

# Pews News

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## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
		<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
	<small>May Philip and James, Apostles</small>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>The Book Group</b> St Andrew's Chapel
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Friends of Pagham Church</b>
			<b>Annual Meeting</b> St Andrew's Chapel

### Hymns

249 Great is thy faithfulness

450 Morning has broken

Sheet The Lord's my shepherd

565 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

***The Collect (Opening Prayer):* Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



**First Reading Acts 2.42-47** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **Psalm 23**

**Second Reading 1 Peter 2.19-25** For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Reading John 10.1-10** "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayers of Intercession

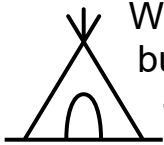
**The sick and those who care for them:** Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Pam Browning, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny, Roger Lewis, Revd. Colin Wood, Tony May, Eileen Tooley, June Baker, Sheila Mullings, Laurell Lewis, Marion Peters and Phillip Moles

**Recently departed:** Ian Hunter

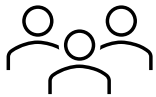
**Anniversary of death:** 27<sup>th</sup> - Pamela Clift, 28<sup>th</sup> - Ronald Reed, 29<sup>th</sup> - Ernie Webb, Derek Willson, May 1<sup>st</sup> - Gordon Eddy, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Norma Tuckett

**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.

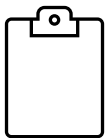
**For urgent prayer,** contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.



What if one weekend could strengthen your family, refresh your faith, and build lifelong friendships? **Family Camp** is more than just a weekend away - it is space to reconnect, with your faith, with your family and with other families rooted in Christian faith. This June, we are gathering with families from across our diocese for something special. Whether you are a young family, grandparents, single parent, or coming with friends - Family Camp is for YOU. Early bird offer of £25 per person for the weekend (children under 5 are free). Cost includes full access to the campsite, activities and two evening meals. The link for tickets is [www.trybooking.com/uk/FYCD](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/FYCD) If you have any questions please message and one of the Family Camp team will get back to you.



**Annual Church Meetings:** The APCM for Pagham PCC was held on Wednesday evening. Sue O'Neill and Richard Rundle were elected to serve as our Churchwardens for the coming year. Michael Shafer and Linda Hill were elected to serve on the PCC. Alex Brockhurst stepped down from his role as Churchwarden, and from the PCC, and we record our gratitude to him for all his hard work over many years. Thanks too, to Chris Buckenham and Carole-Ann Pocock as they also stepped down as their term of office came to an end.



Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at [tinyurl.com/next-bishop](http://tinyurl.com/next-bishop) It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. We welcome responses from everyone. Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at [www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/](http://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/)

**Friends of Pagham Church's** Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 3 May 2026 at 11.00 in St. Andrew's Chapel. Everyone Welcome.



**Churchyard care and maintenance** We are looking for willing volunteers who would be willing to join a churchyard care and maintenance rota (it's not an onerous task!). If you would like to know more please speak to Mike, Alex or Sue, we have a job description we can share. Visitors

always remark on how beautiful the Church and Churchyard is, and we need help in keeping it that way.

St Richard's Church will host a sung **Ascension Day service** at 7pm on Thursday 14th May. Please come and join us.



**Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever.** Urgently needed this week: biscuits, spreads, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables and UHT whole milk.



**The Collection Plate** If you would like to make an offering, please use the contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

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

**The Bear Necessities:** on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

**The Book Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2pm, St Andrew's Chapel

**Pints of View:** on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

**Breakfast Club:** on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery

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

**Don't forget, the Church is open every day, usually between 10am & 5pm. It is a beautiful place for quiet prayer and reflection.**

**Next week's readings:**

Acts 7.55-60, Psalm 31.1-5,15-16\*

1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14

*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.*

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