

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: Peter Eden, Beryl Gore, Simon Burford, Rosemary Baker, Peggy Osbourne

Katelyn Green were baptised.

PET BLESSING: Sunday 7 October at 3.30pm followed by refreshments. All creatures great and small (plus owners) are most welcome to attend.

We sincerely apologise for last month's printing error that resulted in part of the newsletter being printed upside down!

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.

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

October 23 – Annual Meeting

Competition: A Halloween Mask

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.

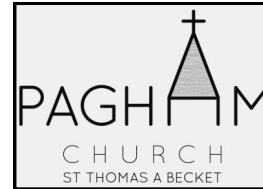
The Life Centre: A confidential space for survivors of abuse and their supporters to offload. If you are a survivor or wanting help in supporting a survivor you can use our help-lines to talk through any aspect of what you have gone through and how it is affecting you. *text helpline: 07717 989 022*
for adults tel: 0844 847 7879 for under 18s tel: 0808 802 0808

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Prayer for October

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, Most High. Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful. Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creatures.
(from the Canticle of the Creatures, St Francis of Assisi)



The streets we will pray for this month are: Swandene, Sylvia Close, Tabard Gate, The Byeway, The Causeway, The Close, The Court, The Crescent, The Dunes, The Fairway, The Glade.

Annual Memorial Service - Sunday 4 November 3.30pm

All are welcome to attend this service when we pray for our loved-ones who have died. If you would like someone's name read out, then contact Mark, the vicar. Refreshments follow the service.

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REMEMBER

RECALL

REFLECT

A small service, a talk, poetry reading and refreshments at St Thomas a Becket. All welcome, all ages from young to old.
11/11/18 1500-1700 hrs

A chance to pay tribute to the fallen Sons of Pagham and all who lost their lives during the Great War.



This edition of Good News is kindly sponsored by
Michael Morrison, in loving memory of his parents
David and Bessie Morrison.

Letter from the Vicar

As the seasons turn and the nights draw in, I was particularly struck upon leaving the church after an evening service by the natural beauty of this corner of God's earth. It was just past sunset, stars were appearing, all was quiet, there was that fresh, alive evening smell. On another evening I might have seen the bats who throng the churchyard (but thankfully not, it seems, the church roof, what with our impending project!) And then in daylight we have the birds of Pagham Harbour Nature Reserve, our beautiful gardens and then creatures great and small with whom we share our lives. This sets the scene for our annual Pet Blessing in a few days' time (Sunday 7 October 3.30pm in church) when many dogs, a few cats, some hamsters, even chickens gather to be blessed. Why not someone surprise me this year, by a different species appearing at the altar?! This lovely service is a nice way to thank God for the creatures and the earth He has given us as such an enrichment of our lives. Last year our new labrador puppy, Murphy, was blessed, so it will be good to bring him again.

The service is also an opportunity to be reminded of our great responsibility

for said creatures and creation. God has put human beings as stewards and caretakers over the other animals and the wide earth. How have we as a race fared? I think we all know it's a mixed answer and that the future of our earth does not look so great. Global warming, extreme weather, using-up of resources, destruction of habitats, extinction of species are some of the many alarming features of our poor stewardship.

Yet, each time any of us acts differently there is hope. Whether we feed the birds or grow vegetables or love and care for our pet or admire a sunrise or sunset, we are part of a different story of harmony between man, nature and God. St Francis of Assisi is the popular and well-known saint famed for his love of God's creatures. He would commune with them and apparently they would respond to his sermons. In fact, without getting way above my station, some of the creatures respond to me in the Pet Blessing, although I am not always sure they are sounds of approval.

Many of us commune with the creatures and with nature in this part of the world, so let us continue along that path and thereby (with St Francis) praise God through all His creatures.

Mark Eminson

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.

Monthly Teapot Café

at St Ninian's Church Hall, Pagham Road.

This new enterprise. set up by Pagham United Reformed Church, runs on the first Tuesday of the month, between 10 am and 12 noon.

We welcome carers, those they care for, and anyone needing company, in a dementia friendly atmosphere.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits are provided free.

The church has a large car park and disabled access.

FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm

Behind the Scenes at Chelsea with Alan Sargent

Alan has built 61 show gardens since 1984. He was head gardener at the Goodwood Estate from 2001 to 2007. He was the 'Pond Doctor' for the Water Gardener and writes regular columns for various magazines.

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Contact Linda Wilson on 01243 867899 or visit www.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 Brenda a call on 01243 263437 for details.

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 Players Christmas production

A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS by John and Yvonne Eddleston

A story that will make you feel happy and want to sing. If you don't believe in Father Christmas when you arrive, you will when you leave.

Friday Dec 7th at 7.00: with Mince Pies Sausage Rolls and Mulled Wine (Tea or Coffee if preferred). **Sat 8th Dec 7.00:** followed by Dancing at The Christmas Party (bring your own nibbles and drinks)

Pagham Village Hall

Tickets £8.00 from Judy 264622