

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 9.00am Monday to Thursday, 8.30am Friday, 9.30am Saturday.
Evening Prayer is 5.00pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We remember those who have died: Daphne Woolnough, Dizzy Bennett, Mary Griffin.

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.

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

February 26— *Speaker:* James Weston

Subject: Endangered Mammals of the UK and Europe

Competition: Animal Ornament (not cat or dog)

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.

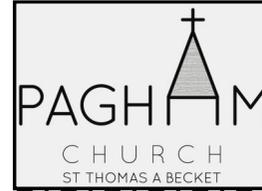
The Life Centre: A confidential space for survivors of abuse and their supporters to offload. If you are a survivor or wanting help in supporting a survivor you can use our help-lines to talk through any aspect of what you have gone through and how it is affecting you. *text helpline:* 07717 989 022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

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Year of Vocation Prayer Intention:
the industry and workplaces of this parish.

Prayer for February

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Valentine triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death: strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution and faithfully bear witness to the name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

The streets we will pray for this month are: Beech Close, Bishops Close, Boleyn Drive, Bowling Green Close, Bramble Close, Briar Close, Bridorley Close, Brookland, Brooks End, Buckland Drive, Canterbury Close, Cardinals Drive.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to explore faith further,
a group is about to form with a view to confirmation.

If you have any questions about growing in faith or making a commitment to God, do get in touch with Mark (vicar) on 262713.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ in aid of Chestnut Tree House

Saturday 23rd February

6.15pm for 6.45pm

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

£10 per person to include a Ploughman's Supper (bring your own drinks)

Teams of up to 8 people with Quiz Master Bob May

To book please contact Paula on 01243 258843 or Jenni on 07790 375229

This edition of Good News is kindly sponsored by Eileen Knight, in memory of her husband James Kenneth Ricketts.

Letter from the Vicar

In this Year of Vocation, surely more than ever I can declare, "happy St Valentine's Day"! This is not mainly because of the historical Valentine, who was an early Roman martyr, about whom little is known. Quite apart from how he has ended up patron of sweethearts and over-priced red roses, I am not suggesting we are all called to martyrdom! Rather, it is a day potentially to do with love and that (you see) is very much about vocation: we are all called by God's love and called to love one another. I wonder what each of us honestly thinks about 14 February? I suppose I ought to start. I can remember older pupils at school being tasked with doing the classroom rounds and the disappointment of there being no card (violin strings please). On the other hand, I can remember one card with that classic question mark and to this day the author is a mystery (put the violins away then)! Now that I am married, of course the day comes far below wedding anniversary or birthday (yeah right, he's not going to get away with that, is he!) You see, it's a day of highs and lows, triumphs and disasters, sweetness and bitterness! Shall we be topical (oh no,

you didn't want mention of this) and propose that the UK and the EU may not be exchanging sweet nothings this year; that they have fallen out of love with each other?! The fickleness and vagaries of governments, politics and public opinion may be rather a good analogy with romance and the affairs of the heart. And going back to historical Valentine, there are plenty of Leaver and Remainer martyrs: no, not civil war (God forbid), but the root meaning of "martyr"; that is, "witness". Well, as God is our witness, highs and lows and bittersweetness can also describe the life of faith. There are times on the journey with God, whether at the start or at other high points of spiritual experience, when all is fresh and joyful, bathed in light and hope. There are other times when we are spiritually dry or a bit stuck or weighed down by life's travails. Yet, if it is true between earthly lovers that even in the bitter times or the lows they stay faithful and true to one another and to the promises they made, then so it is in the life of faith: God loves us regardless, to the very end, and so we try to love Him back.

St Valentine blessings!

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.

World Day of Prayer will be held at Aldwick Baptist Church on Friday 1st March at 10.30am.

FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ALPINES by Peter Liverman

Tuesday 26th February 7.30pm

Peter started his own nursery in Worthing before moving to Littlehampton. He and his wife have been members of the Alpine Garden Society for over 40 years and are still actively involved both locally and nationally.

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Contact Linda Wilson on 01243 867899 or visit www.fandmhs.co.uk

The Mulberries present

THE PARLOPHONES with *The Sixties Never Sounded so Good*

Saturday 23rd February 7.30 pm

Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham.

Tickets in advance £8 on 01243 697593

Please bring your own food and drink

Proceeds to local charities Wheelchair access

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 and popular music along with everything in between! An entertaining and fun-filled afternoon of music awaits you.

Saturday 2nd March 2pm-4pm

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

£5 per person

Refreshments available

To book please contact Paula on 01243 584843 or paulapuleston@aol.com

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.

Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Giant Cell Arteritis support group

We meet monthly on the second Thursday afternoon, from 2.15 - 3.45pm at the Pagham Village Hall's Committee Room, PO21 4NJ.

Contact Patricia on 263866 for more details.