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Sunday 23rd August 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 23rd	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday 24th Bartholomew the Apostle	09:00	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 25th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 26th	18:00	Evening Prayer
Thursday 27th	09:00	Morning Prayer
Friday 28th		No public worship today
Saturday 29th		No public worship today
	10:00-17:00	Art Exhibition
Sunday 30th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	11:00-17:00	Art Exhibition

352 Jesus is Lord!
658 There is a Redeemer
88 Brother, sister, let me serve you
494 O God, our help in ages past

The Collect (Opening Prayer): 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.



First 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 labor. 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 subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. 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 son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, 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 son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter 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 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 he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 124

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-8 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, 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 judgment, 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 encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; 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.

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.



Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Karen Cox, Sheila King, Dawn Spurway Pearson, Lucia, Ian Turner, Michael King, Emily Maylon, Jim, Richard, Jenny, Roger Lewis, Revd. Colin Wood, Tony May, Eileen Tooley, June Baker, Laurell Lewis, Phillip Moles, Tracey Cusworth, Julie Fourcade, Eunice Smith, Colin Baldwin, Elaine Hankin, Stephen Moffat, Jean Pereira, Grace Roope and David

Lock

Recently departed: Sandra Dobson

Anniversary of death: 23rd - Jean Sage, 25th - Ethel Hadfield, 26th - Raymond de Marvine, 27th - Audrey Bridge, 28th - Robert Lack, 29th - Eric Lock, Hilda Hughes, Peter Eden

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

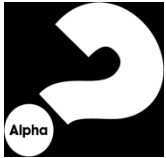
the sign-up sheet on the white noticeboard if you can help. Please continue to help spread the word. Full details and entry forms are available from Trudi Kearsley 07703 597353 or trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk



Join this year's **Ride + Stride** on Saturday, 12 September 2026 (9 am– 5 pm)! Open to everyone, this fun event invites you to walk, run, cycle, or drive between Sussex's historic churches while raising vital grant funds for their preservation. Get sponsored per church visited or via a flat donation, with online collections available on JustGiving. Find route options and full details

here: <https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/ride-stride-info-for-participants>

Thank you to all who attended The Friends talk about Saxons, delivered by David. It raised £213.



The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham: Wednesday evenings (7pm – 8.15pm). Our first session of the Alpha Course will be on Wednesday 23rd September at St Thomas a 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.



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.



Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever. Urgently needed this week: biscuits, tinned rice puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables and UHT milk.

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:

Breakfast Club: on 2nd September at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery

The Book Group: 4th September, 2pm, location Alison's House, Swandene

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:

Exodus 3.1-15, Psalm 115.1-6, 23-26, 45b*

Romans 12.9-21, Matthew 16.21-28

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