

## 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: Philip Rhodes, Vivienne Godfrey, Gertrude Andrews.

James Greenfield and Emma Johnson 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.

**May 24th** Subject: Resolutions for the AGM

Social Time

Competition: A Beach Item

**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.

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

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# Good News

May 2017

## PLANT SALE

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

Thursday 11th May

10:00am

Entrance 50p

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



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



## DISCUSSION EVENING AT THE LAMB



"The Bible and the Changing World"

Wednesday 24th May 7pm 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!

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

Sunday 4th 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 01243 264254



## Letter from The Vicar

Perhaps one of the chief gifts of Easter is prayer. You might have expected me to say chocolate, roast lamb or champagne or again the gift of eternal life, all of which are lovely Easter gifts. But if Jesus Christ, a human being like us and also God's eternal Son, has overcome death and now reigns in heaven, then human beings now also have a place there too, a hearing and One who truly hears because He shares and understands.

Some of us will pray more than others. We will pray in all kinds of ways and places: in the same spot or out in nature; using our own or set words. If there is one prayer that many will know all or part of then it is that prayer which Jesus taught His disciples: 'Our Father, who art in heaven...'

With this familiar prayer in mind, the Church has recently invited people to join in focused prayer. I quote from the Bishop of Horsham:

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a phrase that trips off the tongue of Christians every time they pray the Lord's Prayer. It sums up the purpose of Jesus and of his body, The Church. We exist, with Jesus, to build the Kingdom of God. We do that, in part, by seeking to transform the unjust structures of society and conforming them to the intentions of God. We also do it by sharing our faith, hope and love with others. However to help build the Kingdom of God, we must do it in

partnership with God and so pray as Jesus taught us: Thy Kingdom come. Prayer is what ensures our partnership with God. Without it, we risk trying to establish not his Kingdom, but some lesser vision of our own.

Thy Kingdom Come has become the title and focus of a worldwide wave of prayer during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost (25th May - 4th June, this year). Every one of us is invited to join in this wave of prayer that more people may come to know, love and follow Jesus - and so become joyful fellow-workers in building up God's Kingdom.'

We are going to join this wave of prayer in Pagham during those days by ensuring the church is open even longer than usual from morning till evening and any and all are invited to join in too. There will be various prayer resources for local, national and international needs, but equally you can come and pray however you like. If you would like to make specific prayer requests, do get in touch. I am sure as well that some of you will be praying earnestly at home.

It is an amazing gift that anyone can pray and we do not know how God might use our prayers to bring in His beautiful Kingdom, but admittedly it does come with a health warning: that we might be the answer to our prayers, in that God might ask something of us.

Mark Eminson - Vicar

## FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Tuesday 23rd May at 7:30pm*

### Growing Herbs by Martin Jarvis

Martin runs the Culberry Nursery, a family-owned nursery growing herbs both culinary and medicinal. Culberry Nursery supplies herbs direct to the public via Farmers' Markets, Bairds, and Manor Nursery. The nursery is also open to the public.

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Contact Karin Hay 01243 868239

[www.fandmhs.co.uk](http://www.fandmhs.co.uk)

### The Mulberries present a 60s-70s Rock, Blues, Soul, Reggae Night

with *The WIP Band* at the *Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham*

7.30 pm on Saturday 13th May

Tickets in advance

£8-00/children £5-00 on 01243 697593. Please bring your own food and drink.

Proceeds to local charities.

Wheelchair access.

*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.

### This month's edition of Good News is sponsored by Derek and Joan Hardie, in memory of our sailing friends Malcolm and Sylvia Pye.

**Aldwick Quilters Group** meet at the United Reformed Church in the village each month. We are a very active group of 60 members and we are holding our 9th Quilt Show on 12th & 13th May this year, from 10am to 4pm. There is a wonderful quilt we are raffling with many other great prizes, there will be a number of traders, all day refreshments and the groups sales table.

There is good parking and easy access to the church.

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.