

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: Edna Puttock, George Russell.

Florence Rush was baptised.

FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm

Lordington Lavender with Andrew Elms

Established in 2002, the lavender is grown with conservation of habitat and environment in mind. Andrew has at least 12 red-listed species of birds. The 4 acres of Mailette lavender is harvested once a year to produce essential oils.

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

Visitors Most Welcome.

Contact Linda Wilson on 01243 867899

fandmhs.co.uk

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

April 24– Speaker: Steve Roberts

Subject: Protecting Yourself from Scams and Fraud

Competition: A Newspaper Cutting of a Scam

The Life Centre: A confidential space for survivors of abuse 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 April 2018



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

Year of Prayer - April's prayer:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all who love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

(From St Patrick's Breastplate)

The streets we will pray for this month are:

Eastmead, Edwen Close, Ellis Way, Elm Close, Esher Close, Fletcher Close,
Gloster Drive, Golden Acre, Greenlea Avenue, Greenways, Hadlands,
Harbour Road, Harbour View Road, Heron Mead.

'I was glad': A celebration of the music of C H H Parry

Come and 'Raise the Roof' singing 'Jerusalem'!

To include music by Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Wesley and Holst

CHICHESTER VOICES

Accompanied by Mark Wardell

Directed by Andrew Naylor

St Thomas à Becket's Church, Church Lane, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 4NU

By kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens

7.30pm, Saturday 14th April 2018

Proceeds to 'Raise the Roof'

Tickets £12 with £10 concessions (children & OAPs)

Available from Chichester Voices on 07900 098197

and at www.chichestervoices.org.uk,

in church and on the door

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Letter from the Vicar

Happy Easter: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Or is it, April Fools' Day?!

Well, this year Easter falls on the 1st of April, so it is both, which is rather a gift to this correspondent! What a lot of ink (and some blood) has been spilled for nigh on two-thousand years about this mysterious, very often attractive, sometimes disturbing figure, Jesus of Nazareth. I am not entirely sure, then, that just what the world in general (and Pagham in particular) need is an offering from me, except that it falls to each generation (and each person in their own time) to face what they believe to be true about the life, universe and everything (is that "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"?!), which can reasonably include Jesus Christ.

In fact, mention of Douglas Adams' popular story calls to mind the recent death of Stephen Hawking, a great intellectual explorer of space; indeed, you might say, explorer of life, the universe and everything. I was struck by hearing again his phrase of "knowing the mind of God", in the context of getting right back to the origins of the universe. You might be thinking I am wandering some way from the Easter story, but in a sense, it is a story of origins and of creation. Christians' belief that Jesus Christ was raised to new and everlasting life on that first Easter Day reveals the mind

of God: that the apparently ascendant forces of sin, suffering, decay and death are in fact defeated by the Author of life and new creation. And this new fact of resurrection affects everything, not just the destiny of particular individuals. It means that the whole universe is moving towards a new reality and is destined not for decay, but for new creation. I think whether we have the mind of Hawking or (the vast majority of us) our own normal minds (!), all of us can marvel at the wonders of creation and of our place within it and all of us are invited to step out into hope, purpose and new life as we accept the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Many might reasonably feel this remains the stuff of April Fools' Day: people do not rise from the dead, after all. For myself, though, the quest for truth is a serious matter and the Person I encounter in the Gospel speaks, lives out and embodies authentic human living. And because of His resurrection that kind of living has been available to all ever since. God bless your quest for truth and for authentic living this Easter and always!

Mark Eminson — Vicar

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ART EXHIBITION

St Thomas à Becket's Church, Pagham

Saturday 5th May 10am – 5pm

Sunday 6th May noon – 5pm

Monday 7th May 10am – 5pm



Light meals, homemade cakes, teas/coffees

Entrance is free

View the work of local artists, with the opportunity to purchase

Details and entry forms: Trudi Kearsley – 01243 263597/07703597353

Were you married at St Thomas à Becket's Church, Pagham?

Would you like to wear your wedding dress again, or see it displayed?

Would you like to share the story of your special day?



Then we need you for our Story of Pagham Weddings event on 22nd September, 2018

Do you have a mannequin or tailor's dummy you could lend us for this event? We would love to hear from you too.

Contact weddingstory@paghamchurch.org or Elise on 01243 262713

Find out more: paghamchurch.org

This edition of Good News is kindly sponsored by Anita Hobbs, in loving memory of her husband Mike Hobbs.

Table Top Sale on 14th April 2018 from 11.00am – 2.00pm

Church Centre, Nyewood Lane Refreshments and Soup Lunch available

If you are interested in a table please contact Mo Hatzfeld on 01243 268576

Pagham Players present a Murder Mystery

'Who Killed the Soap Star' by Chris Martin at the Pagham Village Hall

Saturday May 19th 7.30 with Ploughman's Supper

Sunday May 20th 3.00 with Cream Tea

Tickets £8.00 from Judy on 01243 264622

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.

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 and a visit will be arranged.