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SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

Sunday 24th

Pentecost

(Whit Sunday)

Monday 25th

The Venerable Bede

Tuesday 26th

St. Augustine

Wednesday 27th

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

Saturday 30th

Josephine Butler

Sunday 31st

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

No public worship today

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10:30 – 12:00 Coffee, cake & conversation (Mosse Hall)

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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: 140 Holy Spirit come, confirm us

Gradual: 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Offertory: 137 Come down, O Love divine

Final: 484 We have a gospel to proclaim

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading: Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 104: 26-36

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will

show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Jayne Foulks** and of **Audrey Thomas**. Both 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: Jane Norman (27th), John Merrington (29th), Irene Daws (30th).

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:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Isaiah 40:12–17, 27–end; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11–end; Matthew 28:16–end

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 vacancy: We are still looking to fill the post of PCC Secretary. Please pray for our vacancy and consider whether this is a way in which you could serve our church community. For further information please speak to Revd Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

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.

Thy Kingdom Come: www.thykingdomcome.global is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost (**ending today, 24th May**) for more people to come to know Jesus. Prayer Stations have been 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

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Our next 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 mornings 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.

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 on **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 are available at the back 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 (strichardsaldwick@gmail.com).

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear Inn, Pagham. The next meeting is 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.

Pints of view – a conversation for men, meets next on **Thursday 11th June 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.

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.

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: Shower gels, tinned rice puddings, tinned meat, tinned fruit, UHT apple / orange juice. **We have plenty of:** pulses.