

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: Ann Fletcher, Ethel Hadfield, Audrey Bridge.  
Albie Bowman and Elodie Turner were baptised.

**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.

Pagham Harbour WI meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Pagham Village Small Hall 2-4pm. Please phone 01243 262434 for information.  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Meeting  
Competition: Anything with the word "Vic" in it

**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.

**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

## October 2017

### Pet Blessing

Sunday 8th October at 3:30pm followed by refreshments.

All creatures great and small (plus owners) are most welcome to attend!



### QUIZ NIGHT

from 6.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at *St Thomas à Becket Church, Pagham*

Teams of 4 - 6 people.

Adults - £10.00 Children - £7.00

*To include Turner's Pies take out box, mash, mushy peas and gravy*

*Bring your own drinks*

All are welcome! All profits to 'Raise the Roof Appeal'

*Tickets available from Church or from Stephen - 266800*



### Annual Memorial Service

on Sunday 5th November at 3.30pm followed by refreshments.

All are welcome to attend to pray for loved-ones who have died recently or some years ago. Do let us know if you would like a name read out:

[eminson.mark@gmail.com](mailto:eminson.mark@gmail.com) or 262713.

### FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Tuesday 24th October at 7:30pm*

#### **65 Years in Horticulture with Jim Buttress**

Jim trained at Wisley and commenced his horticultural career in a local nursery. He took up a post with Croydon Parks before moving to the GLC and on to the Royal Parks. He is an Associate of Honour of the RHS, was awarded a Fellowship of the Institute of Horticulture and in 2006 achieved the highest accolade in the gardening world – the Victorial Medal of Honour.

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Contact Karin Hay on 01243 868239 or visit [www.fandmhs.co.uk](http://www.fandmhs.co.uk)

## Letter from the Vicar

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.” Psalm 127 is one of my favourite psalms (for another reason, look it up if you are feeling tired) and it comes to mind yet again as our Raise the Roof appeal is about a year old. I am delighted to say that after a little over a year of fundraising we have reached about £110,000, so I must say a huge “thank you” to many of you who have donated so generously either directly or through various events. I am also grateful to local schools and other organisations, grant-making bodies and those who have left us a legacy in their will. It is a varied and an amazing team effort, a lovely sign of what a strong community we are in Pagham and gratifying - as well as humbling - to see the esteem in which the Parish Church is held. That is the great news. The more challenging news is that we need roughly another £200,000, while already we are seeing the first signs externally on the roof of ominous gaps. Oh that the Lord would build the house, I cry, although He is not usually a wand-waver. How does one pray about finding the rest of the money or indeed anything? Prayer, in fact, will be the theme for our church next year (and across the whole diocese of Chichester). There are many reasons why we pray and many ways of doing it. For me, I guess it is about

acknowledging my and our need of God. It is about relinquishing control of our own lives (or of the illusion that we are in control in the first place) and so begins a lifelong and everlasting relationship. As with any loving relationship, it develops and evolves and we know not the details of what lies ahead. We know that we are loved and trust that all will be well. So Raise the Roof continues into 2018 and we trust that God will provide for His house in Pagham in all sorts of - and sometimes unexpected - ways. Among other events, we are planning a Bingo night in February, our annual Art Exhibition in May and our Summer Fair in July. Continuing with the theme of loving relationships we are also planning a History of Pagham Weddings for 22 September. This will be a chance to gather together Pagham wedding memorabilia from down the decades, so if you or your parents or grandparents were married in our church do get in touch. Once more, can I thank all of you who have been an answer to prayer and have given generously to help build the house of St Thomas à Becket. And I trust that God has in store good purposes for all of us.

*Mark Eminson – Vicar*

### Harvest Festival Sunday 1st October 9.45am

Please join us for our annual service of thankfulness for all the good things created and provided by God. There will be an offering of food for the local food bank and homeless shelters and a special collection for the Diocese Harvest Fund for our sister Dioceses in Africa.

### Pagham & District Residents' Association WINE TASTING EVENING and TALK

with *Martin Lury*, Local Newspaper Wine Columnist from 7.30pm on Saturday 7th October at *Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham, PO21 4NJ*. Tickets in advance £10, to include Wine, Nibbles and Prize Draw  
Phone Jan on 01243-697593 or Pam 01243-265604

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#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ in aid of Chestnut Tree House

Saturday 7th October 2017 6.15pm for 6.45pm  
*St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham, PO22 7NU*  
£10 per person to include a Ploughman's Supper (bring your own drinks)  
Teams of up to 8 people with Quiz Master Bob May  
To book please contact Paula 01243 584843 or Jenni 07790375229

*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 October 16th: Aldingbourne Centre tour and tea.*

#### *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](mailto:curate@paghamchurch.org) or on 930247.



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.