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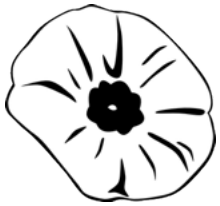
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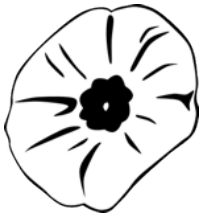
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Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday Remembrance Sunday	**8th**	**09:30**	**Parish Eucharist** with provision for children
		11:00	**Act of Remembrance**
		16:00	**Taize Prayer** St Andrew's Chapel
Monday	**9th**	**09:30**	**Morning Prayer**
		19:30	**The Bear Necessities** The Bear Inn
Tuesday	**10th**	**17:30**	**Evening Prayer** on Zoom
		19:00	**Tuesday @7**
Wednesday	**11th**	**17:30**	**Evening Prayer** on Zoom
			Alpha St Andrew's Chapel
Thursday	**12th**	**09:00**	**Morning Prayer**
		10:00	**Holy Communion**
		19:00	**Confirmation Class** St Andrew's Chapel
		19:30	**Pints of View** The Inglenook Pub
Friday	**13th**		**No public worship today**
Saturday	**14th**		**No public worship today**
		10:00-12pm	**The Hub** Pagham Church Centre
Sunday	**15th**	**09:30**	**Parish Eucharist** with provision for children



565 Praise, my soul
144 Dear Lord and Father
494 O God, our help
153 Eternal Father



The Collect (Opening Prayer): **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.**



First Reading: Amos 5:18-24 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Psalm 70

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 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.

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.**



Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Karen Cox, 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

Recently departed: Lisa Herbert and Sheila King

We pray for those recorded in our Memorial Book whose anniversaries occur at this time, 9th - Trevor Ribbons, Elizabeth Coneeley, 10th - Douglas Smith, 13th - Sylvia Evans, 14th - Dorothy Sibley, Sarah Fellows, Thomas Street

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, Austin Heath-Coleman and Elaine Jones.

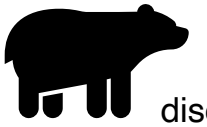
The World: We pray for peace in all areas of conflict around the World, and we pray for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. For all those seeking safety and refuge in our Country.

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

-We are sad to inform you of the death of Sheila King, a long-standing member of St Thomas' and the much-loved wife of Michael and mum to Andrew and David. There will be a service of thanksgiving for her life on Wednesday 18th November at 1pm here in church followed by a burial at Chalcraft Cemetery. You are warmly invited to the service in church and afterwards to the Inglenook hotel where we will continue to celebrate Sheila's life.



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.



The Bear Necessities at The Bear Inn, Pagham; 7.30 – 9.00 pm on 9th of November. A women's discussion group which meets on the second Monday of the month at The Bear pub in Pagham. A welcoming and safe space to discuss three current news topics and in doing so, get to know each other better.

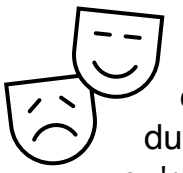


Pints of view- a conversation for men. Meet with The Rev'd Clive Ashley on Thursday 12th November at 19.30 in the snug at The Inglenook. Buy yourself a pint and come have a chat on current affairs – no hidden agenda, a meeting of men of all ages. Please contact Clive cliveashley111@gmail.com for more information.



The Hub has got off to a flying start and we've loved seeing so many faces from the community each weekend, from a slice of cake to playing Dungeons and Dragons! A heartfelt thank you to all those who continue to offer both their time and donations. If you've not visited yet, we'd love to see you- every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Church Centre, Nyetimber Lane, opposite the football ground.

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.



Who Killed the Graffiti Artist? Poor old Sharksy, not only does he get murdered in the Parish Centre on Friday 4 December at 7.30 but he dies all over again at the same time on the following night, the 5th. So who dunnit? There are 50 tickets available for each murder, come along if you think you're any good at sleuthing and enjoy a mild beef or veggie chilli and jacket potato while you attempt to solve the crime. Trudi has the tickets (£10 / £5 children) and you must tell her which supper option you would like. Tickets will go quickly so don't delay, book today!



Sunday Afternoon Service Our next service is on Sunday 22nd November at 4pm and will be a Celtic Prayer Service. We would love you to join us. See the poster in Church for details of other services.

Support for the Food Bank is more important than ever.
Urgently needed this week: fruit squash, jars of coffee, porridge, shampoo and conditioner, UHT milk.

Please note the dates when our community groups will next meet:
Breakfast Club: on 2nd December at 9.30 am at Manor Nursery
The Book Group: TBC
Pints of View: on 12th November, 7.30 pm at The Inglenook Pub, Pagham
The Bear Necessities: on 9th November 7.30 pm at The Bear Inn, Pagham
Bell ringing: on Mondays at 7.30 pm at St Thomas à Becket

Don't forget, the Church is open every day, usually between 10am & 4pm. It is a beautiful place for quiet prayer and reflection.

Next week's readings:
Zephaniah 1.7,12-18, Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*
1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 25.14-30

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.

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