

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 23rd
12th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist
09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Monday 24th
St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Tuesday 25th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Wednesday 26th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday 27th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Monica, Mother of St Augustine

Friday 28th

No public worship today

St Augustine of Hippo

Saturday 29th

No public worship today

Beheading of John the Baptist

10:00-17:00 Art Exhibition (Pagham)

Sunday 30th

08:00 Holy Communion

Trinity 13

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

11:00-17:00 Art Exhibition (Pagham)

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.

Please note that Sunday School will re-commence on 6th September.

Hymns

Introit: 480 In Christ there is no East or West

Gradual: 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green

Offertory: 272 All for Jesus!

Final: 419 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 12th Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Exodus 1.8-2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 124

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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, Catherine Allott, Dean Casperson.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Jeanne Outred (25th), Isolina Manz (27th).

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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Exodus 3.1–15, Psalm 105.1–6, 23–26, 45b; Romans 12.9–end; Matthew 16.21–end

Sunday School, Coffee, Cake & Conversation, The Bear Necessities and Pints of View are taking a break for the summer and will all be back in **September**.

Giving to the church: As church members please prayerfully consider how you can support St Richard's both financially and with your time. We are always grateful for volunteers to help in many ways including with events, fundraising and admin. If you feel able to help in any of these areas, please speak to Reverend Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Changes to how we more fully integrate our offerings into our Sunday services: The giving and receiving of our offerings is an important part of our services. Since Covid, as a congregation, we are no longer fully engaged with the Offertory. Starting on **Sunday 6th September**, for a trial period, we will re-introduce the circulation of purses among the congregation at the Offertory, as indicated in the Order of Service for the 8am and during the Offertory hymn at 11.15. Members who are regular givers by Standing Order or through the Parish Giving Scheme, are not currently included in the Offertory process at all during the services and neither are those who make one-off donations via the Payaz. Therefore, in order to celebrate and include all who give, along with the orders of service, tokens will be available each week for those who give electronically. These can be put into the purses during the Offertory, enabling all of our offerings to be presented to and blessed by the priest.

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.

If you have a **Children's Society Collection Box**, please could you return it to Jane Harmsworth during early September?

easyfundraising: We recently received our latest payout. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this. If you haven't already, please sign up to support us and raise donations for us every time you shop online (including click and collect) from 8,000+ retailers – at no cost to you! It only takes a moment: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Community Groups and Events

Art Exhibition: St Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham - Saturday 29th August 10am-5pm, Sunday 30th 11am-5pm, Monday 31st 10am-5pm. View the work of local artists, with the opportunity to buy. Entry is free. Refreshments served throughout the day, with light lunches between 12 and 1.30pm. Full details and entry forms available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday is on **Sunday 6th September** at 12.45pm following the Parish Eucharist. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a 2-course meal and fellowship together in relaxed surroundings, at just £10 for adults, children free. Signup sheets are at the back of the church.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, takes place on **Saturday 12th September, 9am-5pm**. St Richard's will be open for participants to visit. If you would like to take an active part on behalf of St Richard's, see details on the church noticeboard or email David at dw.aldwick@gmail.com

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham: The first session will be on **Wednesday 23rd September, 7pm-8.15pm** at St Thomas à Becket Church. Details of the course can be found on the flyer at the back of the church. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to come.

Christmas Fayre - will be on **Saturday 21st November** in the Mosse Hall. We hope that many people will wish to help by running a stall. Please contact Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com), who sings in the choir, if you have any queries or if you are prepared to help in any way.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned rice puddings, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, biscuits. **We have plenty of:** pulses.