

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: Allan Lewis, Barbara Waldron, Jeane Knight, David Stone, Vivien Miller.

Austin and Rowan Heath-Coleman were baptised.

James Bartlett and Marie-Louise Van Der Ouderaa were married.

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.

December 12th L Christmas Meeting

Speaker: Christopher Beaumont

Subject: A Xylophone Concert

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

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at St Thomas a'Becket

*Sunday 17 December 5.00pm
Christingle*

*Tuesday 19 December 7.30pm Carols at
The Bear Inn*

*Thursday 21 December 7.30pm Chichester Voices
Choir Christmas Concert*

Christmas Eve 5.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8.00am Holy Communion

*Christmas Day 9.45am
Family Eucharist*

*New Year's Eve 5.00pm
Christmas Carols*



Letter from the Vicar

'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.' These words from the prophet Isaiah might seem like the counsel of a madman or at least a dreamy idealist this December! We know all too well just how busy many of us can get in the run-up to Christmas and there are certainly things to be done and preparations to be made. On the other hand, there will be others who would love a bit more activity, but circumstances such as illness, stress or sorrow may prevent them from sharing in the busyness and festivity all around.

The Church of England this year has produced a little resource to encourage us to snatch a few quiet and thoughtful moments whatever our situation. It is appropriately entitled #God With Us (one of the central messages of Christmas) and the hashtag indicates you can get the material sent to your phone or e-mail inbox, but you can also get a hard copy (we have a few in church). The Archbishop of Canterbury writes in its introduction: 'My prayer is that this booklet helps you unwrap in your own life God's gifts of peace, hope and love. May your Christmas journey lead you closer not just to the heart of Christmas, but to the person

of Jesus whose birth we celebrate in this wonderful season.'

These are helpful sentiments for us in Pagham as this coming year we embark on a Year of Prayer. There will be various things going on through the church and even here in Good News, but the main thing is that any of us can do it. And when we pray there isn't a complicated formula, but simply allowing ourselves to be led to the heart of God, which is Jesus Christ. Returning, rest, quietness and trust are all good ingredients in this, so my prayer is that this Advent, this Christmas and in 2018, we can find rest and in that place, find also the God who is with us in Jesus Christ.

Mark Eminson — Vicar

#GodWithUs

Join the journey at
www.churchofengland.org/Christmas
or text GODWITHUS to 88802

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.

This edition of Good News is sponsored by Ann Ashley in memory of her husband Peter Ashley.

NEW YEARS EVE DISCO with ATLANTIC SOUNDS

Sunday 31 December 2017

at Pagham Village Hall 8.00 pm until 12.30 am

Tickets are £14 with Lucky Number prizes

Bring your own food and drink

Tickets in advance from Josie on 01243 266823

Proceeds to Pagham Village Hall

Pagham Community Choir invite you to their **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
on Sunday 17 December at 3.00pm in Pagham Village Hall

Refreshments (including Mulled Wine)

Raffle

Music

Poems

Entry by Donation

Profits to Save Pagham Beach and Village campaign (P.F.D.T.)

Do join us for our Celebration of Christmas!



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FURNITURE PAST AND PRESENT

New and second hand furniture for your home and office

Run by Beth and Mark Huxley, who are part of St Thomas à Becket's Church family, Huxley at Home (formally The Apple Barn) is a family run business set just outside Chichester in West Sussex. Selling new and second hand furniture, as well as accessories for the home, there is something for everyone.

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