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Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
	16:00	Taize Prayer
Monday 14th Holy Cross Day	09:30	Morning Prayer
	19:30	The Bear Necessities The Bear Inn
Tuesday 15th	18:00	Evening Prayer
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 16th		No public worship today
Thursday 17th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
	11:30	Funeral of Ronald Holly
Friday 18th		No public worship today
Saturday 19th		No public worship today
	14:00	Marriage of Kimberly Cutler and Adam Feast
Sunday 20th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children

565 Praise, my soul, the King
Sheet How deep the Father's love
212 God forgave my sin
449 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord

The Collect (Opening Prayer): God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may

be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.



First Reading: Exodus 14.19-31 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 114

Second Reading: Romans 14.1-12 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.21-35 Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Post Communion Prayer: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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 and David Lock

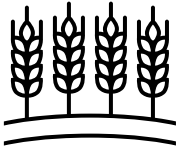
Anniversary of death: 14th – Leslie Barnes, Gordon Dowding, 15th - Andy Dixon, 15th - Lynette Mitchell, 16th - Arthur Riddle, Peter Whittall, 18th - Jack Pickett, Joyce Potter, 19th - Frank Goldsmith

Recently departed: Ronald Holly

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.

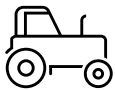
Who Killed the Graffiti Artist? Poor old Sharksy, not only does he get murdered in the Parish Centre on Friday 4 December at 7.30 but he dies all over again at the same time on the following night, the 5th. So who dunnit? There are 50 tickets available for each murder, come along if you think you're any good at sleuthing and enjoy a mild beef or veggie chilli and jacket potato while you attempt to solve the crime. Trudi has the tickets (£10 / £5 children) and you must tell her which supper option you would like. Tickets will go quickly so don't delay, book today!



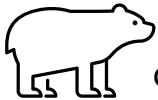
Harvest Flowers. Once again we are aiming to fill the church with flowers to help celebrate Harvest Festival. We will be decorating the church from 09:00 on Saturday 26th September in readiness to celebrate the Harvest. Donations of greenery and produce for use in the arrangements would be welcomed. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement or contribute to the costs of the flowers, or help with the arranging, please contact Trudi - 07703597353



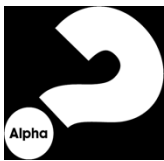
Harvest Celebration Lunch: Join us on Sunday 27th September, 12:30 for Harvest Meal of Quiche/Ham/Cheese and salad followed by Apple Pie, at The Church Centre. £10.00 per adult, children free. All profits will be donated to 'Open Doors' which is the Diocesan Harvest Charity. Sign-up sheet in church.



Harvest Appeal This year our church will be supporting the Diocese of Chichester Harvest Appeal for 'Open Doors' which is charity which supports persecuted Christians in over 70 countries.



The Bear Necessities at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 14th of September. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.



The Alpha Course is aimed at those who want to know more about the Christian faith. It is open to all, and no knowledge of the Bible or Church is needed. It is designed to help people better understand the Christian faith by addressing their doubts and exploring questions about Jesus, God and the meaning of our existence. The course will run on 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.



Sunday Afternoon Service Our next service is on Sunday 27th September at 4pm and will be a service of Celtic Prayer. Led by Sue O'Neill. We would love you to join us. See the poster in Church for details of other services.

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

Breakfast Club: on 7th October at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery

The Book Group: 6th November, 2pm, location TBD

Pints of View: on 8th October, 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

Next week's readings:

Exodus 16.2-15 , Psalm 105.1-6,37-45*,
Philippians 1.21-30, Matthew 20.1-16

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