

Weekly services at St Thomas a'Becket

Sunday each week

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.45 am Parish Eucharist and Children's Groups

5.00 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday 7.00 pm Eucharist in Church

Each Second Tuesday Healing Service in Church during the Eucharist

Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

We remember those who have died: Luke Jeffrey, William Isott, Derek Bech.

Otto Parker and Maxwell Longhurst were baptised.

Pagham Harbour WI meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Pagham Village Small Hall 2pm-4pm. New members are most welcome, please phone 01243 262434 for details. **May 24:** Resolution Meeting—Competition: A plant sale

In aid of **Chestnut Tree House** children's hospice

PLANT SALE

Thursday 12th May 2016 10am Entrance 50p

St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham, PO22 7NU

Come and join us for coffee and cake as well as great plants!

Worth Domestic Abuse Advisors

0330 2228181 01903205111 ext 84395 07834 968539 (weekends)

WORTH Services is an Independent Domestic (IDVA) Service here to support people affected by domestic abuse in West Sussex. We are available 7 days a week 09.00-17.00hrs on the telephone numbers above.

Pagham Luncheon Club

We meet every other Wednesday at St Ninian's Church Hall (next door to the Village Hall) for a 2 course lunch. Why not join us, you will enjoy good company and make lots of new friends. Transport can be provided.

Please contact Jean (268818) or Derek (264966) for details.

The Vicar, Mark Eminson can be contacted at the Vicarage on 262713

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Good News May 2016



Friends of Pagham Church

Cream Tea

Saturday 4th June 3.30 – 5.30

St Thomas a Becket Church £4.00

With entertainment from Glenwood Ladies Choir

'Songs from the Shows'

Come along and enjoy a good sing-song!

Details and tickets from Mo Hatzfeld - 01243 268576

THE MULBERRIES present a 60s Pop Night with The Minkies

Saturday 21 May at 7.30 pm



at the Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham

Tickets in advance £7-00/children £5-00 on 01243 697593



Please bring your own food and drink. Proceeds to local charities.

Wheelchair access

Come and join **PAGHAM PLAYERS** for a RIB TICKLING time as they perform **STAGE STRUCK**: a COMEDY by John and Yvonne Eddleston at Pagham Village Hall. *Sat May 14th 7.00pm with Ploughmans Supper (please bring your own refreshment). ALSO Sun May 15th 3.00pm with Cream Tea*

All tickets £7.00 available from Judy 264622

This is our first full length play!



ART EXHIBITION

St Thomas à Becket's Church, Pagham

Saturday 30th April 10am – 5pm

Sunday May 1st noon – 5 pm

Monday 2nd May 10am – 5pm

Entrance is free

View the work of local artists, with the opportunity to purchase

Light meals,
homemade cakes,
teas and coffees

Details and entry forms:

Trudi Kearsley - 01243 263597

Mo Hatzfeld - 01243 268576

Letter from The Vicar

This month, as for several years, a group of us will walk the parish according to the ancient practice of "Beating the Bounds" (on Sunday 15 May, the day of Pentecost). It is a declaration of God's ownership and care for this portion of His creation and a reminder of our responsibilities as the present custodians. Among our prayers for the parish will, of course, be resolution for the situation on the beach, namely the cutting of the enormous spit. Not entirely unrelated may be the prayer for wisdom on 23 June...

Does this date instantly leap from the page?! It is none other than the day of the U.K.'s referendum on whether or not to remain part of the European Union. Do you now cease to read or eagerly read on, I wonder? Well, rest assured I am not going to tell you how to vote: that is not the role of the parson in politics. But I am going to tell you to vote. You may think that is not my role either and you may already suffer from serious fatigue over the whole protracted, heated debate.

If, however, Her Majesty the Queen was recently brought into the question (God bless her at 90 years of age), I am not sure how distant we can be. As Head of State, above the fray of politics, she is the one person who is rightly neutral, but as for the rest of us: well, we are the people of this nation

who are being given a rare chance to have a say on such an important matter and I would worry seriously for the health of our nation if great swathes of us cannot even bother to vote.

And isn't it sometimes at least rather invigorating – even fun – to thrash these things out? If you can be persuaded of the enjoyable nature of debate then do please come to The Lamb Public House on Wednesday 11 May, 7 for 7.30pm for an open evening of discussion on this matter. There is often no better place in which to enjoy the company and conversation of one's neighbours over a drink or two, putting the world to rights. So, will you come for an English ale or un vin rouge? Do please pop by: all persons and opinions welcome, but (pray God) in a spirit of charity and respect. In fact, that last sentiment may really be my prayer for Pagham for Beating the Bounds: to be a community welcoming to all, where each one works for the good of all.

Mark Eminson - Vicar

Pre-EU Referendum Discussion
Evening at The Lamb Wednesday
11 May, 7 for 7.30pm.
All are welcome to come and put
the world to rights over this
important question over a glass or
two!

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Exhibition: 'Speaking in Tongues' by Paul Benney, until Wednesday 18th May
This striking painting is one of Benney's largest works to date. Measuring 8ft x 12ft, it is a powerful artwork telling the extraordinary story of Pentecost. The painting is suspended, mid-air, in the North Transept of Chichester Cathedral, which is open daily with free entry.

Chancellor's Lectures 2016: 9th & 16th May at 6.30pm This series of lectures given by the Cathedral Chancellor, Canon Dr Anthony Cane, will take a fresh look at the intriguing New Testament characters of Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, and Mary Magdalene, and their significance for today. The lectures take place in the Cathedral nave, following Evensong – entry is free and all are welcome. A Q&A session in Vicars' Hall will follow on Monday 23rd May at 6.30pm.

Chichester's 'Living Well with Dementia Festival' This innovative Festival aims to encourage those living with dementia to experience and enjoy a range of artistic and cultural activities, along with their friends and families, including **Sing Healthy Play Happy music workshop on the 16th May, Guided Tours of the Cathedral on the 4th & 18th May, and a Tea Dance on the 10th September.**

For more on these events, visit. www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on

South Downs Group

7mm NG Association

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 21st MAY 2016 10AM to 4.30PM

FELPHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FELPHAM, PO22 8EL.

Featuring 18 layouts, Standard and ng model railways in a range of scales from 2mm Finescale to G live steam. 25 Specialist model railway manufacturers and traders and society stands, plus "Hands on" demonstrations.

Supporting the work of **Canine Partners**

Adults £4.50. KIDS GO FREE (under 16, with fee paying adult).

More details at www.swing.model-railway.org.uk

The Pagham Flood Defence Trust Annual General Meeting to be held on *Monday 9 May at 7pm at Pagham Yacht Club*. Any questions in advance please to the Secretary Mrs Anne Marie Feast at White Rock, 21 Pagham Road or annie_pagham@hotmail.co.uk by *Friday 6 May*. Do come and hear about the Trust's second year and news about the campaign for Flood Defence.

Pagham Open Gardens

Sunday 12th June: 12 noon – 5pm

If you are interested in opening your garden or would like to get involved please contact David Smith – 01243 263560 or davidksmith49@gmail.com