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SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 16th
11th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist
12:45 Barbecue in the Vicarage Garden

Monday 17th
Tuesday 18th
Wednesday 19th
Thursday 20th
St. Bernard

09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
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09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Friday 21st
Saturday 22nd
Sunday 23rd
Trinity 12

No public worship today
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10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
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: 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Gradual: 197 For all the Saints (omit verses 4, 5 & 6)

Offertory: 439 Praise to the Holiest in the height (omit * verses)

Final: 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 11th Sunday after Trinity:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 133

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15: 10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly

Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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: Donald Pinn (21st).

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:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Exodus 1.8—2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1–8; Matthew 16.13–20

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 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.

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

Sunday School and Coffee, Cake & Conversation are taking a break for the summer and will be back on **6th and 27th September** respectively.

Community Groups and Events

St Richard's Summer Barbecue - Sunday 16th August: We would love you to join us after the 11.15am service today for a barbecue in the Vicarage garden. Everyone welcome. There will be water and squash available, but please feel free to bring your own alcoholic and/or soft drinks. If you're able to bring your own camp chairs or a rug to sit on that would be helpful. If you haven't already signed the sheet to say that you wish to come along, we can probably squeeze you in!

Art Exhibition: St Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham - Saturday 29th August 10am-5pm, Sunday 30th 11am-5 pm, 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. We're looking for volunteers to organise lunches in the future. Support will be provided. If you, along with some friends, would be interested in organising a lunch please speak with Angela Purser.

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

The Alpha Course at Aldwick & Pagham: We are looking to run the Alpha Course for both parishes in **September and October on Wednesday evenings, 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. Venue tbc. Further details and signup sheet to follow.

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.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



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