

Pews News

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Sunday 26th July 2026 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday	26th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday	27th	09:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	28th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	29th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday	30th	09:00	Morning Prayer
Friday	31st		No public worship today
Saturday	1st		No public worship today
	August		
Sunday	2nd	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children

70 Be thou my vision
 85 Brightest and best
 25 All things bright and beautiful
 511 O Lord, my God

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



First Reading: Genesis 29.15-28 Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalm 105

Second Reading: Romans 8.26-39 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52 He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish

of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Post Communion Prayer: Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.



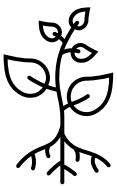
Prayers of Intercession

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, Colin Baldwin, Elaine Hankin and Stephen Moffat .

Anniversary of death: 26th - Bernard Aldridge, 28th - Phyllis Taylor, Wilfrid Tribe, 29th - Laura Hart, Frank Jeune, Roy Gristwood, Daphne Standen, Madge Breakspear, 30th - Ellen Bell, Bill Gulliver, Betty Riddle, 31st - Sidney Harris, John Ramsay, Roland Ell

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.



Plant and Cake Sale A very successful Plant and Cake Sale was held at the Church Centre last Saturday, which raised £965 for church funds! Thank you to all who made this event possible, with special thanks to Mandy and Robin Henderson for all their hard work collecting all the donations of plants and produce. Thank you also to Barfoots, Newey, VitaCress, Runcton Farm Shop and Manor Nurseries for their generous donations of produce which made this event possible, and to cake makers and helpers and to all that attended.



The Alpha Course at Pagham and Aldwick We are looking to run the Alpha Course for both parishes in September and October on a Wednesday evening (7pm - 8,15pm). This is part of our vision and the Diocesan vision to *know, love, and follow Jesus*. If you may be interested in being part of the team please contact Revd Julian using his email. Venue tbd. Further details and a sign-up sheet to follow.



Parish Barbecue - Saturday 22nd August 12.30pm at the Vicarage (25 Gossamer Lane PO21 3AT) We would love you to join us for our Parish Barbecue at the Vicarage on Saturday 22nd August. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to come. Those who are able to bring a salad or dessert are invited to add their name to the food list on the last page of the sign-up sheet. Squash and water provided. Please bring your own alcoholic beverages.



New! We are planning on adding a Sunday afternoon service either at 4pm or 5pm, twice a month, beginning in September. This service will be a mix of Taize, Celtic or Contemplative Prayer, and will be led by different members of our Church family. Please email Sue O'Neill if this is something you feel you would like to lead, and we can put a rota together.



Art Exhibition - Saturday 29th August, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 30th August, 11am – 5 pm, Monday 31st August, 10am – 5pm. Entry is free. Refreshments served throughout the day, with light lunches between 12 and 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for offers of cakes and raffle prizes please. Please continue to help spread the word. Full details and entry forms are available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk



History Talk Please come along to our Friends history talk all about Saxon Pagham on Saturday 15th August, 2.30pm, followed by refreshments in St. Andrew's Chapel .

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 10th September, 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 32.22-31 , Psalm 17.1-7,16*

Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21

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-
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