

Pews News

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Sunday 2nd August 2026 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday	2nd	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday	3rd	09:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	4th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	5th	09:30	Breakfast Club Manor Nurseries
		18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday	6th	09:00	Morning Prayer
The Transfiguration of Our Lord			
Friday	7th		No public worship today
Saturday	8th	13:00	Wedding of Lucy Watkis and Paul Joel
Sunday	9th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children

12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
199 Gather around, for the table is spread
252 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
558 Praise and thanksgiving

We welcome The Reverend Canon Brian Senior who will be leading our services for the next two weeks.

The Collect (Opening Prayer): Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 32.22-31 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalms 17.1-7,16*

Second Reading: Romans 9.1-5 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.13-21 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion Prayer: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet 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, Colin Baldwin, Elaine Hankin, Stephen Moffat, Jean Pereira and Grace Roope .

Anniversary of death: 3rd - Robert Tomlinson, Roy Ell, 4th – Brenda Dobson

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.



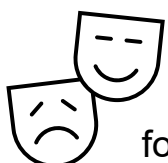
Art Exhibition - Saturday 29th August, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 30th August, 11am – 5 pm, Monday 31st August, 10am – 5pm. Entry is free. Refreshments served throughout the day, with light lunches between 12 and 1.30pm. We would be very grateful for offers of cakes and raffle prizes please. Volunteers needed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



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.



A Murder Mystery will take place in the Parish Centre on 4th & 5th December, save the date or better still get involved in the planning to find out who did in fact Kill the Graffiti Artist! Linda and Liz are still on the hunt for one more man any offers before arms start getting twisted!?

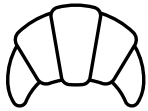


New! We are planning on adding a Sunday afternoon service either at 4pm or 5pm, twice a month, beginning in September. This service will be a mix of Taizé, Celtic or Contemplative Prayer, and will be led by different

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.



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. Details and tickets – David Smith - davidksmith49@gmail.com



Breakfast Club meets at Manor Nursery Palm Court cafe; 9.30 am on Wednesday 5th of August. The cost of breakfast at Manor Nursery is between £10.00 and £14.00. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation. Any queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.



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 vegetables, loo roll, UHT fruit juice, 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 à 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 37.1-4,12-28, Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b*

Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

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

