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SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

EASTER DAY

**Sunday 5th
Easter Day**

**08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
and blessing of the Easter Garden**

**Monday 6th
Tuesday 7th**

**No public worship today
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
19:30 Talk about Estate Planning – ‘Tax, care
and toy boys’ in the Mosse Hall**

**Wednesday 8th
Thursday 9th**

**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
19:30 Pints of View, the Inglenook, Pagham**

**Friday 10th
Saturday 11th
Sunday 12th
Easter 2**

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08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12.45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall**

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: 110 Jesus Christ in risen today, Alleluya!

Gradual: 103 Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Offertory: 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Final: 120 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Amen.

Old Testament reading: Jeremiah 31.1–6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

New Testament Reading: Acts 10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28.1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and

tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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, Martin Lang, Catherine Allott.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Winifred Woodward (6th), Nesta Fanthorpe (10th), Richard Ford (11th).

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:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alleluia! He is risen

Next week's readings

Exodus 14: 10–end, 15: 20–21; Psalm 16; Acts 2: 14a, 22–32; John 20.19–end

Sunday School is held during the 11.15am service. It starts in the children's corner in church, then moves into the Committee Room in the Mosse Hall, and is led by a rota of volunteers. All children welcome. If anyone would like to find out more, or might be interested in join the rota, please contact Julie Broad (juliebroad28@gmail.com).

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.

Community Groups and Events

Lent Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Lent lunches at Pagham Parish Church Centre. £576 was raised for charity by generous donations over the course of 5 lunches. This money will be divided equally between four charities: Mary's Meals, Grassroots, Chestnut Tree House and the Bognor Food Bank.

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.

Pints of view – a conversation for men.

Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm in The Inglenook, Pagham.** Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages.

Lunch on Sunday

The next Lunch on Sunday will be **NEXT Sunday, 12th April at 12.45pm** following the Parish Eucharist. Please note the change of date due to the first Sunday in April being Easter Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a 2-course meal and fellowship together in relaxed surroundings. It will be a bring-and-share lunch, with suggested donations of £3 per adult (children free) to cover the cost of tea, coffee, mints and incidentals. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of church. **We're looking for volunteers to organise lunches in the future.** Support will be provided. If you, along with some friends, would be interested in organising a lunch (you get to choose what's on the menu), please have a word with Angela Purser or email the Parish mailbox (strichardsaldwick@gmail.com).

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women.

Meet on **Monday 13th April, 7.30pm, The Bear Inn, Pagham.** All ages welcome. All views welcome. This is a safe space to discuss current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

Coffee, cake & Conversation

Our next monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation takes place on **Saturday 25th April, 10:30am–12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. If anyone would like to host Coffee, Cake & Conversation, please contact 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.

A Prize Bingo Night

This will take place on **Saturday 25th April**, time to be confirmed, but probably starting around 6.30pm until 9.30pm – **please save the date.** This should be a fun evening, whether you're a bingo pro or a complete novice. Refreshments will be provided during the interval, but please feel free to bring drinks and nibbles of your choice. A pen would also be useful and some additional cash for the (optional) jackpot game. Sign-up sheets will shortly be available at the back of the church once details are finalised. If anyone would like to get involved in organising this event, please contact Angela Purser. Alternatively, for more information, or to book places, please email the Parish mailbox (strichardsaldwick@gmail.com).

Newspapers

We've been collecting newspapers for bedding for sick animals at Brent Lodge for over 3 years. Following our appeal, a new volunteer has now come forward who is willing to collect the papers from church and deliver them. Hence, we are delighted to confirm that newspapers can continue to be dropped off in the church porch to be passed on to Brent Lodge.

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 (treasurer) or Angela (church warden). Further details are available at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Coffee, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, rice pudding. **We have plenty of:** pulses.