

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 6th	08:00 Holy Communion
14th Sunday after Trinity	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
Monday 7th	09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
	15:30 Mothers' Union (Cttee Room, Mosse Hall)
Tuesday 8th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 9th	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
	09:30 Breakfast Club (Manor Nursery)
	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 10th	09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
	19:30 Pints of View (The Inglenook, Pagham)
Friday 11th	No public worship today
Saturday 12th	No public worship today
	09:00 – 17:00 Church open: Ride and Stride
Sunday 13th	08:00 Holy Communion
Trinity 15	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 contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both of which can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymns

Introit: (Sheet) The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Gradual: (Sheet) Love is his word

Offertory: (Sheet) I cannot tell

Final: 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 14th Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 12: 1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalms 149

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Romans 13: 8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the

church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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: May Lewis (6th), Geoffrey Lewis (8th).

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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Exodus 14.19–end; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1–12; Matthew 18.21–35

Sunday School resumes this week following the summer break. It's held during the 11.15am service during term-time, starting in the children's corner in church, and is led by a rota of volunteers. All children welcome. For more information, please contact Julie (juliebroad28@gmail.com).

Integrating our offerings into our Sunday services: From today we are trialling a more unified approach to the Offertory, which is an important part of our services. We are re-introducing the circulation of purses among the congregation at the Offertory, as indicated in the 8am Order of Service and during the Offertory hymn at 11.15. Members who regularly give by Standing Order, or through the Parish Giving Scheme, are not currently included in the Offertory process during the services and neither are those who make one-off donations via the Payaz. To celebrate and include all who give, with the orders of service, those who give electronically will be 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 in many ways including with events, fundraising and admin. 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).

If you have a **Children's Society Collection Box**, please could you return it to Jane Harmsworth in early September?

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. Being on the Electoral Roll 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@jrmail.co.uk), Rev Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Leading intercessions: Would you like to get more involved in our services? Could you do this by joining a rota to lead the intercessions? To find out what this might entail, please speak to Revd Julian.

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday is today 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. If you would like to come along, please ask if there is space.

Aldwick Mothers' Union will now meet on the first Monday of the month at **3.30pm** in the Mosse Hall Committee Room, meeting next on **Monday 7th September**.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm in The Inglenook, Pagham**. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, takes place next **Saturday 12th September, 9am–5pm**. St Richard's will be open for participants to visit. If you would like to take an active part on behalf of St Richard's, see details on the church noticeboard or email dw.aldwick@gmail.com.

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women. The new season will start on **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 if you would like to come.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will be on **Saturday 26th September, 10.30am–12 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 then please do get in touch with 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 2 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. Also, anyone who would like to help please speak with Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com), who sings in the choir.

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.

Online shopping: We recently received our latest **easyfundraising** payout. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this. If you haven't already, please sign up to support us and raise donations for us when online shopping (including click and collect) from 8,000+ retailers **at no cost to you:**

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.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned soups, Cereals, spreads. **We have plenty of:** pulses.