

Pews News

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Sunday 12th July 2026 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 12th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday 13th	09:30	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14th	18:00	Evening Prayer
	18:30	Tuesday @7 Barbecue The Vicarage
Wednesday 15th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 16th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
Friday 17th		No public worship today
Saturday 18th	14:00	Tabletop Plant Sale Pagham Parish Centre
		No public worship today
Sunday 19th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children

573 Praise to the Lord
649 The King of love my shepherd is
346 Jesus calls us here to meet him
766 You shall go out with joy

The Collect (Opening Prayer): 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.



First Reading: Genesis 25.19-34 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; the 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. Afterward 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 skillful 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

Second Reading: Romans 8.1-11 Therefore there is 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, then the body is dead because of sin, but 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 Jesus 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 sea. 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 a 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. If you have ears, hear!" "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 this age 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."

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.



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: 12th - Violet Antill, Ronald Turner, 13th - Peggy Jaques

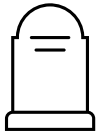
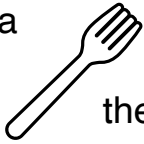
The World: We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

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.

Tuesday@7 Barbecue - 14th July at 6.30 pm The final Tuesday@7 meeting will be a barbecue at the Vicarage. If you attend the Tuesday@7 service you are most welcome to come to the barbecue at the Vicarage, 6.30pm – 8pm on the 14th July.



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.**



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)



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: biscuits, tinned potatoes, tinned rice puddings, tinned tomatoes, 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 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 28.10-19a, Psalm 139.1-11,23,24*

Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

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

