

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 15th	08:00 Holy Communion
Mothersing Sunday	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist
	18:00 Stations of the Cross (Pagham)
Monday 16th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 17th	17:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 18th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
	19:00 Lent Course (Week 4) see page 4
Thursday 19th	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
	12:00 Lent Soup Lunch (Pagham Church Centre)
Friday 20th	No public worship today
Saturday 21st	No public worship today
Sunday 22nd	08:00 Holy Communion
5th Sunday of Lent	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Passiontide begins	11:15 Parish Eucharist
	18:00 Stations of the Cross (Pagham)

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.

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.

Hymns

Introit: 285 For the beauty of the earth

Gradual: 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Offertory: (Sheet) What a friend we have in Jesus

Final: 297 Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Mothering Sunday

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.**

Old Testament 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

New Testament Reading: The Second Letter of Paul to the 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.'

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: Roger Lockyer (19th), Ross Stone {Priest} (20th).

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:

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.**

Next week's readings

Ezekiel 37.1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6–11; John 11.1–45

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 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).

PCC vacancy: We are still looking to fill the post of PCC Secretary. If this is something you might be interested in finding out more about, 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.

Newspapers: We've been collecting newspapers for bedding for Brent Lodge ever since Charlotte did her Charities badge at Brownies 3 years ago. **We're now looking for a new volunteer** to collect the papers from church and drop them down to Sidlesham. If you could do this, please contact Angela Purser. If no-one comes forward, we will sadly need to stop the collections in church.

Sponsoring flower arrangements in church: If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers.

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.

Community Groups and Events

Stations of the Cross: will be held on **Sundays, 15th, 22nd and 29th March** at **St Thomas à Beckett at 6pm**. All are welcome. During Holy Week there will be Stations of the Cross **at 9.30am** at Pagham on **Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March**, and at **St Richard's on Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd April**.

Lent Course: Wednesday 18th March, at 7pm is the fourth session of our **five-week Lent course**. The Diocesan course is called, 'The Year of Matthew'. Key themes include the birth of Jesus, the calling of the disciples, Jesus as teacher, his miracles, and his impending passion. The course is being held in St Andrew's Chapel, Thomas à Becket Church, Pagham. You may join at any time.

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

Coffee, cake & Conversation: Our next monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place on **Saturday 28th March, 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). 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.

Good Friday Children's Workshop, 3rd April, a morning of fun and crafty activities for children and families **10am - 12noon** 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!

Talk about Estate Planning – 'Tax, care and toy boys': This very entertaining and informative talk will be held on **Tuesday 7th 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.

Lunch on Sunday will next be on **Sunday 12th April 12.45pm**, following the Parish Eucharist. Note date change due to the first Sunday in April being Easter Day. **Volunteers are needed to organise this lunch and future lunches**. Support will be provided. Please contact Angela Purser for more information.

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: Rice puddings, pasta sauce, biscuits, tinned meat, toilet rolls. We have plenty of: pulses.