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SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 13th	08:00 Holy Communion
15th Sunday after Trinity	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
	16:00 Taizé service (Pagham)
Monday 14th	09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Holy Cross Day	19:30 The Bear Necessities (Bear Inn, Pagham)
Tuesday 15th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
St. Cyprian	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 16th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
St. Ninian	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 17th	09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Abbess Hildegard	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 18th	No public worship today
Saturday 19th	No public worship today
Sunday 20th	08:00 Holy Communion
Trinity 16	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

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 purses at the Offertory during the service, or use the contactless Payaz Machine, which can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.*

Hymns

Introit: 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Gradual: 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Offertory: 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Final: 297 Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us (Living Lord)

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 15th Sunday after Trinity:

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.**

Old Testament reading: Exodus 14: 19-end

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 upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into 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

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the 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 judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants 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 in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.
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 judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement 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 of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church 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, his 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 should 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 should 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.'

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, Kay Collier.
Recently departed:
Anniversary of death: Alma Biles (14th), Frank Redford (19th).
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:

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.**

Next week's readings
Exodus 16.2–15; Psalm 105.1–6, 37–end; Philippians 1.21–end; Matthew 20.1–16

Changes to how we more fully integrate our offerings into our Sunday services: We are currently trialling a more unified approach to the Offertory, which is an important part of our services. We have re-introduced 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, if you give electronically, when you collect the order of service, you are also invited to take a token to put into the purses during the Offertory, enabling all of our offerings to be presented to and blessed by the priest.

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 Rev'd 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 Rev'd 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 Rev'd Julian to find out more.

If you have a **Children's Society Collection Box**, and haven't already done so, please return it to Jane Harmsworth as soon as possible. If you would be interested in having a box, please contact Jane for more information.

Community Groups and Events

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women. The new season starts tomorrow, **Monday 14th September** at **7.30pm** at The Bear Inn, Pagham**.** All ages welcome. All views welcome. This is a safe space to discuss current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

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. Everyone is welcome. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will be on **Saturday 26th September, 10.30am–12.00 noon** in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. If anyone would like to host one of our Coffee, Cake & Conversation events, please contact Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com). We need volunteers for future dates. Full training on the coffee machine can be given, and it only needs a couple of people at a time to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some cakes.

St Richard's Christmas Fayre will be on **Saturday 21st November, 10am-1pm** in the Mosse Hall. Donations for the cake and bric-a-brac stalls will be needed nearer the time. Anyone who would like to help please speak with Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com), who sings in the choir.

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 about the scheme are available at the back of the church and further details are at https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/what-products-do-we-collect/

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/strichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

Bognor Regis foodbank

Urgently needed this week: Tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned soups, baked beans, rice puddings. **We have plenty of:** pulses.