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SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 8th	**10:30 Remembrance Service and Parish Eucharist with**
Remembrance Sunday	**Sunday School, followed by coffee in the Mosse Hall**
	16:00 Taize Prayer (Pagham)
Monday 9th	**09:30 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**
	19:30 The Bear Necessities (Bear Inn, Pagham)
Tuesday 10th	**17:30 Evening Prayer (on Zoom: details on page 3)**
Pope Leo, the Great	**19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)**
Wednesday 11th	**09:30 Morning Prayer (St. Richard's)**
St. Martin of Tours	**17:30 Evening Prayer (on Zoom)**
	19:00 The Alpha Course (see Page 4)
Thursday 12th	**09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)**
	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
	19:30 Pints of View (Inglenook, Pagham)
Friday 13th	**No public worship today**
Rev'd Charles Simeon	
Saturday 14th	**No public worship today**
Sunday 15th	**08:00 Holy Communion**
2 before Advent	**10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall**
	11:15 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

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: 354 Eternal Father, strong to save
Gradual: 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (omit * verse)
Offertory: (Sheet) Make me a channel of your peace
Final: 417 O God, our help in ages past
The National Anthem

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Remembrance Sunday:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: The Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-20

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Psalm 70

New Testament Reading: The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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, Alan Nicholls, Angela Wallis.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death:

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 peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The National Anthem:

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign!
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
With heart and voice to sing
God save the King!

Next week's readings
Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end; Psalm 90.1–8; 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 25.14–30

The display of poppies: thanks are due to everyone who has contribute to the poppy display, either by making poppies or creating the display itself. Particular thanks to Carole M. for coordinating the collection and to Barbara C. for leading the creation of the display itself. This beautiful presentation helps us to remember the significance of this day and to place our reflections in a broader context.

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.

Zoom services for evening prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Please contact Trudi (trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk) for details of how to access these services online.

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.

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@jrmail.co.uk), Rev Julian or one of the Church Wardens.

Community Groups and Events

The Bear Necessities, a discussion group for women, meets next at **7.30pm** on **Monday 9th November** 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.

The Alpha Course at Aldwick and Pagham continues on **Wednesday 11th 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.

Pints of view – a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley **on Thursday 12th November** 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.

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. We're still **looking for helpers at the fayre** and will **need cakes for the cake stall.** If you can help, please contact Christine Eaton-Hennah (christineeh13@sky.com), who sings in the choir. A letter will go out to stall holders, but, for information, set up is from 5pm-8pm on the Friday.

Murder Mystery Evening - Who Killed the Graffiti Artist? Poor old Sharksy, not only does he get murdered in Pagham Church Centre on **Friday 4th December at 7.30pm** but he dies all over again the same time the following night (**5th**). Who dunnit? If you think you're any good at sleuthing come along and enjoy a mild beef or veggie chilli and jacket potato whilst attempting to solve the crime. Tickets (£10 adults/children £5) from trudikearsley@hotmail.co.uk and let her know your supper choices.

Come & Sing Carols in the Mosse Hall on **Saturday 12th December, 2pm to 4 pm,** £15 per person, including seasonal refreshments - we will have lots of fun singing your favourite carols. All proceeds to charity. For further details speak to Arthur Robson, who will be leading the session.

Advent Candles: Over the Christmas period our church will be decorated with candles. To sponsor one in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in church, and pop your donation in the plate (minimum £4 per candle), or contact David, our treasurer, to make a BACS payment.

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 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.

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.

Bognor Regis foodbank

Urgently needed this week: Fruit squash, jars of coffee, porridge, shampoo & conditioner, UHT milk. We have plenty of pulses.