

## 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: Jim Harding, Irene Trew, Jean Ide

Matthew Woodman and Abigail Hanna were married.

Lenny Rumball and Edison Turner 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.

**April 23** — *Speaker:* Robin Radley MBE

*Subject:* My 200 Children rescued from Poverty

*Competition:* Figurine on any child

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*

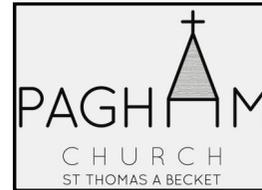
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## Good News April 2019

*Year of Vocation Prayer Intention:*

*the right ordering of work in time of technological change*

### Prayer for April

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with Ray and all the faithful departed the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

(Collect used at Ray Radmall's funeral service, 7 March 2019)

The streets we will pray for this month are: Elm Close, Esher Close, Fletcher Close, Gloster Drive, Golden Acre, Geenlea Avenue, Greenways, Hadlands, Harbour Road, Harbour View Road, Heron Mead.

### Holy Week/Easter services at St Thomas a'Becket

**Palm Sunday (14 April):** 9.45am Parish Eucharist with blessing of palms and procession

**Maundy Thursday (18 April):** 8.00pm The Eucharist with foot-washing, followed by the Watch of the Passion overnight

**Good Friday (19 April):** 12noon Children's Way of the Cross  
2.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday, including veneration of the cross

**Easter Day (21 April):** 5.00am Dawn Eucharist, followed by champagne breakfast

9.45am Family Eucharist

## Letter from the Vicar

It's still Lent, so it's "confession time": how many of you have been savouring hot-cross buns for some time?! Not the usual way to start a letter (though occasionally St Paul got stuck into his argument pretty quickly), but at least it may end well, since this April edition covers not only Lent (weeping and wailing, sackcloth and ashes), but Easter too (the joy of resurrection, song, bells, flowers, chocolate, champagne)! Why has the vicar dived straight into a squidgy, sweet yet spicy bun debate?! Not to criticise our much-beloved local CoOp (I'm in there every 5 minutes). Not to cast judgement on others' keeping of Lent (you may not have given up hot-cross buns). But if I am to risk a judgement, this one is something I often think about, so here goes... 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.' So speaks the author of Ecclesiastes and among the benefits of Christian faith and practice, I would argue strongly for this very timeliness. The Church year, rather like the natural year, allows us to inhabit the full range of life and faith; it gives us our bearings; we know where we are; and crucially we are in it together, in something much bigger than ourselves and united into a Body because of it. We are not just a disparate group of individuals. What has this got to do with hot-cross buns?! Well, we know that the shops do sell them quite prominently not long after Christmas (Easter eggs too) and

we buy and eat – it's a free country – but little by little that sense of keeping to an overarching unifying rhythm and pattern is weakened. I know it's Good Friday because I eat my hot-cross bun (I'm actually okay with the whole of Holy Week for the blessed buns!) On Mothering Sunday, we had simnel cake. At Easter, every part of the feast is laid generously because the Lenten fast is over. How can you then do anything other than enjoy God's bounty because in Christ death has been defeated. We were similarly gathered together for a common purpose when over 200 of us became as one for Ray's funeral last month. Ray's life's work consisted in making Pagham a good and happy place and a united place, all one family. In Lent, together we are in training, stripping back practices, habits, attachments that have been leading us off-course. At Easter, we and the whole creation rejoice for that final time when it will be hot-cross buns and Easter eggs and all good things for all people all of the time. Jesus' resurrection is the guarantee of that final feast. As we heard at Ray's funeral (from St Paul): 'When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'

Mark Eminson

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FELPHAM & MIDDLETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30pm

**BIG IDEAS FOR SMALL SPACES** by *Martyn Cox*

*Martyn is a professional garden writer and author with almost 30 years experience in gardening. He writes a column for the Mail on Sunday and Amateur Gardening.*

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

*Visitors Most Welcome*

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

### **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.

### **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.

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.

*Pagham Players* invite you an evening of Melodrama

**MURDER! MYSTERY! AND SUSPENDERS?** by *Karen Doling*

Saturday 1st June 7.30 with Ploughmans Supper

Sunday 2nd June 3.00 with Cream Tea

At the Pagham Village Hall Tickets are only £8 from Judy 264622

### **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.*