

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: Ray Radmall, Betty Williams, Edwin Hoskins, Velda Scully, Carol Powell, Clive Miller, Dudley Newman.

George Marshall was baptised.

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.

March 26 — *Speaker:* Mike Pierce

Subject: Music and Memories

Competition: Something music related

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.

Worth Domestic Abuse Advisors

0330 2228181 01903205111 ext 84395 07834 968539 (weekends)

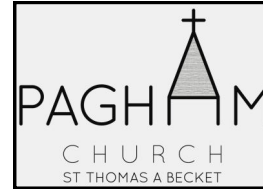
WORTH Services is an Independent Domestic (IDVA) Service here to support people affected by domestic abuse in West Sussex. We are available 7 days a week 09.00-17.00hrs on the telephone numbers above.

The Vicar, Mark Eminson can be contacted at the Vicarage on 262713

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Year of Vocation Prayer Intention:
the right ordering of work in time of
technological change

Prayer for March

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love
in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all
whom we remember this day; fulfil in them
the purpose of your love; and bring us all,
with them, to your eternal joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The streets we will pray for this month are:
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, Eastmead, Edwen Close, Ellis Way.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

at St Thomas a'Becket

31st March

9.45am

Family Eucharist with simnel cake and distribution of posies;
we thank God for mothers and the motherhood of Holy Church.

This edition of Good News is kindly sponsored by
Mary Baxter, in memory of her husband Edward Baxter.

Letter from the Vicar

This month, brothers and sisters, I wish to honour the passing of Pagham's most loyal son, the late-Chairman of our Parish Council, Ray Radmall. It is hard to imagine Pagham without Ray. He has poured his energy, his creative working hands, his life into serving our community over decades and we are poorer without him.

Ray was one of the first people I got to know when I started as Pagham's new vicar. In his full schedule he made time for regular lunches at The Bear, where we were able to swap notes between life at the Parish Council and Parish Church. His was the real inspiration and his were the guiding hands for the formation of the Pagham Flood Defence Trust. I got twitchy occasionally when I heard him refer to it (in the early days) as the "Vicar's Trust", fearing parishioners might imagine I was preparing to abscond to the Bahamas! Yet it was a very "Ray" label as he valued the role of our Parish Church and respected all who were in the business of trying to serve their community.

Naturally he underplayed his own role. It was a delight when he was deservedly awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to Pagham. This was deserved not just because of his work on the council, whether regarding flooding or new housing or all the other necessary and important business of local government, but because on the quiet and absolutely ungrudgingly he

would help any neighbours and friends with any project he could turn his hands to (most) or hear any concern they had. He was a politician in the best sense of the word: a public servant and advocate for Pagham and all its people. It was also fitting for him to be honoured as a son of the British Empire because Ray was a true patriot. He himself was always so moved and inspired by the wartime generation and their sacrifices (his love of the spitfire and craftsmanship in making many models of it) that I saw him to a true and worthy successor of those men and women. Again, his modesty would dispute this, but he did shine as a beacon of the values of service, sacrifice, neighbourliness. He loved Pagham, Sussex and England.

Even in his illness, he was trying to make plans for the next stage of defending Pagham's interests! I am sure I will not be alone in pondering how as a village we might remember and honour Ray's services for the long-term; whether there is some appropriate memorial or project or public good that might bear his name and carry his memory? For now, I am taken back to Remembrance Sunday. I am so glad that Ray heroically did his duty there (even though he was not well) and led Binyon's Lines. It is a fitting way for us to thank God for him and his labours on our behalf; to paraphrase: "at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember you, Raymond John Radmall, son of Pagham."

Mark Eminson

West Bognor Flower Club invite you to a special meeting
in aid of Dementia UK
'PETAL PROFUSION'

A FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

with **Gill McGregor**, *Author and National Demonstrator*

Saturday 9th March 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm)

Pagham Village Hall, Pagham, PO21 4NJ

Tickets £15, including tea

Phone Jane on 01243 264659

Please come and bring a friend

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 30th March 10am to 1pm

Pagham Village Hall, PO21 4NJ

Variety of crafts, Raffle, Tombola, Cakes and Refreshments

Raising funds for CancerWise Cancer Support Centre

Entry by Donation

enquiries@cancerwise.org.uk

FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

St Mary's Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham

Camellias & The Woodland Floor with Roger Hiron

Tuesday 26th March 7.30pm

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 30th March 2pm - 4.30pm

Admission: 50p Children: Free

Teas Produce Stalls Tombola Raffle

Schedule & Entry Forms from Mr D Faircloth on 01243 587753

'Fermata', Yapton Road, Middleton-on-Sea

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.

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.