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Sunday 25th October 2026
Bible Sunday

Sunday	**25th**	**09:30**	**Parish Eucharist** with provision for children
		16:00	**Contemplative Prayer** St Andrew's Chapel
Monday	**26th**	**09:30**	**Morning Prayer**
Tuesday	**27th**	**17:30**	**Evening Prayer** on Zoom
Wednesday	**28th**	**17:30**	**Evening Prayer** on Zoom
Thursday	**29th**	**09:00**	**Morning Prayer**
		10:00	**Holy Communion**
Friday	**30th**		**No public worship today**
Saturday	**31st**		**No public worship today**
		10:00-12pm	**The Hub** Pagham Church Centre
Sunday November	**1st**	**09:30**	**Parish Eucharist** with provision for children
		15:00	**Memorial Service**

428 Love divine, all loves excelling
72 Bind us together
429 Love is his word
580 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Collect (Opening Prayer): **Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



First Reading: **Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12** All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra the priest 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. Ezra the scribe 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. 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.

Psalm 119

Second Reading: **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.

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.**



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, June Baker, Laurell Lewis, Tracey Cusworth, Julie Fourcade, Eunice Smith, Colin Baldwin, Elaine Hankin, Stephen Moffat, Jean Pereira and Eileen Tooley

We pray for those recorded in our Memorial Book whose anniversaries occur at this time, 25th - Harold Mortimer, John Pett, 26th - Harold Sadler, Kenneth Fuller, 27th - Joyce Allam, Edith Daniell, 29th - Roy Marley, Fintan Kennedy, 30th - Emily Evans, Frank Lawton, 31st - Alfred Thorell, Jean McDermott, Eric Towler

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, Maxwell Longhurst, Imogen Dennis and Austin Heath-Coleman and Elaine Jones.

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.

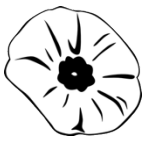
For urgent prayer, contact Sue Davis (01243 262915) to start the Prayer Chain.



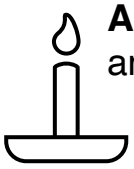
Our Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 28th November 11-2pm at the Church Centre. Please see the flyers for items needed and please sign up on the sheet in Church if you can help with a stall, setting up or refreshments. There will also be a Christmas Raffle and tickets will be available soon. Any questions please see Sue O'Neill or Trudi.



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.



Remembrance Sunday - We gather at Pagham Church for the Parish Eucharist as usual on 8th November at 09:30 followed by an Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial at 11:00.



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.

Confirmation Classes will be taking place on Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th November, and Monday 23rd November from 7pm to 8pm in the St Andrew's Chapel at St Thomas a Becket Church. *Rev Julian*



Sunday Afternoon Service Our next service is on Sunday 8th November at 4pm and will be a Taize Service. 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:
Revelation 7.9-17, Psalm 34.1-10, 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

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