

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 30th
13th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist
No public worship today

Monday 31st
St. Aidan
Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd

No public worship today
09:30 Morning Prayer (St Richard's)
09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

Thursday 3rd
St. Gregory
Friday 4th

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
No public worship today
14:00 Book Group (see page 4)

Saturday 5th
Sunday 6th
Creation in Christ
Trinity 14

No public worship today
08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12:45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall

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 re-commences on 6th September.

Hymns

Introit: 465 Thou didst leave thy throne and they kingly crown

Gradual: (Sheet) Brother, sister, let me serve you

Offertory: 76 Take up the cross, the Saviour said

Final: 361 Forth in the name of Christ we go

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 13th Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading: Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Psalms 115

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 12: 9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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: Evelyn Mundell (30th).

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 our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Exodus 12.1–14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8–end; Matthew 18.15–20

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.

Integrating our offerings into our services: Since Covid, as a congregation, we are no longer fully engaged with the Offertory, yet the giving and receiving of our offerings is an important part of our service. Starting on **6th September**, for a trial period, we will re-introduce the circulation of purses among the congregation at the Offertory, as indicated in the 8am Order of Service and during the Offertory hymn at 11.15. Members who regularly give by Standing Order or through the Parish Giving Scheme, are not currently included in the Offertory process during our services and neither are those who make one-off donations via the Payaz. To celebrate and include all who give, with the orders of service, tokens will be available weekly 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

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

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 Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Community Groups and Events

Breakfast Club meets next **Wednesday, 2nd September** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café, at 9.30am. Breakfast costs between £10 and £14. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! For queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

The Book Group meets at Alison's house in Swandene on **Friday 4th September, 2-3.30pm**. If you'd like to be added to their mailing list, or have any queries, please email lindatempest@hotmail.com

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 dw.aldwick@gmail.com

More dates for your diary:

Mothers' Union: Monday 7th September at 3.30pm in the Mosse Hall, Committee Room.

Pints of View: Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm at the Inglenook, Pagham.

The Bear Necessities: Monday 14th September at 7.30pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Saturday 26th September at 10.30am in the Mosse Hall.

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. All welcome. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to come.

St Richard's Christmas Fayre will be on **Saturday 21st November, 10am-1pm** in the Mosse Hall.

We're looking for volunteers to run a cake stall and to run a bric-a-brac stall, and nearer the time we'll be looking for donations for both. Please contact Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com), who sings in the choir, if you can help, or if you have any queries.

Hygiene Poverty: A Hygiene Bank has been set up in the porch. The Hygiene Bank 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 available at the back of church or visit <https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/>

Online shopping: We recently received our latest **easyfundraising** payout. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this. If you haven't already, please sign up to support us and raise donations for us when online shopping (including click and collect) from 8,000+ retailers **at no cost to you:**
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: Tinned fruit, tinned soup, cleaning products, washing up liquid, laundry pods (non bio). **We have plenty of:** pulses.