

# Pews News

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

<b>Sunday 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
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Funeral of Ian Hunter</b>
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Tuesday @7</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b> Manor Nursery
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No public worship today</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for Marriage of Alison and Ian Marshall</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with provision for children

### Hymns

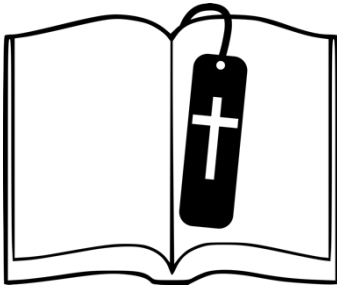
177 For all the saints (omit verses 4, 5 & 6)

695 To God be the glory

297 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

97 Christ is made the sure foundation

**The Collect (Opening Prayer):** Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**First Reading: Acts 7.55-60** 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.

**Psalm 31.1-5,15-16\***

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.2-10** Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” And “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14** Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do

greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.**



### **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, Phillip Moles and Tracey Cusworth.

**Recently departed:** Ian Hunter, funeral on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 2 pm.

**Anniversary of death:** 3<sup>rd</sup> - George Harrington, George Jones, 4<sup>th</sup> - Sidney Wood, Hannah Goodley, 6<sup>th</sup> - Doris Pay, Katherine Marydathe, Joan Kimbell, Robert McLaughlin, 7<sup>th</sup> - Joseph Conneeley, 8<sup>th</sup> - Nellie Baker, 9<sup>th</sup> - Alfred Robbins, Kay Street

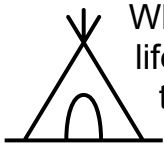
**The World:** We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

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

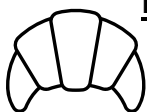
**Stewardship Sunday 2026** Our Stewardship Sunday will take place this year on Sunday 10th May 2026. Please think prayerfully about your giving to the church. *'But when you give, do not your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.'* (Matthew 6:3)



**Website and Facebook:** a small team of volunteers are working hard to get us back online. You can now access both our Facebook and web page via the links on the front page of the Pew Sheet. We hope for these pages to be useful and to help inform of what exciting things happen in our church. Please contact Emily or Trudi if you notice any mistakes or if you'd like to add a church event.

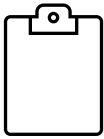


What if one weekend could strengthen your family, refresh your faith, and build lifelong friendships? **Family Camp** is more than just a weekend away - it is space to reconnect, with your faith, with your family and with other families rooted in Christian faith. This June, we are gathering with families 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.



**Breakfast Club** meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of May. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

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](https://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/)



There will be a said **Ascension Day** service at 10 am on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Please join us.

**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.

**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 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-18  
1 Peter 3.13-22, Mark 12:41-44

*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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