

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026

PATRONAL FESTIVAL (2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Sunday 14th	08:00 Holy Communion
Patronal Festival	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
2nd Sunday after Trinity	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
	18:00 Bognor Churches Together (see Page 4)
Monday 15th	09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Tuesday 16th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
St. Richard of Chichester	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 17th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 18th	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
	19:00 Bognor Churches Together (see Page 4)
Friday 19th	No public worship today
Saturday 20th	No public worship today
Sunday 21st	08:00 Holy Communion
Trinity 3	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: 208 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer

Gradual: 431 O Thou who camest from above

Offertory: 205 Christ is made the sure foundation

Final: 485 Thy hand, O God, has guided Thy flock, from age to age

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Patronal Festival of St. Richard:

Most merciful Redeemer, who gave to your bishop Richard a love of learning, a zeal for souls and a devotion to the poor: grant that, encouraged by his example, we may know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are alive and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament reading: Genesis 18: 1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading: John 21: 15-19

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

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: John Wort (15th), Dorothy Adamson (16th), Cyril Chadwick (16th).

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:

God, shepherd of your people, whose servant Richard revealed the loving service of Christ in his ministry as a pastor of your people: by this eucharist, in which we share, awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to our Christian calling; through him who laid down his life for us, but is alive and reigns with you, now and forever. **Amen**

The Prayer of St Richard: Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Genesis 21.8–21; Psalm 86.1–10; Romans 6.1b–11; Matthew 10.24–39

St Richard of Chichester: Richard de Wych, or of Droitwich as it is now known, was born near there in 1197. He studied at Oxford and Paris and then in Bologna as an ecclesiastical lawyer. When he returned to England in 1235, he was made Chancellor of Oxford and then Chancellor to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Edmund of Abingdon. When Richard became Bishop of Chichester, he was seen as a model diocesan bishop: progressing around his diocese on foot, visiting and caring for his clergy and people, being accessible to all who needed his ministry. He insisted that the sacraments be administered without payment and with a proper dignity. Whilst on a visit to Dover, he fell ill and died there on 3 April 1253. His mortal remains were transferred to Chichester, and he was canonised in 1262.

Confirmation Service at Chichester Cathedral on **Wednesday 25th November**. If you would like to be confirmed by the bishop in November, please contact Reverend Julian revjulianmcallen@gmail.com

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

Bognor Churches Together have two meetings at the Shore Community Church, 73 Victoria Drive, PO21 2TD: **Sunday 14th June at 5.30 for 6.00pm** with a local youth band leading the service and a Prayer Gathering led by Mosaic Church on **Thursday 18th June at 7.00 for 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

Mid-Summer Hog Roast: This will be held on **Saturday 20th June, at 5pm** at Copyhold Farm, Lagness, PO21 1LN. (Vegetarian option available) £15.00 per person (under 16s free). Details and tickets from Trudi - stthomaspagham@gmail.com

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Our next monthly 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 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.

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**. £6.00 per person (members £5.00). Details and tickets from Trudi - 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, this 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. **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. Lunch on Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal and fellowship together in relaxed surroundings and is especially appreciated by those who would otherwise eat alone. If you, perhaps with a friend, would consider taking this on, please contact Angela Purser or email the Parish mailbox (stichardsaldwick@gmail.com). Support will be provided.

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.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Cereals, deodorant, tinned rice puddings, tinned vegetables, toilet rolls. **We have plenty of:** pulses.