

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 21st

3rd Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

14:30 Cream Tea (Pagham: see page 4)

Monday 22nd

09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 23rd

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

St. Etheldreda of Ely

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

Wednesday 24th

09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)

Birth of John the Baptist

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday 25th

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

13:00 Funeral of Joan Audrey Burt

Friday 26th

No public worship today

Saturday 27th

No public worship today

10:30–12:00 Coffee, Cake & Conversation (Mosse Hall)

Sunday 28th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 4

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: 392 Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom

Offertory: (Sheet) Will you come and follow me

Final: 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (omit * verses)

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 21: 8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Psalms 86: 1-10, 16-end

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 6: 1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to

sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 24-39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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, Martin Lang, Catherine Allott.

Recently departed: Joan Burt.

Anniversary of death: Kenneth William Farley (22nd), Vera Quant (23rd), Marion Casperson (24th), Jane Norman (27th).

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:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Next week’s readings

Genesis 22.1–14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12–end; Matthew 10.40–end

Sunday School is held during the 11.15am service, during term-time, 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.

Community Groups and Events

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will take place on **Saturday 27th June 10:30am – 12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. **If anyone can help with this, and/or would like to host one of our Coffee, Cake & Conversation mornings in the future, please do get in touch with Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com).** 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.

Cream Tea: The Friends of Pagham Parish Church are hosting a Cream Tea at St Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham on **Sunday 28th June from 2.30pm**. £6 per person (members £5). Details and tickets from Trudi Kearsley - stthomaspagham@gmail.com

Line Dancing afternoon: By popular request, Barbara and Alan Foster are leading a line dancing afternoon on **Saturday 4th July, American Independence Day, 2.30pm-4.30pm**, in the Mosse Hall. The cost is £10 per person on the door, under 16's £5, with tea/coffee and cake included. Whether you consider yourself to be a dancer, or not, whether you take part or watch, it will be a fun time for all. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church or email the Parish mailbox to book your places.

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday is due to be held on **Sunday 5th July at 12.45pm** following the Parish Eucharist. Lunch on Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a 2-course meal and fellowship together in relaxed surroundings. **We need a volunteer to organise this lunch.** It needn't be a catered lunch – it could be a 'bring and share' or even 'bring your own picnic', but whatever it is, it needs someone to organise it. We're also 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).

Sounds Familiar concert: This summer music offering by a local community choir will take place on **Saturday 18th July**, starting with Pimms and soft drinks on the church lawn at **4pm** (for a donation) with **music from 4.45pm**. Please do come and support the choir. Entry will be £5 on the door for 16s and over, under 16s free.

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: Biscuits, pasta sauces, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, UHT milk **We have plenty of:** pulses.