

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.

Sea Sunday - 9th July at 9.45am: Parish Eucharist, including taking a collection for the Mission to Seafarers. All are welcome, especially those with strong connections to the sea (could that not be the whole parish?!)

We remember those who have died: Tony Lock, Barrington Beange, Robert Fielder, Neil Dalton, Keith Beard

Lilly Courcier, Noah Norton, Molly Legg, Freya Bailey were baptised.

Allyssia Congdon, Eden Congdon, Lucy King, Annaliesa Whitworth were confirmed.

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.

July 25th—Speaker: Jan Atkinson

Subject: History of Pagham Harbour and Little Terns

Competition: A Bird Ornament

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

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FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 25th July at 7.30pm

National Garden Scheme by Lesley Chamberlain

Lesley is an active supporter of the NGS working as an Assistant County Organiser for West Sussex, visiting new gardens as well as co-ordinating garden openings.

Visitors most welcome.

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

Contact Karin Hay on 01243 868239 or find us on www.fandmhs.co.uk



Family Activities at Chichester Cathedral

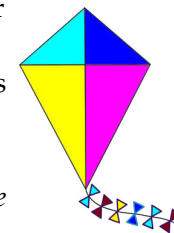
'Up, Up and Away!'

Friday 28th July 2017 from 10.00am – 3pm (Last entry 2.30pm)

Join us to create your own flying beast or peregrine falcon, butterfly, frisbee, hot air balloon, kite or aeroplane.

Find out about some of the many things that fly 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 sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk



Presentation from Sussex Police on Scams and Rogue Traders

A PCSO from Sussex Police is giving a talk on this important concern at St Thomas a Becket Church on Monday 10th July at 3pm with refreshments.

All are welcome and do pass on the word to any others who may be interested.

Letter from The Vicar

I am afraid, brothers and sisters, that I did not make it through Election Night after all (opting for sleep before a friend's wedding in Gloucestershire that weekend), so it was a bit like the EU Referendum and then Mr Trump, waking up the following morning, having missed all the excitement! We have had to learn or re-learn terms like "hung parliament", although saying anything about politics and the nation at the moment feels very risky as things seem much more uncertain and we worry for what is around the corner.

In fact, more to the point, I think all of Manchester, London Bridge and the fire in West London have happened since I last wrote (God forbid there may be more in the days following). These are of course not all related and one should be careful about drawing conclusions. The main conclusion is our thoughts and prayers and bleeding hearts for all those who have died, who are traumatised, who mourn and most believers in God would want to stress His compassion and pity for all in pain and the wideness of His mercy through the gates of heaven.

But, to tentatively say a little more, these are distressing events and potentially worrying times. As others have said, however, even in the darkness there have been countless acts of light and much rallying round. We must all hold on to that and try to

emulate it. I do wonder whether the rather negative "hung" parliament – horrid connotations with hanging (or that would be "hanged") or more likely not being able to get anything done – could be construed as a more positive opportunity. Some disillusionment with politics and politicians lies in their seemingly endless bickering, jostling, and one-upmanship. I think by contrast of this lovely verse at the start of Psalm 133:

'Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.'

Now, I confess that the Church doesn't always practise what it preaches here. Think of Roman Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals and so on and so on (not forgetting heated disagreements within these bodies)! When the Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost, He brought the nations and their languages back together again (which had been divided at the Tower of Babel). I hope sincerely that Christians haven't given up on this vocation of unity; that they are still trying to be one. And so I hope that MPs and parliament might have a similar vocation in these days as I also hope that all of us in Pagham do too for the local issues with which we contend. Psalm 133 concludes with this implied consequence of unity:

'For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.'

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 on July 17th: 'Introduction to Alpines and using them in containers' - The Alpine Society

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL – Live Better Together

Thursday 21st September 2017

Join us at Chichester Cathedral to celebrate the International Day of Peace observed every year around the world on 21st September. The themes of peace and reconciliation will inform all our activities on this thought-provoking and inspiring day.

We are delighted to welcome speaker Justine Huxley, Director of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. Other noted representatives from different local faith communities will take part in an interfaith panel discussion exploring the question 'How can we live better together, for the wellbeing of all?'

The day will also include two 'Make Art Not War' printmaking events, led by artist Cath Bristow, both inspired by the Cathedral's [Reconciliation tapestry](#).

The first will use screen and block printing to transform a humble cloth shopping bag into a unique printed art work to spread the word of peace and reconciliation. The other will be a drop in community event to create a colourful Banner of Peace to hang in the Cathedral following the event. Within the Cathedral on the day there will be a peace trail and opportunities for candle lighting and prayers.

The day will close with a film screening - title to be announced soon - introduced by the Cathedral's Chancellor, Canon Dr Anthony Cane.

Booking in advance is essential. Tickets (free to £10) at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or call Ticketsource on 0333 666 3366 or from Cathedral Friends Office Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 12pm. To find out more contact the Learning and Engagement Department at booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812997.

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