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SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 4th

Celebration of 150th
anniversary of the
Mothers' Union

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

William Tyndale

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

Saturday 10th

St. Paulinus

Sunday 11th

Trinity 19

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall

11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

12.45 Lunch on Sunday in the Mosse Hall

09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)

09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)

09:30 Breakfast Club, Manor Nursery

18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)

19:00 The Alpha Course (see Page 4)

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10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)

19:30 Pints of View (Inglenook, Pagham)

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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: 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Gradual: 297 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us (Living Lord)

Offertory: 294 Just as I am, without one plea

Final: Shine Jesus Shine

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mothers' Union 150th anniversary Sunday

takeover: Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served; 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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

New Testament Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 13: 1-5

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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: James Cooper {Priest} (4th), Stanley Emsley (6th).

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:

Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness in a life of tranquillity and service: grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all your fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. **Amen**

Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

Next week's readings

Exodus 32.1–14; Psalm 106.1–6, 19–23; Philippians 4.1–9; Matthew 22.1–14

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.

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.

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 have a collection box, 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@jrmil.co.uk), Rev Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Community Groups and Events

Lunch on Sunday is today, **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. If you have not signed up, but would like to come along, please ask if there is space. We're looking for volunteers to organise lunches in the future. Support will be provided. If you, along with some friends, would be interested in organising a lunch please speak with 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.

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham continues on **Wednesday 7th October, 7pm-8.15pm** at St Thomas à Becket Church. Refreshments from 6.30pm. All are welcome. Details of the course can be found on the flyer at the back of the church, along with a sign-up sheet.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on **Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm** in The Inglenook, Pagham. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages.

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets next at **7.30pm on Monday 12th October** at The Bear Inn, Pagham. All ages welcome. All views welcome. This is a safe space to discuss current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

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 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 as you go into church. 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. Leaflets about the scheme are available at the back of the church and further details are 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.