

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: Roger Bonnick and George Connell

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.

April 25th Speaker: Lesley Chamberlain
Subject: Sussex Open Gardens
Competition: Garden on a Tea Plate

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.

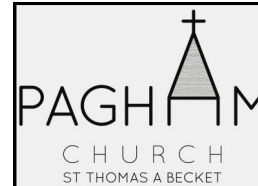
The Life Centre: A confidential space for survivors and their supporters to offload. If you are a survivor or wanting help in supporting a survivor you can use our help-lines to talk through any aspect of what you have gone through and how it is affecting you. *text helpline: 07717 989 022*
for adults tel: 0844 847 7879 for under 18s tel: 0808 802 0808

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Good News

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Fundraising Auction

Friday 28th April 7pm

St Thomas à Becket Church, Church Lane, Pagham, PO21 4NU

*Goodwood tickets, signed football shirts,
gift experiences, meals out and much more!*

For full list of lots visit www.paghamchurch.org

*Tickets £5 including refreshments, available
on the door or from Trudi Kearsley on 01243 263597*

Payment for items by cash or cheque on the night

Proceeds to Pagham Parish Church Roof Appeal



ART EXHIBITION

St Thomas à Becket's Church, Pagham

Saturday 29th April 10am – 5pm

Sunday 30th April noon – 5 pm

Monday 1st May 10am – 5pm

Entrance is free

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

Light meals, homemade cakes, teas/coffees

Details and entry forms:

Trudi Kearsley – 01243 263597/07703597353



Letter from The Vicar

It always feels a bit odd writing about Easter relatively near the beginning of Lent, making some kind of false start. Looking around the parish this March, the daffodils and their golden trumpets are also rising up "early" or at any rate will any be left to proclaim the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ?! I have also not progressed all that far into the Archbishop's book I mentioned last month, but far enough (chapter 1!) to be learning that "what we see, we value". I am valuing these daffodils. I value my family, the church, our village and many more things. The Archbishop is gently challenging us to see whether we don't in fact see or notice things we ought to, therefore we don't value them. This might be the poor and needy in our midst or even great spiritual truths, whereas the thing about Mammon (material wealth, accumulation, greed) is that he flaunts his wares and we can be tempted to follow after them.

I wonder if these thoughts shed any light on local Pagham issues, not least the plans for a lot of new housing? This is a heated area with understandably high feelings raised. Some of us who presently live in Pagham have seen the value in moving to or retiring by the sea: would we deny that to others? Yet part of the value of this place lies in the beach and sea (we still want to save the beach

too!) or in the green spaces and lanes, all of which might be debased by new housing, certainly on the large scale proposed. And we rightly suspect that the developers behind these schemes might be in some kind of relationship with Mammon and be sceptical about their plans for road or flood relief, doctors' surgeries, schools or residential homes. Then what might we be missing which we ought to notice and value or to put it another way (following Archbishop Justin), how does God see things (thus how ought we really to do so)?

The good news of Easter is that new and everlasting life burst forth from out of the place of death and darkness, defeat and despair. That might not be an instantly neat answer for our brave soldiers defending the beach or the green spaces or whatever our current personal battles might be. It can give courage for the fight, however, knowing that God can bring about new things. And it certainly gives us the lovely light of hope that whatever the outcome of a situation we are not beholden to Mammon. Rather we are looked upon by God as creatures of ultimate and precious value, which is how we are to see our surroundings, from daffodils to one another, both friend and stranger.

Mark Eminson - Vicar

FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm

Conservatory & Patio Gardening by David Fritton MBE

David is Wisely-trained and a fellow of the Institute of Horticulture He is experienced in parks, gardens, and horticultural education. He is a lecturer, broadcaster on local radio, plant doctor, garden tour leader and guest speaker on cruise ships.

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Contact Karin Hay on 01243 868239

Full peal of Pagham Church's bells for Raise the Roof

Sunday 4 June 2-5pm Come along to see and hear our fine bell ringers

50th anniversary of their rededication Refreshments served all afternoon

For more info on bell ringing contact our Tower Captain Mike Wake on 264254

Discussion Evening at The Lamb

"The Bible and the Changing World" Wednesday 24 May 7 for 7.30pm

All are welcome to come and ask questions of the vicar and others on any matter, whether politics, science, sexuality and see how the Bible might speak to these and other things!

All views welcome over a friendly glass or two!

This month's edition of Good News is sponsored by Harry Marchant in memory of his father Charles Marchant for the first anniversary of his death on 11th April last year.

STAY & PLAY

Wednesday 12th April 10am -12pm

The Church Centre, Nyetimber Lane

Following the success of our Christmas event, please join us for a morning of Easter activities and craft.

tea, coffee & refreshments will be available.
Pagham Players Invite you to their 'MURDER MYSTERY'

'WHO KILLED THE HOLIDAY REP' by Chris Martin

PAGHAM VILLAGE HALL

SAT MAY 20TH 7.30 with PLOUGHMANS SUPPER

SUN MAY 21ST 2.00 with CREAM TEA

TICKETS £7.00 available from Judy 01243 264622

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.