

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday 19th
Easter 3

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

Monday 20th
Tuesday 21st
St. Anselm
Wednesday 22nd

09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
13:00 Funeral of Angela Halfacree (Aldwick Baptist Church)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Thursday 23rd
St. George, Patron
Saint of England

Friday 24th
Saturday 25th
Mark, the Evangelist

No public worship today
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10:30-12noon Coffee, Cake & Conversation, Mosse Hall
19:00 for 19:30 to 21:30 Prize bingo night, Mosse Hall

Sunday 26th
Easter 4

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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: 465 Thou didst leave thy throne
Gradual: 376 I heard a voice of Jesus say
Offertory: 375 I danced in the morning
Final: 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Zephaniah 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-end

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still,

looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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, Joan Burt, Martin Lang, Catherine Allott.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Lilian King (19th), Philip Mosse (19th), Basil Smith (20th), Helen Browne (21st).

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:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next week's readings
Genesis 7; Psalm 23; Acts 2.42–end; John 10.1–10

Sunday School is held during the 11.15am service, starting in the children's corner in church, then moves into the Committee Room in the Mosse Hall, returning in time for a blessing at communion. It is led by a rota of volunteers. All children welcome. If anyone would like to find out more, or might be interested in joining 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

The Book Group meets next in Pagham on **Friday 1st May 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 Linda (lindatempest@hotmail.com).

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday takes place on **Sunday 3rd May 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. Sign-up sheets are available in church. **We're looking for volunteers to organise lunches in the future.** Support will be provided. If you, along with some friends, might be interested in organising a lunch (you get to choose what's on the menu – it could be a cooked meal, hot or cold buffet, whatever works for you), please contact Angela Purser or email the Parish mailbox (strichardsaldwick@gmail.com).

Breakfast club meets next on **Wednesday 6th May** 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.

The Bear Necessities will meet next on **Monday 11th May at 7.30pm** at The Bear Inn, Pagham.

Pints of View will meet next on **Thursday 14th May 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 in the church porch and further details are available at <https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/>

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Toilet rolls, tinned custard, UHT milk (blue), spreads, shower gels. **We have plenty of:** pulses.