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Sunday 20th September 2026 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th	09:30	Parish Eucharist with provision for children
Monday 21st	09:30	Morning Prayer
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist		
Tuesday 22nd	18:00	Evening Prayer
	19:00	Tuesday @7
Wednesday 23rd	18:00	Evening Prayer
	19:00	Alpha St Andrew's Chapel
Thursday 24th	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Holy Communion
Friday 25th		No public worship today
Saturday 26th		No public worship today
Sunday 27th	09:30	Harvest Festival with provision for children
	12:30	Harvest Lunch Parish Centre

205 Glorious things of thee are spoken

553 Peace is flowing like a river

161 Father, hear the prayer we offer

409 Lord, for the years

The Collect (Opening Prayer): O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 16.2-15 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Psalm 105

Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-30 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.1-16 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out

again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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, David Lock, Stephen

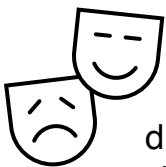
Tribe and Trish Hill.

Anniversary of death: 20th - Doris Howell, 21st - Alan Swan, 22nd - Thelma Hughes, Dorothy Denyer, 23rd - Ethel Baldwin, Evelyn Jenner, George Harrison, 24th - Alice Julius, Elsie Billing, 25th - George Summerside, Leonard Vallerine, 26th - Beryl Hurst

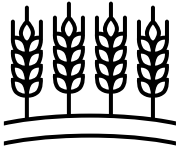
Recently departed: Ronald Holly

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.



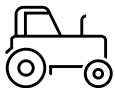
Who Killed the Graffiti Artist? Poor old Sharksy, not only does he get murdered in the Parish Centre on Friday 4 December at 7.30 but he dies all over again at the same time on the following night, the 5th. So who dunnit? There are 50 tickets available for each murder, come along if you think you're 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 Sundayday 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. <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/> We will also be collecting contributions for the food bank at the Harvest Festival service.



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 12th October, 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:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18, Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 17.11-19

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

