

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: Jean Peace, Mike Barrett, Margaret Salter, Juliet Lovell, and Ken Miller

Reggie Hardy was baptised.

Lee Penson and Samantha Thackray, Sean Cummings and Stephanie March were married

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

August 2017

FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Saturday 19th August 2017

2.00pm – 4.30pm

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Pot Plants

Floral Art

Flowers & Fruit

Vegetables

Cookery & Crafts

Childrens' Classes

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

Show Secretary – Don Faircloth 01243
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Non-members are welcome to exhibit

Visitors are most welcome



Letter from The Vicar

Happy holidays! As this leaflet is pushed through your letter-box by our kind volunteers, I will be in the Outer Hebrides: is parish life that bad, I hear you say, that the vicar needs to escape that far?! No, indeed, but as great a gift as rewarding work is, so also is rest and recreation. I call to mind this line from Isaiah:

'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength' (Isaiah 30: 15).

So, I hope many of you will be enjoying your own variation on the theme of rest (or have done already or will be soon, to avoid the likes of us during the busy school holidays!)

Many of us, I think, enjoy our rest through reading. I have just finished the first volume of a rather long book on St Paul by N.T. Wright (formerly Bishop of Durham), although volume two is frustratingly longer, so I may not want to weigh down the Skye to Hebrides ferry! A couple of years ago I really enjoyed reading C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, so may try his science-fiction trilogy. If I wanted a real busman's holiday I could simply turn again to God's Word in the Bible, not your usual holiday-read, but maybe there is more than meets the eye... Think about it: action, adventure, war, intrigue; am I talking about Hilary Mantel or some other historical novelist? I am not; turn in the Bible to books such as Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings where you will find

Gideon, Samson and Delilah, Saul, Jonathan, David and Bathsheba, Elijah and Jezebel. Or perhaps you are a fan of poetry? Look no further, then, than the Psalms, speaking as they do of every human emotion, condition and situation and the wonder and presence of God. It may be that you want some sound advice and guidance? The Book of Proverbs can furnish you with pithy saying after pithy saying, so here's one to whet your appetite, 'Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it' (Proverbs 15: 17). Or perhaps something a little more racy? Don't forget about the Song of Solomon and its heights of romantic, even erotic poetic fancy. And none of this even mentions the New Testament (why not read a whole Gospel through as they are designed to be read?)

So, there is more than we sometimes realise in the Scriptures. And just as some people are part of a Book Club where you can share your understanding, it may be that at some point you have questions about parts of the Bible. If this is so, in the autumn we have a Pilgrim Bible Course to help address this. Do e-mail curate@paghamchurch.org to find out more or get in touch with me or curate Jo anytime if you would like to discuss anything about God's Word further. Whatever you might be reading this summer, may it bring rest, quietness, trust and strength!

Mark Eminson – Vicar

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 01243263866 for details.

Our event in August 21st: Member's garden visit

Family Activities at CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

'Beside the Seaside!'

*Tuesday 22nd August 2017 from 10.00am – 3pm
(Last entry 2.30pm)*

Join us to create your own shark hat, fish mask, seahorse, octopus, or jelly fish. Track down some of the many things linked to the seaside 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 seaside fun! For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Want to know more about the Bible and Christian faith?

This autumn we are using the Pilgrim Course to explore different themes in the Bible. There are six sessions and all are welcome. To find out more, contact Jo King at curate@paghamchurch.org or on 930247.



Pagham Harbour WI meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Pagham Village Small Hall 2-4pm. Please phone 01243 262434 for information.

August: Social Event

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.