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SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 20th	**08:00 Holy Communion**
16th Sunday after Trinity	**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
Monday 21st	**09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**
St Matthew	
Tuesday 22nd	**18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)**
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 23rd	**09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)**
	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 24th	**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 25th	**No public worship today**
Bishop Lancelot Andrewes	
Saturday 26th	**No public worship today**
	10:30-12:00 Coffee, Cake & Conversation, Mosse Hall
Sunday 27th	**08:00 Holy Communion**
Trinity 17	**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**
Harvest Festival	**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: 465 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
Gradual: 456 Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see
Offertory: (Sheet) The Lord of sea and sky
Final: 361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the 16th Sunday after Trinity:

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.**

Old Testament 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 fleshpots 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 towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, '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

New Testament Reading: Letter of Paul to the Philippians 1: 21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 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 I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 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 are in no way

intimidated by your opponents. 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 the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; 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 the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 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 the usual daily wage? 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.'

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: Hastings Edwards (21st), Violet Crompton (24th).
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: 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.**

Next week's readings
Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15; Luke 17.11-19.

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.

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

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!

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**. There are many still outstanding. If you don't have a box and would be interested in having one, please contact Jane for more information.

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.

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.

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Community Groups and Events

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** at **10.30 – 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 2 people at a time to make tea/coffee and provide milk and some cakes.

Lunch on Sunday: Takes place next on **Sunday October 4th 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. 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.

Children's Light Party will be held on **Saturday 31st October, 4pm-6pm in the Mosse Hall.** Please note change of time. A fun-filled 2 hours with crafts, story, party food and dancing. **We are looking for clean, empty jars** with labels removed, to be used for a craft activity. Please bring any empty jars to church on Sundays and leave them on the table in the porch for collection. Deadline: 18th October.

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, UHT milk, shampoo & conditioner, soups, biscuits. **We have plenty of:** pulses.