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SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday 12th Easter 2	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
Monday 13th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham) 14:00 Funeral of June Keeling 19:30 The Bear Necessities, The Bear Inn, Pagham
Tuesday 14th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham) 19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 15th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's) 18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 16th	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 17th	No public worship today
Saturday 18th	No public worship today
Sunday 19th Easter 3	08:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall 11:15 Parish Eucharist

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: 121 This joyful Eastertide

Gradual: 173 Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer (omit vs 2 & 3)

Offertory: 310 We hail thy presence glorious

Final: 486 We have a Gospel to proclaim

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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 14: 10–end; 15: 20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Psalm 16

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22–32

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. ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Gospel Reading: John 20.19–end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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: Angela Halfacree

Anniversary of death: Vivian Taylor (12th), Marshall Lucas (14th), Arthur Adamson (15th), Arthur Anderson (15th), Frank Burt (15th), Eric Newman (15th), Margaret Miles (16th).

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:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Zephaniah 3.14–end; Psalm 116.1–3, 10–end; Acts 2.14a, 36–41; Luke 24.13–35

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

Lunch on Sunday takes place **today at 12.45pm** following the Parish Eucharist. This is a bring-and-share lunch, with suggested donations of £3 per adult (children free) to cover the cost of tea, coffee, mints and incidentals. **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).

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets next on **Monday 13th April, at 7.30pm** at 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 monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take 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 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.

A Prize Bingo Night will take place on **Saturday 25th April**, doors open at **7pm for a prompt 7.30 start**, until 9.15 / 9.30pm. This should be a fun evening, with lots of prizes on offer, whether you're a bingo pro or a complete novice. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided during the interval, but please feel free to bring drinks and nibbles of your choice. A pen would also be useful (or dabbers may be bought for £1.50) and some additional cash for the (optional) jackpot game and raffle. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or email strichardsaldwick@gmail.com. Bring your friends and join in the fun: all for a voluntary donation of £10. If anyone would like to get involved in organising this event, please contact Angela Purser.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Coffee, rice puddings, tinned soup, tinned meat, tinned fruit.
We have plenty of: pulses.