

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 2nd

9th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

Monday 3rd

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Tuesday 4th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Wednesday 5th

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

St. Oswald

09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)

Thursday 6th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Transfiguration of our Lord

Friday 7th

No public worship today

Saturday 8th

No public worship today

St. Dominic

08:00 Holy Communion

Sunday 9th

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

Trinity 10

11:15 Parish Eucharist

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: 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Gradual: 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

Offertory: (Sheet) Great is thy faithfulness

Final: 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 9th Sunday after Trinity:

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.**

Old Testament 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, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalms 17: 1-7, 16

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the 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 people, my kindred according to the flesh. 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 Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. 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.

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:

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:

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**

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

Sunday School, Lunch on Sunday and Coffee, Cake & Conversation are all taking a break for the summer and will 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 with Lunch on Sunday, Coffee Cake and Conversation, fundraising and other events and activities, church cleaning, grounds maintenance, and administratively including managing our finances. If you feel able to help in any of these areas, please speak to Reverend Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham: 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 Rev'd Julian (revjulianmcallen@gmail.com). Venue tbc. Further details and a sign-up sheet to follow.

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 Rev'd 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 Rev'd 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 Rev'd Julian to find out more.

Electoral Roll: Are you on the Electoral Roll of St. Richard's Church? If not, would you consider joining it? You need to be baptised, a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with it), and a resident in the Parish or someone who has attended services at St Richard's on a regular basis for at least six months. Being on the Electoral Roll does not cost you anything or commit you to anything else. It is, though, an expression of your commitment and provides opportunities to contribute to the Church community and to decision-making processes. For more information, please speak with or email Carole Matthews (cmatthews@jrmil.co.uk), Rev'd Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Community Groups and Events

St Richard's Summer Barbecue - Sunday 16th August: We would love you to join us after the 11.15am service for a barbecue at the Vicarage. Everyone welcome. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or email the parish mailbox, 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.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, takes place on **Saturday 12th September, 9am–5pm**. Ride and Stride is an annual fundraising event where people are sponsored to walk, ride a bike or travel using any means of transport between participating churches. St Richard's will be open for any participants to visit. If you would like to take an active part on behalf of St Richard's, further details are available on the church noticeboard or by email from david.williams1945@gmail.com

Christmas Fayre: This year instead of a Christmas Tree Festival, we are holding a Christmas Fayre 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.

Sponsoring flower arrangements in church: If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in church, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or simply because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard as you go into church. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate by BACS transfer, please ask David, our treasurer, for the account details and use the reference: Flowers.

Hygiene Poverty: The Hygiene Bank in the porch collects **new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials**. For health and safety reasons, opened, half-used or products past their best-before date cannot be accepted. Leaflets about the scheme are available at the back of the church and further details are available at <https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/>

Online shopping: When you are doing your online shopping (including click and collect), 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: All tinned vegetables, biscuits, UHT milk, UHT orange juice, shampoo / conditioner. **We have plenty of:** pulses.