

The Parish Church of Aldwick St Richard



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SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026

LAST AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 25th
Last after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist (no Sunday school – half term)
09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

Monday 26th
King Alfred

Tuesday 27th

Wednesday 28th
Ss Simon & Jude

Thursday 29th
James Hannington

Friday 30th

Saturday 31st

17:30 Evening Prayer (on Zoom)
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10:30-12.00 Coffee, Cake & Conversation (Mosse Hall)

16:00-18:00 Children's Light Party (Mosse Hall) See Page 4

Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day

08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
11:15 Parish Eucharist (no Sunday school – half term)
12:45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall

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 contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both of 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: 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Gradual: (Sheet) Brother, sister, let me serve you
Offertory: (Sheet) Love is his word
Final: 297 Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us

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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament reading Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalms 119.9-16

New Testament Reading: The Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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, Alan Nicholls.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Christine Cole (26th).

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:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next week's readings

Revelation 7.9–end; Psalm 34.1–10; John 3.1–3; Matthew 5.1–12

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.

Offerings in our Sunday 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. To celebrate and include all who give, if you give electronically, when you collect the order of service, you are 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.

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 regularly attended services at St Richard's

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@jrmil.co.uk), Rev'd Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

The Church Times is 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

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. **If you can help on the day, please get in touch with Monika.**

Lunch on Sunday takes place next on **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.

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham: The course is taking a holiday this week and continues on **Wednesday 4th November, 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.

St Richard's Christmas Fayre, Saturday 21st November, 10am-1pm in the Mosse Hall. **Please start collecting items for the bric-a-brac stall.** Donations can be delivered to church from 14th November. If you can help in any way, 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 noticeboard. 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: 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: Deodorant (men/women), fruit squash, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, toothpaste. **We have plenty of:** pulses.