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SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 27th	**08:00 Holy Communion**
Harvest Thanksgiving	**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
Monday 28th	**09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**
Tuesday 29th	**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)**
St. Michael & All Angels	**19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)**
Wednesday 30th	**09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)**
	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	19:00 The Alpha Course (see Page 4)
Thursday 1st October	**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 2nd	**No public worship today**
Saturday 3rd	**No public worship today**
Sunday 4th	**08:00 Holy Communion**
Trinity 18	**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
	(Celebration of 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union)
	12:45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall

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: 259 Come, ye thankful people, come
Gradual: (Sheet) Great is thy faithfulness
Offertory: 263 All creatures of our God and King (omit verses 4, 5 and 6)
Final: 262 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Harvest Thanksgiving:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65

New Testament Reading: Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 9: 6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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:
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 the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next week's readings
Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19; Hebrews 13: 1-5; Matthew 15: 21-28

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.

Poppies: Thank you all very much for the poppies you have knitted. Barbara C. is assembling them into another marvellous display to add them to the previous one. So if you have any more in the pipeline, please finish them off and bring them to church. Have a rest now and maybe do some more for next year. Thank you again all you knitters!

Integrating our offerings into our Sunday services: We are currently trialling a more unified approach to the Offertory - 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. In order to celebrate and include all who give, if you give electronically (Standing Order, Parish Giving Scheme or Payaz), 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.

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

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.

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 Revd Julian to find out more.

If you have a **Children's Society Collection Box,** and haven't yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to become a donor, please speak to Jane Harsworth.

Electoral Roll: Are you on the Electoral Roll of St. Richard's Church? If not, would you consider joining? 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 regularly for at least six months. Being on the Electoral Roll does not cost you anything or commit you to anything. 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.

Community Groups and Events

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham continues on **Wednesday 30th September, 7pm-8.15pm** at St Thomas à Becket Church. All welcome. Details can be found on the flyer at the back of church.

Lunch on Sunday takes place next on **Sunday October 4th** at **12.45pm** following the Parish Eucharist. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. We're looking for volunteers to organise lunches in the future. Support will be provided. If you, with some friends, would be interested in organising a lunch please contact Angela Purser.

Breakfast Club meets next on **Wednesday 7th October** at Manor Nursery Palm Court café, at **9.30am.** Breakfast costs between £10 and £14. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cooked breakfast with like-minded people with wide ranging conversation!! For queries contact Alex Brockhurst 07792 544259.

Children's Light Party will be held on **Saturday 31st October, 4pm-6pm** in the Mosse Hall. A fun-filled 2 hours with crafts, story, party food and dancing. £3 per person or £5 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **We are looking for clean, empty jars, with labels removed, to be used for a craft activity.** Please leave them on the table in the porch on Sundays. Deadline: 18th October.

St Richard's Christmas Fayre: Saturday 21st November, 10am-1pm in the Mosse Hall**.** If you are able to help please contact 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, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or because you love to see the beautiful decorations created by our flower group, please do sign up - there is a rota on the noticeboard in the church porch. 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.

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. Information is available at the back of church and 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 vegetables, tinned tomatoes, soups, spreads, toilet rolls. **We have plenty of:** pulses.