell Ropes Thanks to the generosity of our church family we now have sufficient funds to cover the cost of new ropes. They are on order and should be with us within the next couple of months. These ropes are hand made and there are only 2 companies that make them which why there is a wait. The ringers appreciate the interest that everyone shows and the comments we receive. Please don't hesitate to have a look on Sunday mornings and ask questions, the ringers love talking about this quirky ancient art. Mike Wake



Churches Together We have an open invitation to the Bognor Churches Together prayer meeting at The Shore Community Church, Victoria Drive, mostly every month. The next meeting is Thursday 19th March, 7 for 7.30 pm. More information from Alison Blenkinsop, 07784 544981.



Coffee, Cake & Conversation takes place next on Saturday 28th March 10:30am – 12 noon in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family to enjoy some yummy cake and convivial conversation.

A gentleman called David Whines will be using the spare car park to support **The Great Tommy Sleep Out, March 2026** on Monday 16th March, in aid of The Royal British Veterans Enterprise rbve.org.uk



We are offering Lent Soup Lunches again this year, dates as follows: Thursdays 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.



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever.
Urgently needed this week: biscuits, small jars of coffee, tinned fruit, tinned rice puddings, UHT milk.

Don't forget, the Church is open every day, usually between 10am & 3pm. It is a beautiful place for quiet prayer and reflection.

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:

The Bear Necessities: on 13th April, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: 1st May, 2pm, in St Andrew's Chapel, St Thomas a Becket Church

Pints of View: on 9th April, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 1st April at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery.

Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas a Becket

Next week's readings:

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

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