

### 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: Tony Sutcliffe, Joyce Gray, Ellen Earwaker, Jack Harrison

Bradley Hillsdon, Poppy Topley, Jack Baker were baptised.

The Mulberries present a 50s – 80s Night with Freeway on

Saturday 19 May at the Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham at 7.30 pm

Tickets in advance £8-00/children £5-00 on 01243 697593.

Bring your own food and drink. Proceeds to local charities. Wheelchair access.

### My Sister's House (MSH for short)

*We have recently moved to 3-6 Clockwalk, 7-11 High Street, Bognor Regis, PO21 1SG. Telephone number: 01243 697800.*

We have started a 'craft room' and require volunteers to come along with your different crafts to help and demonstrate your skills.

MSH still have our old premises at 108c London Road and have started a new project there, run by 'Step Forward'. This is a community hub where you can drop in and, for a donation, have a cup of tea or coffee and cake. Volunteers are people who are out of work and wish to get back into working again.

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

May 22 – Subject: Resolutions for the AGM

Competition: A Garden Photo

### Worth Domestic Abuse Advisors

0330 2228181 01903205111 ext 84395 07834 968539 (weekends)

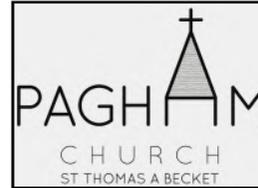
WORTH Services is an Independent Domestic (IDVA) Service here to support people affected by domestic abuse in West Sussex. We are available 7 days a week 09.00-17.00hrs on the telephone numbers above.

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## Good News May 2018

### Year of Prayer - May's Prayer

#### Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come



Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

The streets we will pray for this month are: Heston Grove, Honeysuckle Drive, Hook Lane, Hunter's Close, Inglewood Close, Inglewood Drive, Jubilee Gardens, June Close, Kestrel Court, King's Drive.

### PRAYER STATIONS



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

Thursday 10th May - Sunday 20th May

**Please make time to come to church  
and engage with our prayer stations.**



#PLEDGE2PRAY

Take time to pray for God's Kingdom to come in the lives of our friends and family and across the world.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer initiative that began with the Church of England and has spread across the world and across denominations. It encourages people to pledge to pray between the two great Christian festivals of Ascension Day, (when Jesus went up into heaven) and Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus for the first time.)

**This edition of Good News is kindly sponsored  
by Sheila Mullings.**

## Letter from the Vicar

As much as we would wish it otherwise, the world can be a pretty awful place and humans can do terrible things to each other. At the same time people can be amazing and show unending levels of care and compassion for those they love and for people they have never met. We all want the world, our country and especially our neighbourhood to be a place where we feel safe, cared for and noticed.

Christians spend a lot of time praying for God's kingdom to come, this might seem like a strange prayer, but the bible vividly describes God's kingdom as a place full of justice, compassion, love and mercy. That seems like a place that we would all want to live, time and again God judges people not on their prayers or worship but on how they treat the poorest and most vulnerable in their society.

A few years ago, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, challenged the national church to dedicate the ten days between Ascension Day (when

Jesus ascended into heaven) and Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit came on the disciples) to pray "Thy Kingdom Come". This call to prayer has grown into a multidemonminational and international call to prayer.

The phrase 'Thy kingdom come' is taken from the familiar words of The Lord's Prayer and is an invitation for God's kingdom of justice, mercy and love to come into our own life and a prayer for it to come into our world.

To mark this season of prayer St Thomas à Becket Church will be open all day for prayer, there will be different prayer stations focused on praying for our friends, family, neighbourhood and the wider world. We invite you to come to the church and join us in praying for our community.

Through our prayer each of us is challenged first to become the people who care for others before ourselves, those who bring in the kingdom that we want to see. Secondly we pray that where we can't act God will break into the hearts of those that can and create a place where mercy and justice are seen everyday.

### Rev. Jo King

*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.*

### 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.



## 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](mailto:weddingstory@paghamchurch.org) or Elise on 01243 262713

Find out more: [paghamchurch.org](http://paghamchurch.org)

## FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 22nd May at 7:30pm

### Tuppenny Barn Project with Maggie Haynes

*This is a non-profit-making smallholding in Southbourne. As well as growing and selling organic fruit and vegetables, they have an educational centre which provides learning experiences for children, encouraging them to grow their own and prepare healthy meals.*

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Contact Linda Wilson on 01243 867899 or visit [www.fandmhs.co.uk](http://www.fandmhs.co.uk)

## Pagham Flood Defence Trust AGM

Tuesday 12 June 7pm at Pagham Yacht Club

Come and find out about the Trust and how it is working for all the residents of the Parish of Pagham. Everyone welcome.

Any questions to be submitted in advance of the meeting, not later than Monday 11 June, to Mrs Annemarie Feast at White Rock, 21 Pagham Road, Pagham, PO21 4NP or to [annie\\_pagham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie_pagham@hotmail.co.uk) Please provide your name, address and contact number.

## 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