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SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday 10th	08:00 Holy Communion
Easter 6	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Stewardship Sunday	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
Monday 11th	09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham) 19:30 The Bear Necessities (Bear Inn, Pagham)
Tuesday 12th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham) 19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 13th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's) 09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery) 18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 14th	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Ascension Day	19:00 Ascension Day Service (St Richard's) followed by 20:00 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (St Richard's) 19:30 Pints of View (The Inglenook, Pagham)
Friday 15th	No public worship today
Matthias the Apostle	
Saturday 16th	No public worship today
Sunday 17th	08:00 Holy Communion
Easter 7	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall 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: 439 Praise to the holiest in the height (omit * verses)

Gradual: 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

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

Final: 413 Now thank we all our God

Stewardship Sunday 2026

Today is our Stewardship Sunday. Please take time to think about your giving to the church.

But when you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
(Matthew 6:3)

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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: Genesis 8.20-9.17

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.' Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will

see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalm 66. 7-end

New Testament Reading: Acts 17.22-31

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12.41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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: Marjorie Fletcher (12th), Alison Wiggins (13th), Laurie Farmer (14th).

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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Ezekiel 36.24–28; Psalm 68.1–10, 32–end; Acts 1.6–14; John 17.1–11

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 maybe join the rota, please contact Julie (juliebroad28@gmail.com).

PCC vacancies: We are still looking to fill the post of PCC Secretary and there are some additional upcoming vacancies on the PCC (Parochial Church Council) from this year's APCM (see below). Please pray for our vacancies and consider whether joining the PCC is a way in which you could serve our church community. For further information please speak to Revd Julian, one of the Church Wardens or another member of the PCC.

Retirement of the Bishop of Chichester and the appointment of his successor: 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 It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. Responses are welcome from everyone.

Our **Ascension Day service** will be held at 7pm on **Thursday, 14th May**. It will be followed, in church, by our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) at 8pm, which will be accompanied by nibbles and bubbles. Please do come along to both of these important events in our church calendar.

Thy Kingdom Come: www.thykingdomcome.global is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost (**14th-24th May**) for more people to come to know Jesus. Prayer Stations will be set up in St Thomas a Becket Church. Please take the time to visit the stations to pray for personal, local and global topics.

Community Groups and Events

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, will meet next at 7.30pm on **Monday 11th May** 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.

Pints of View – a conversation for men: Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 14th May** 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.

Coffee, cake & Conversation: Our monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place on **Saturday 30th May 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.

Newspapers: We continue to maintain a newspaper collection point in church. The newspapers are used for bedding for sick animals at Brent Lodge. Please drop your newspapers in the green box in the church porch.

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: Biscuits, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, spreads, UHT milk (blue). **We have plenty of:** pulses.