

Pews News

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Sunday 5th July 2026 St Thomas Patronal Festival

Sunday 5th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday 6th	09:30	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 7th	18:00	Evening Prayer
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 8th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 9th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	19:30	Pints of View The Inglenook Pub
Friday 10th		No public worship today
Saturday 11th		No public worship today
Sunday 12th	09:30	Parish Eucharist Patronal Festival

286 Holy, holy, holy!
 A hymn for St Thomas (on sheet)
 Before the throne of God (on sheet)
 758 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Lord God, who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket to put aside all earthly fear and be faithful even to death: grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem, may fight all wrong, uphold your rule, and serve you to our life's end; 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.



First Reading: Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67 So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for

my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Psalm 45

Second Reading: Romans 7.15-25a I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that, when

I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.28-33 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one 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 apart from 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.

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles and gave them wonderful gifts of utterance: pour out this Spirit upon us, that we may look in faith to your Son, and go forth to bear witness to his name; 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, Eunice Smith, Sandra Dobson and Colin Baldwin.

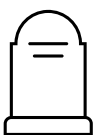
Anniversary of death: 7th - William Jackson, Jessie Gleadle, Louisa Harris, 8th - Isobel Myatt, Frederick Daniell, 9th - Joseph Jaques, Frank Bailey, Kenneth Jones, 10th - Ethel Alderton, David Kearsley, John Hayden, Jenny Wood, Lila Cowee, 11th - Ian Hartley, Guy Peace, Alastair Stewart

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.



Tabletop & Plant Sale 2 pm, Saturday 18th July at the Church Centre, we will need cakes to sell and helpers for the stands and refreshments. Please sign up to help if you can.



The churchyard is a sacred place of peace and remembrance. Please enjoy it, remembering that gravestones can be fragile or unstable - please do not climb on or lean against them. Parents and guardians are asked to supervise their children at all times to ensure their safety and maintain the tranquillity of this space. **Thank you.**



Friends of Pagham Church Cream Tea: Thank you to all who supported this enjoyable event last Sunday which raised £310 for funds.



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)



Pints of view- a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on Thursday 9th July at 19.30 at The Inglenook. Buy yourself a pint and have a chat on current affairs, a meeting of men of all ages. Contact: Clive cliveashley111@gmail.com



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: baked beans, tinned soups, tinned vegetables, loo rolls, UHT milk.

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

Breakfast Club: on 5th August at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery

The Book Group: 4th September, 2pm, location TBC.

Pints of View: on 9th July, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham

The Bear Necessities: on 14th September, 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham

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:

Genesis 25.19-34, Psalm 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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

