

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Sunday 31st
Trinity Sunday

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
09:15 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Monday 1st June
Visit of BVM to Elizabeth

Tuesday 2nd

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
19:30 Mothers' Union (Mosse Hall)
09:30 Morning Prayer (St Richard's)
09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

Wednesday 3rd

Thursday 4th
Corpus Christi

Friday 5th
St. Boniface

Saturday 6th

Sunday 7th

Trinity 1

No public worship today

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10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12:45 Lunch on Sunday (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: 146 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Gradual: 353 Dear Lord and Father of all mankind (omit * verse)

Offertory: 336 Angel voice ever singing round thy throne of light

Final: 360 Firmly I believe and truly God is Three and God is One

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 8

New Testament Reading: 2nd Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13.11-end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28.16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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: Jayne Foulks, Audrey Thomas. Jayne and Audrey were long-serving parishioners of St Richard's Church. Jayne had played a key role on the Parochial Church Council in recent years and her home-made cakes at Coffee, Cake and Conversation were legendary. Audrey had given many years of service to the Church, and to the Mothers' Union here in Aldwick, as well as serving as the Deanery Chair and a Diocesan Trustee. Please keep Jayne's and Audrey's families in your prayers at this difficult time. Reverend Julian.

Anniversary of death: Emil Manz (2nd)

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:

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Genesis 12.1–9; Psalm 33.1–12; Romans 4.13–end; Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

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. If this is something you might be interested in doing, a way in which you could serve our church community, please speak to Revd Julian or one of the Church Wardens for further information.

Leading intercessions: Would you like to get more involved in our services? Could you do this by joining a rota to lead the intercessions? If this is something you might be interested in doing, please speak to Revd Julian to find out more.

Jayne Foulks' Celebration of Life will be held at Chichester Crematorium on **Monday 8th June at 10:30am**. <https://www.reynoldsfunerals.co.uk/funeral/jayne-foulks/> This will be followed by a celebratory gathering at The Walnut Tree, Runcton, where everyone can raise a glass and celebrate Jayne's life. There will also be a buffet lunch. All are welcome. Jayne has requested "please come in casual and comfy attire, if you have a pop band T shirt wear that"! Strictly NO BLACK! No flowers please. There will be a collection for St Wilfrid's Hospice, who played such an important part in Jayne's care.

Community Groups and Events

Aldwick Mothers' Union meets on **Tuesday 2nd June** at **7.30pm** in the Mosse Hall. All are welcome to join us for an informal evening, where we will also remember our long serving member, Audrey.

Breakfast club meets next **Wednesday 3rd June** 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.

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday will be on **Sunday 7th June 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. Signup sheets will be available at the rear of the 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 Julie Broad or email the Parish mailbox (st Richardsaldwick@gmail.com).

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets next at The Bear Inn, Pagham on **Monday 8th June at 7.30pm**. 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. Please note that there will be no Bear Necessities in July or August. The next meeting will be on Monday 14th September.

Pints of view – a conversation for men, meets on **Thursday 11th June at 7.30 pm** 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. Please note that Pints of View will be meeting on Thursday 9th July, and on 10th September, but there will be no meeting in August.

Sponsoring flower arrangements in church: If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers.

Hygiene Poverty: A Hygiene Bank has been set up in the porch. The Hygiene Bank collects **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 at the back of the church and further details are at <https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/>

Newspapers: Brent Lodge have advised that they do not require any more newspapers until the Autumn, however the Cat and Rabbit Rescue will be delighted to receive them. Hence, we continue to maintain a newspaper collection point in church. Please drop your newspapers (but NOT magazines, as they cannot be used) 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/st-richardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Bottles of squash, pasta sauces, strawberry jam, tinned meat, UHT apple / orange juice. **We have plenty of:** pulses.