

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026

LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Sunday 18th	08:00 Holy Communion
Luke the Evangelist	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
Monday 19th	09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Henry Martyn	
Tuesday 20th	17:30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 21st	09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)
	17:30 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
	19:00 The Alpha Course (see Page 4)
Thursday 22nd	09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 23rd	No public worship today
Saturday 24th	No public worship today
Sunday 25th	08:00 Holy Communion
Last after Trinity	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
Bible Sunday	11:15 Parish Eucharist (no Sunday School – half term)

The Church is open for private prayer, Monday – Saturday 10am-4pm and until 4pm 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.

Please contact Trudi (trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk) for zoom details for evening prayer.

Hymns

Introit: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Offertory: 305 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

Final: 413 Now thank we all our God

The Collect (Opening Prayer) of Luke the Evangelist:

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 Acts of the Apostles 16.6-12a

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

Psalms 147:1-7

New Testament 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. 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."

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, Alan Nicholls.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Fred Bonner (20th), Bernard Etheridge (20th), Anne Redstone (21st).

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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@jrmil.co.uk), Revd Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

The Church Times will be available at the back of the church for everyone to read. Please leave the most recent copy for others to enjoy but feel free to take any previous copies home with you.

Children's Society boxes: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection, which totalled £630.37. If you would like a box to collect on behalf of this wonderful charity, please speak to Jane Harmsworth. It's a great way to dispose of your loose change! Boxes are collected in once a year and literally any amount in it is gratefully received as like all charities, they are in constant need.

Community Groups and Events

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham: The course continues on **Wednesday 21st October, 7pm-8.15pm** at St Thomas à Becket Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Details of the course can be found on the flyer at the back of the church.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation will be on **Saturday 31st October at 10.30am-12 noon** in the Mosse Hall. Please bring along your friends, neighbours and family. We need volunteers to host in the future. If anyone would like to do so, please contact Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com). 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.

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. Today, Sunday 18th, is the last day to leave **clean, empty jars, with labels removed, to be used for a craft activity**. If you have any, please leave them on the table in the porch. **If you can help on the day, please get in touch with Monika.**

Lunch on Sunday takes place next on **Sunday November 1st 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.

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 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 main church noticeboard. Please take an envelope, pop in your cash and leave it in the collection plate. Or, 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. Leaflets about the scheme are available at the back of the church and further details are available 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.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned rice puddings, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, spreads. **We have plenty of:** pulses.