

## Weekly services at St Thomas a'Becket

Sunday 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)  
Morning Prayer is at 9.20am Monday – Thursday and Saturday, and at 8.30am each Friday.

We remember those who have died: Judy and Derek Price, Anthea Potter. Joshua Hopkins was baptised. Brian Shorrocks and Janet Ferryman, and Zachary Stout and Lily Cronin were married.

Pagham Harbour WI meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Pagham Village Small Hall 2-4pm.  
New members are most welcome, please phone 01243 262434 for details.  
March 28th: **Birthdays Party** Speaker: Norman Armstrong  
Subject: Short Programme of Song

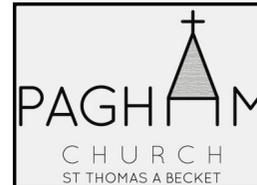
**Pagham Luncheon Club:** We meet every other Wednesday at St Ninian's Church Hall (next door to the Village Hall) for a 2 course lunch. Why not join us, you will enjoy good company and make lots of new friends. Transport can be provided. Please contact Jean (268818) or Derek (264966) for details.

**Wednesday Tots** is a friendly welcoming place to bring your babies and toddlers to make friends and have a play. We have lots of great toys to play with and we like to spend time creating or exploring too. If you are looking for something to do with your small people come along and try us out. The Church Centre, opposite Pagham Football Club. Wednesday Afternoons 1.30- 2.45pm.

### 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.

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## Good News March 2017

### *Fundraising Auction*

### *for the Raise the Roof Appeal*

on Friday 28 April from 7.30pm

Tickets are £5 per person including refreshments

Do come for a fun evening to bid for some desirable items!

And do get in touch if you have something special to offer as an auction lot

Contact Mark Eminson on 01243 262713  
or email [vicar@paghamchurch.org](mailto:vicar@paghamchurch.org)



### *A CORNUCOPIA OF MUSIC in aid of Chestnut Tree House*

### **The Bognor Regis Concert Band**

*We have been entertaining audiences in Bognor and the surrounding area for over thirty years. Made up of over thirty local musicians, our repertoire covers classical, film, and popular music, along with everything in between!*

*An entertaining and fun-filled evening of music awaits you.*

**Saturday 18th March 2017 at 7.30pm – 10.00pm**

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

£10 per person to include refreshments (bring your own drinks)

To book, please contact Paula 01243 584843 or [paulapuleston@aol.com](mailto:paulapuleston@aol.com)

## Letter from The Vicar

One of the things you don't generally expect to be talking about all the time when exploring the call to be a priest is money and yet it feels like, as your vicar, I am asking for your money rather a lot of the time! Whether it is each Sunday in the weekly collection or at the end of a wedding or baptism or in a church roof appeal or for saving Pagham beach, "money, money, money" feels like a constant refrain and this from someone who should be spiritually rather than materially-minded and hardly in a time or place of great prosperity and plenty! Only the other day I heard in the news that pensioners are currently on average better off than working households (admittedly after housing costs are taken out), but I know that the retired of Pagham are far from "rolling in it", so at the present time it seems to pay neither for being in nor for being out of or retired from work!

I have also seen that from the top, from none other than The Archbishop of Canterbury, we have a Lent book entitled "Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace". This might seem presumptuous from someone formerly of the oil and finance industry and we might be tempted to think of money serving "His Grace" given that the Archbishop lives in a palace and prays in a majestic cathedral and sits in the House of Lords and so on.

But might there be ways, not least in Lent, for us to ponder our necessary relationship with money, with Mammon, with material things? I

recently toured most of our local businesses (Lord, help me, asking for support, i.e. money, for our roof appeal!) What struck me most was the way in which they all fulfilled a need, which was often not just their particular products or services, but also a means of human exchange, interaction, even community. Money is a means by which we are involved with each other and it is the love of money, not money itself, that the Bible warns us is a root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy chapter 6). In this sense money is serving various human needs, including companionship. Lent itself provides the annual opportunity to assess whom or what we serve, where our priorities are or where they may have gone awry. Thus, the classic practice of fasting is about learning again to be content with our daily bread, with simplicity, to be in solidarity with the hungry and poor, to be master of our desires and not to be mastered by them. All of which can apply to money (or its personification Mammon): let it never be our ultimate goal, overriding all other concerns. Let it serve our own and our neighbours' needs. It is okay to talk about it because in some sense it makes the world go round and accentuates our essential connectedness, which means it needs vigilance too because how we use it will affect others. Money, then, is a spiritual and a human issue; may it indeed serve grace and serve us all.

Mark Eminson - Vicar

**This month's edition of Good News is kindly sponsored by Mrs Sadie Bass in memory of her mother Mrs Cicely Brewer and her partner Mr William Issott.**

*Pagham Gardening Friends* is your local daytime gardening club, meeting at Pagham Village small hall on the 3rd Monday afternoon, most months. We are a friendly group, enjoying guest speakers and occasional outings, and will make you most welcome, so give Patricia a call 01243 263866 for details.

### FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Saturday 25th March at 2pm*

#### SPRING SHOW

Non-members welcome to exhibit

Contact: Don Faircloth—01243 587753

*Tuesday 28th March at 7:30pm*

#### TALES FROM THE POTTING SHED by Jean Griffin

Contact: Karin Hay—01243 868239

*St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Lane, Felpham PO22 7NU*

*Visitors Most Welcome*

*Family Activities at Chichester Cathedral*

#### 'Weird and Wonderful!'

*Friday 21st April 2017 from 10.00am – 3pm (Last entry 2.30pm)*

#### Unusual and special!

Join us to create your own monster mask or weird creature. Find out about weird and wonderful things in the Cathedral by following a trail before collecting a prize on completion from the shop. There is no need to book just drop in. The cost is £2.50 per child. Suitable for children aged 3 – 12 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. There will also be a carpeted area available with soft toys for children under 3 years, who come along with their older brothers and sisters. Why not take advantage of the Cloisters café offer of Kids Meals for £1.50 when an accompanying adult buys a lunch item, with a valid voucher?

*Come along and join in all the fun!*

For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email

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You may like to sponsor an edition of Good News for a significant celebration or in memory of someone who has died. It costs about £50 to produce an issue. Cheques can be made payable to Pagham PCC and sent c/o The Vicarage, 38 Kings Drive, PO21 4PZ. Many thanks.