

## Holy Week Services at St Thomas a'Becket

### 25th March - Palm Sunday:

8.00am Holy Communion

9.45am Parish Eucharist with blessing of palms, procession & dramatic reading of the Passion

5.00pm Evening Worship - Taizé

### 29th March - Maundy Thursday

8.00pm The Eucharist with foot-washing, followed by the Watch of the Passion overnight

### 30th March - Good Friday

12noon Children's Way of the Cross

2.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday, including veneration of the cross & dramatic reading of the Passion

### 1st April - Easter Day

5.30am Easter Vigil & Dawn Eucharist, followed by champagne breakfast

8.00am Holy Communion

9.45am Family Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

We remember those who have died: Mollie Cann, Barbara Nash, Margaret Mayhew, Valerie James, Dave Merritt, Hazel Rogers, Eileen Gower, Joan Dray.

Ellie Green was baptised.

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

**March 27th – Birthday Party:** Speaker: Dawn Gracie

Subject: 50's – 60's Music Entertainer

### **Worth Domestic Abuse Advisors**

0330 2228181      01903205111 ext 84395      07834 968539 (weekends)

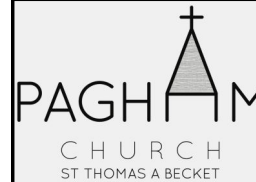
WORTH Services is an Independent Domestic (IDVA) Service here to support people affected by domestic abuse in West Sussex. We are available 7 days a week 09.00-17.00hrs on the telephone numbers above.

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## Good News March 2018

### Year of Prayer—March's prayer:



**YEAR OF PRAYER 2018**

God, the king of righteousness, lead us, we pray, in the ways of justice and peace; inspire us to break down all tyranny and oppression, to gain for every person their due reward, and from every person their due service; that each may live for all, and all may care for each, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-1944)

The streets we will pray for throughout March: Channel View, Church Lane, Church Way, Churchill Walk, Colt's Bay, Conifer Way, Conway Drive, Downlands Close, Drift Road, Dukes Meadow, Durham Close, East Front Road.

### **BELL RINGERS WANTED!**

Did you know that there is a national shortage of bell ringers? Do you ever hear the bells at Pagham on a Sunday morning or Monday evening and wonder what is involved? We have a loyal band of ringers at Pagham but would really love to have some new recruits to join us. Bell ringing is a fascinating activity requiring physical coordination, a sense of rhythm and good listening skills, and it provides mental and physical stimulation along with an excellent social aspect.

In November 2017, an exciting new national campaign entitled 'Ringing Remembers' was launched to recruit 1,400 new bell ringers in honour of the 1,400 ringers who lost their lives during the First World War. It is hoped that these new recruits will participate in the 2018 Armistice Day commemoration. Would you like to be a part of this project? If so, please contact Mike Wake, Tower Captain of Pagham Church, on 01243 264254 or come along to our Monday evening practice (7.30 – 9.00pm) to see what it is all about.



## Letter from the Vicar

For those who do not enjoy the rigours of Lent (well, I'm not sure we are meant to "enjoy" them!), this month has the one key day when all can relax their disciplines of self-denial: sometimes called Refreshment Sunday, but better known as Mothering Sunday (11 March this year). Actually, self-denial, the basic principle of Lent, is perhaps also appropriately a basic attitude of mothers. It is one of the dawning new facts about male or female when they become mother or father for the first time: "I am no longer number one in the universe, I live for another"!

If human parents are called to place the needs of their children before their own, then we can also say a similar thing about Holy Mother Church. After all, as much as we rightly thank God for earthly mothers, the main focus of Mothering Sunday is that larger family of the Church: if God is our Father, we can say Holy Church is our Mother. She is our Mother for through her we are brought to new birth in baptism and fed at the altar with bread and wine and we have lots and lots of brothers and sisters locally, nationally and internationally, as well as those who lived long ago and those yet unborn.

Like mothers, Mother Church is called to place the needs of others before her own. I have always liked the description of the Church given by Archbishop William Temple, that it is

the only institution which exists for the benefit of those who are not presently its members. While the Church has not always lived up to this calling, it is always called to look outwards and to live and work for the world.

As this month draws to its close, focus will shift to Holy Week, that annual re-imagining and sharing in the last week of Jesus' life. He was the One who truly and completely lived for others, for the whole human race and created order. Holy Week always provides the opportunity for us to follow in Jesus' footsteps, so that our lives become re-oriented outwards in service of others. You would be most welcome to come to any of the special services we have that week (details are in this newsletter). Our Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner, writes: 'In this Year of Prayer, my hope is that the drama of Holy Week will assume greater importance in your Christian life, and in your diary. I hope that you will allow the call of God to draw you into the drama of salvation: not as a spectator, but as a player, or agent, who will attract others to its reality, as you renew your commitment to know, love, follow Jesus.'

Mark Eminson—Vicar

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**CRAFT FAIR in aid of CancerWise Cancer Support Centre**  
Saturday 10th March 10am to 1pm at Pagham Village Hall  
*Crafts, Refreshments, Cakes, Face Painting, Raffle. Entry by donation*

**A CORNUCOPIA OF MUSIC in aid of Chestnut Tree House**  
**The Bognor Regis Concert Band**  
*We have been entertaining audiences in Bognor and the surrounding area for over 30 years. Made up of over 30 local musicians, our repertoire covers classical, film, popular music, along with everything in between!*  
*An entertaining and fun-filled afternoon of music awaits you.*  
Saturday 7th April 2018 2pm—4pm  
St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham, PO22 7NU  
£10 per person including an afternoon tea of sandwiches & cakes  
To book, please contact Paula on 01243 584843 or paulapuleston@aol.com  
*In aid of Chestnut Tree House children's hospice*

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**Joan and Tony Wells, in thanksgiving for their**  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary.**

**FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm  
**Driftwood with Geoff Stonebanks**  
*Monty Don described this as 'a small garden by the sea with inspired planting and design.' A beautiful seaside garden, divided into various small areas with wonderful planting and decorative objects.*  
St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham, PO22 7NU  
*Visitors Most Welcome*  
Contact Paula Puleston on 01243 584843 or visit [fandmhs.co.uk](http://fandmhs.co.uk)

Pagham Gardening Friends is your local daytime gardening club, meeting at Pagham Village small hall on the 3rd Monday afternoon, most months, from 2.15pm - 3.45pm. 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 March 19th—AGM and Police talk.*

**St. Thomas à Becket—Pastoral Care Team**  
You are welcome to contact us if you would like a visit. You – or someone you know – might be bereaved, lonely, unwell, housebound or simply welcome a friendly chat. Contact Trudi Kearsley on 263597 or email [pastoralcare@paghamchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@paghamchurch.org) and a visit will be arranged.