

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: David Atkins, Arthur Harrison, Peggy Rose.

Betsy Carter, Margo and Elsie Hay-Stairs were baptised.

Aimee Boteler, Trinity Feaver, Caitlin Foyn, Harry Fuller, Oliver Hilditch, Diana Kondratiuk, Cameron Townsend and Jemima Whitworth received their first holy communion.

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

January 24th 2018 – Speaker: Sylvia Endacott

Subject: From 1800's to present day Pier History

Competition: An Early Postcard of Bognor

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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Year of Prayer

January's prayer:

*New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.*

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us this and every day
to live more nearly as we pray.*

(John Keble, from the hymn, New every morning is the love)



The streets we will pray for throughout
January:

Abbottsbury, A'Beckets Avenue, Apple

Grove, Arun Way, Avian Gardens,

Barley Close, Barrack Lane, Barrons Mead,

Barton Close, Bay Court, Beach Close, Beach Road.

Letter from the Vicar

Happy new year, Pagham Parish! Yes, it's that time when many of us think about making resolutions for a better way of living in the year to come, a time of looking forward, a time of hope. And in order that the hope doesn't give way to despair as good intentions founder long before even January is out (!), let it be known that we have entered a Year of Prayer. Therefore, to bolster our resolutions, we can have God on our side.

This is indeed the Chichester Diocese Year of Prayer and there will be lots of opportunities to get involved or get advice about prayer, whether at church, through our website or this publication. Two elements in Good News will be that each month we will offer a short prayer which we hope will be helpful in a particular situation and also we will list which streets in the parish are being prayed for over the four (or five) weeks of that month.

At the end of last year, in preparation for the Year of Prayer, I offered one Sunday morning this salutary quotation: 'Few people talk about their prayer life without betraying their sense of shame and inadequacy' (Martin Smith). It seems that if our new year's resolution is about prayer and asking God's help, we may be setting ourselves up for the biggest crash of all! Certainly, many of

us feel we ought to pray more or to pray better and that's where the shame and inadequacy can come in. Then, before we fully realise it, we are praying less and less and sometimes not at all. The aforementioned author went on, however, to say something about God and prayer which is very encouraging: 'How many of us have really accepted the implication that God, far from being a critic of our prayer as beginners, is as overjoyed by our wavering efforts as a mother is entranced by the halting steps of her child, as delighted by our clumsy words as a father hearing his name uttered by his daughter for the first time?'

This is most hopeful news at the start of this Year of Prayer. Whether we are beginners or more seasoned campaigners in the work of prayer, God delights in our approaches to Him. And each new day is a completely fresh opportunity to draw near to Him: 'new every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove'; so begins a lovely hymn, part of which is also this edition's prayer.

May each of us know God's love afresh day by day and so rise to the work He has in store for us individually and collectively this Year of Grace 2018.

Mark Eminson—Vicar

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ in aid of Chestnut Tree House
Saturday 24th February 2018

St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham PO22 7NU
£10.00 per person to include a Ploughman's Supper (bring your own drinks)
6.15pm for 6.45pm

Teams of up to 8 people with Quiz Master Bob May
To book please contact Paula on 01243 584843 or Jenni on 07790375229
In aid of Chestnut Tree House, the only children's hospice for Sussex

Family Activities @ Chichester Cathedral—'Famous Folk'

Friday 16th February 2018 from 10.00am – 3pm

A fun filled family day to be held in Chichester Cathedral
Collect stamps on your very own Passport as you find out about some of the Cathedral's famous characters. Prepare to be entertained and have fun! There will be people to meet, a variety of activities to do, games to play and things to make including crown making, weaving, magic sculptures and transport collages. Once your Passport is full collect a prize from the shop.
There is no need to book just drop in. The cost is £1.00 per child payable on collection of your passport at the West Door or Eastern Arm. A couple of activities (brass rubbing and magic sculpture) will have an additional small charge. 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

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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 January 15th A year in the life of a Head Gardener

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.