

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 26th

8th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist

Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th

Wednesday 29th

Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Thursday 30th

William Wilberforce

Friday 31st

Saturday 1st August

Sunday 2nd

Trinity 9

09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

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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: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: (Sheet) Take my life and let it be

Offertory: 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Final: 364 God is love, let heav'n adore him

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 8th Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 29:15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalm 28

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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.

Recently departed: John Lovelock

Anniversary of death: Joan Brighton (28th).

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:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Next week's readings

Genesis 32.22–31; Psalm 17.1–7, 16; Romans 9.1–5; Matthew 14.13–21

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.

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.

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. This 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 a Church Warden.

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.

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 Revd Julian (revjulianmcallen@gmail.com). Venue tbc. Further details and a sign-up sheet to follow.

Christmas Fayre: This year instead of a Christmas Tree Festival, we are holding a Christmas Fayre on **November 21st** 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.

Online shopping: When you are doing your online shopping, 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/trichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Biscuits, shampoo / conditioner, all tinned vegetables, UHT milk, UHT orange juice. **We have plenty of:** pulses.