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Sunday 18th October 2026
Luke the Evangelist

Sunday	**18th**	**09:30**	**Parish Eucharist** with provision for children
Monday	**19th**	**09:30**	**Morning Prayer**
Tuesday	**20th**	**17:30**	**Evening Prayer** on Zoom
		19:00	**Tuesday@7**
Wednesday	**21st**	**17:30**	**Evening Prayer** on Zoom
		19:00	**Alpha** St Andrew's Chapel
Thursday	**22nd**	**09:00**	**Morning Prayer**
		10:00	**Holy Communion**
Friday	**23rd**		**No public worship today**
Saturday	**24th**		**No public worship today**
		10:00-12pm	**The Hub** Pagham Church Centre
Sunday	**25th**	**09:30**	**Parish Eucharist** with provision for children
		16:00	**Contemplative Prayer** St Andrew's Chapel

19 All my hope on God is founded
162 Father, I place into your hands
584 Rock of ages
716 We have a gospel to proclaim

The Collect (Opening Prayer): **Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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: Isaiah 35.3-6 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
Psalm 147

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.5-17 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10.1-9 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Post Communion Prayer: **Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him heal all the diseases of our souls; through the merits of your Son 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, Richard, Jenny, Roger Lewis, Revd. Colin Wood, Tony May, Eileen Tooley, June Baker, Laurell Lewis, Tracey Cusworth, Julie Fourcade, Eunice Smith, Colin Baldwin, Elaine Hankin, Stephen Moffat, Jean Pereira, and Trish Hill.

We pray for those recorded in our Memorial Book whose anniversaries occur at this time, 18th - Eileen Share, 19th - Patricia Martin, 20th - Ethel Williams, Valerie Antill, 21st - Leonora Gibson, Lyn Paul, 22nd - Violet Bell, Kathleen Bircham, Joseph Moore, 24th - Peter Wice, Peter Kenward, Frank Williams, Elsie Gulliver

We also pray for those preparing to be Confirmed at Chichester Cathedral on Wednesday 25th November**:** Rufus Siemieniec, Francis Siemieniec, Diane Beard, Max Hilditch, Josh Hardwick, Isabelle Hardwick, Maxwell Longhurst, Darcy Dennis, Imogen Dennis, Austin Heath-Coleman, Elodie Turner, Elaine Jones and at St Marks, Angmering, on Sunday 18th October: Edie Cross.

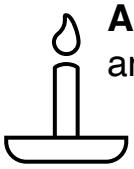
The World: We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.

Bishop Luffa School Foundation Place applications 2027: The Church Support Form (CSF) required to support a Foundation Place must be submitted by the church to the school by 20th November 2026. The Tuesday@7 team will be meeting with Revd Julian during the week commencing 19th October to complete the CSF. He will then meet with parents after this date to sign off their CSF, which will then be sent to Bishop Luffa School. If you are submitting an application please inform the Tuesday@7 team using the email below so we can arrange for your CSF to be signed off by Revd Julian when he meets with you. (E-mail – trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk).



2026 Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal: We have supported this charity for more than 25 years, but the need still remains. Boxes will be distributed to Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. Leaflets are now available at the back of church. Please bring boxes to church by Sunday November 8th. Pick up a leaflet and fill a box - or if you feel you cannot fill a box, perhaps you could supply some of the items, or money towards the transport costs. Every little helps. Details - Trudi 07703597353.



Annual Memorial Service on Sunday 1st November at 3pm, we hold our annual memorial service. At this service we will remember by name all those we love but see no longer, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle. Do join us for this poignant service as the nights draw in and we begin a month of remembrance and celebration of all the saints, living and departed, who shape our lives and faith. Please add names to be remembered to the list at the back of church. Refreshments will be available after the service.



Friends of Pagham Parish Church: Winter Warmer, 1pm - 3pm on Saturday 7th November at The Church Centre, with entertainment. Meat pie, potatoes and vegetables, followed by dessert. Tickets in advance only - Friends £12 each, non-members £15 each. Sign-up sheet on noticeboard and tickets available from Trudi 07703597353.

The Hub Tom's Café runs every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 at The Hub in the Church Centre (Nyetimber Lane, opposite the football ground) for all ages, from the very young to the very old. Join us for games, puzzles, crafts, a book swap, a children's play area, and refreshments, and feel free to bring book/jigsaw swaps, food bank contributions, or homemade cake to share.



Sunday Afternoon Service Our next service is on Sunday 25th October at 4pm and will be a service of Contemplative Prayer. 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 4th November at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery
The Book Group: 6th November, 2pm, location TBD
Pints of View: on12th November, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham
The Bear Necessities: on 9h November 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:

Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12, Psalm 119.9-16
Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30-35

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