

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 5th
5th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12:45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall
09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
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)
19:30 Pints of View (The Inglenook, Pagham)
No public worship today
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Monday 6th
Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Friday 10th
Saturday 11th
St Benedict
Sunday 12th
Trinity 6

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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: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Gradual: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Offertory: (Sheet) I cannot tell

Final: 484 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord

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

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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.**

Old Testament reading: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-end

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, the 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 worshipped 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; thus 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: 10-end.

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the 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 that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 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 that 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 man 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 a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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: Michael Bradbury (7th), Iris Foulks (9th), Leila Sunderland (10th).

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: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next week's readings

Genesis 25.19-end; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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.

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.

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday will take place **today** in the Mosse Hall, following the Parish eucharist. This is a 'bring-your-own-picnic', with tea and coffee provided. We need volunteers to organise lunches in the future - if this is something you might be willing to do, with a friend, please contact Angela Purser or Julie Broad, or email the Parish mailbox (strichardsaldwick@gmail.com). Support will be provided.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm in The Inglenook**. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages. Please note that there will be no meeting in August.

Mothers' Union are holding a cream tea in Jane Thomson's garden on **Tuesday 14th July, 3-5pm**, 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.

Newspapers – collection ceased: Thank you to everyone who has donated newspapers for Brent Lodge and more recently for the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, and thanks to those who have delivered them to these local charities. The collection of papers in the porch has previously been raised as a Health & Safety issue (fire risk). It has also now been raised in our latest Quinquennial Inspection, by our inspecting architect, as a significant fire safety risk on the main exit route from the church. The PCC have discussed the issue, and various options were considered, however, when put to a vote, the decision was taken to cease the newspaper collections altogether. Please therefore do not leave any more newspapers in the porch. Any that are found in church from Sunday onwards 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 baked beans, tinned soups, tinned vegetables, toilet rolls, UHT milk. **We have plenty of:** pulses.