

Pews News

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Sunday 17th May 2026 Sunday after Ascension Day

Sunday	17 th	09:30	Parish Eucharist <small>with provision for children</small>
Monday	18 th	09:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	19 th	18:00	Evening Prayer
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Wednesday	20 th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday	21 st	09:15	Morning Prayer
		10:00	Holy Communion
Friday	22 nd		No public worship today
Saturday	23 rd		No public worship today
Sunday	24 th <small>Pentecost</small>	09:30	Parish Eucharist for the Day of Pentecost

Hymns

541 O thou who camest from above

19 All my hope on God is founded

315 Immortal love, for ever full

181 For I'm building a people of power

***The Collect (Opening Prayer):* O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to**

the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



First Reading: Acts 1.6-14 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am

not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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, Phillip Moles, Tracey Cusworth, Julie Fourcade and Eunice Smith.

Anniversary of death: 17th - Kenneth Weeks, 18th - Doris Vallerine, 19th - Nora Jones, 20th - Gordon Halford, 21st - Albert Baldwin, Christopher Greenfield, Florence Dobson, 22nd - Ernest Denyer, Steven Prince, 23rd - Wendy Holyoak

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

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



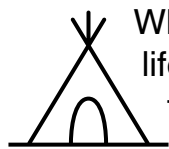
Thy Kingdom Come. 10th - 24th May. This is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. There will be a number of Prayer Stations in Church reflecting this year's theme 'God with us'. Please take the time to visit the stations to pray for personal, local and global topics. For more info www.thykingdomcome.global

And for those who would like to share the message of Thy Kingdom Come with children, this link has many valuable resources

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2026-04/TKC KidsPrayerAdventure DIGITAL%20%282%29.pdf>



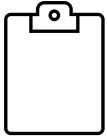
Website and Facebook: a small team of volunteers are working hard to get us back online. You can now access both our Facebook and web page via the links on the front page of the Pew Sheet. We hope for these pages to be useful and to help inform of what exciting things happen in our church. Please contact 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 If you have any questions please message and one of the Family Camp team will get back to you.

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. We welcome responses from everyone. Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/



Churchyard care and maintenance Mike Wake has very kindly agreed to carry on overseeing the Churchyard Maintenance on a rota basis, with Alex, Trudi and Sue helping out so that he doesn't have to do every week, it is very much appreciated.

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

The Bear Necessities: on 8th June, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

The Book Group: 3rd July, 2pm, Alison's House, Swandene

Pints of View: on 11th June, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

Breakfast Club: on 3rd June 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:

Numbers 11.24-30, Psalm 104.26-36,37b*

Acts 2.1-21, John 20.19-23

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.

For any queries regarding our Pew Sheet, please contact Emily- paghampew@gmail.com

