

The Parish Church of Aldwick

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SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 12th

6th Sunday after Trinity

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Rev'd John Keble

Wednesday 15th

St. Swithun

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Saturday 18th

Sunday 19th

Trinity 7

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

15:00-17:00 Mothers' Union cream tea, see page 4

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

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

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

No public worship today

16:00 Sounds Familiar Summer Concert

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist with the Baptism of

Willow Ivy Grace Andrews-Phillips

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: 354 Eternal Father, strong to save

Gradual: (Sheet) Love is his word

Offertory: 74 O for a heart to praise my God

Final: (Sheet) To God be the glory

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 25.19-end

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Psalm 119.105-112

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in

you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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, Catherine Allott, Spencer Thomas.

Recently departed: Martin Lang.

Anniversary of death: Herbert George Woodward (13th)

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 of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next week's readings

Genesis 28.10-19; Psalm 139.1-11; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 19: 13-15

Sunday School is held during the 11.15am service during term-time, starting in the children's corner in church. It is led by a rota of volunteers. All children welcome. If anyone would like to find out more, or maybe join the rota of volunteers, please contact Julie (juliebroad28@gmail.com). Today is the last before the summer break - Sunday School will resume on 6th September.

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.

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

Leading intercessions: Would you like to get more involved in our services? Could you do this by joining a rota to lead the intercessions? If this is something you might be interested in doing, please speak to Revd Julian to find out more.

Electoral Roll: Are you on the Electoral Roll of St. Richard's Church? If not, would you consider joining it? You need to be baptised, a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with it), and a resident in the Parish or someone who has attended services at St Richard's on a regular basis for at least six months. Being on the Electoral Roll does not cost you anything or commit you to anything else. It is though, an expression of your commitment and provides opportunities to contribute to the Church community and to decision-making processes. For more information, please speak with or email Carole Matthews (cmatthews@jrmil.co.uk), Rev Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Community Groups and Events

Aldwick Mothers' Union are holding a cream tea on **Tuesday 14th July, 3-5pm**, in Jane Thomson's garden, weather permitting! All are welcome. Please let Jane know (or email the Parish mailbox) if you plan to attend, for catering.

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.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Our monthly Coffee, Cake & Conversation is taking a summer break and will meet next on **Saturday 26th September** from **10:30am – 12 noon** in the Mosse Hall.

Christmas Fayre: This year, instead of a Christmas Tree Festival, we are holding a Christmas Fayre on **November 21st** in the Mosse Hall. We hope that many people will wish to help by being stall holders. More details will be available soon, but in the meantime, please save the date.

Newspapers: As mentioned in last week's Pew Sheet, the PCC has decided, after receiving advice and for health and safety reasons, to stop the charitable newspaper collections. Please therefore do not leave any more newspapers in the church porch. Any that are left there will be put into recycling. Thank you.

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: Tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, UHT fruit milk. **We have plenty of:** pulses.