

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: Margaret Westlake

Andrew Craddock and Samantha Hillsdon were married.

Rose Dennis and Hugo Hill were 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.

May 28th: Resolutions for the AGM

Competition: Picture of yourself in Fancy Dress or as a Bridesmaid.

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 May

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

(Collect for the Rogationtide procession or Beating the Bounds)

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.

ART EXHIBITION

St Thomas à Becket's Church, Pagham



Saturday 4th May 10am – 5pm

Sunday 5th May noon – 5 pm

Monday 6th May 10am – 5pm

Entrance is free



View the work of local artists, with the opportunity to purchase

Light lunches

Homemade cakes

Teas/coffees

Details and entry forms: Trudi Kearsley – 01243 263597/07703597353

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Letter from the Vicar

Alleluia! Christ is risen! (He is risen indeed, alleluia!)

This glorious verse and response can be read in this joyful Eastertide; the Lenten fast is over and while 40 days of dust and ashes might have felt an eternity, the season of celebration of Easter lasts 50 days until Pentecost or Whitsun. It's nice that the emphasis is that way and important to remember. I hope you had a blessed Easter Day? It is my favourite day of the year. Yes, Christmas is very special too; the beginning of the story of God-with-us in Jesus Christ. But after that long waiting through Lent, the proclamation of new abundant life and triumphant love at Easter bursts forth. We try to do it justice with song and light and feast (both a spiritual and a physical one) and for that day at least, it is like walking on air, living already in the new creation.

Will you excuse this meandering lyrical vein?! Perhaps I can be excused anything in this letter since it's one of my last. If word hasn't otherwise reached you yet, I and the family are leaving Pagham this summer for a new ministry in Wimbledon, south London. The final things and goodbyes are a bit like the pain of Lent and Holy Week, while we hope that for ourselves, for

our new place and for Pagham there will be Easter joy because the future is always in God's hands.

I can't write too much more now, partly because I'm not gone yet! I can say, though, that there is plenty of the new creation here in Pagham: good neighbours; friendly, hospitable and generous lives; natural beauty galore; a real community; a beautiful, open and welcoming parish church. I am sure that these and other reasons are what brought you here to Pagham and that (come what may) Pagham will remain a beacon of these enduring values. If I can add one further suggestion in this vein (well, I'm going to, aren't I) and, in fact, it's not mine, but some late -Lent reading from Pope Francis talking about the universal call to holiness:

'Do not be afraid of holiness,' he writes, 'it will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognise our great dignity.' Well, brothers and sisters, what an endeavour to aspire to this Eastertide. I am game; are you?

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.

PLANT SALE in aid of Chestnut Tree House

Thursday 9th May 10.00am Entrance: 50p

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

Come and join us for coffee & cake as well as great plants!

Pagham & District Residents' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd May at 7.45 pm Small Hall, Pagham Village Hall

Come and meet your Committee; hear what we have done throughout the year and put forward what you would like us to do in the future – we can't do it if we don't know!

We welcome your suggestions - it's your community too!

Please support us in providing the best we can for the people of Pagham

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND HELPERS WANTED

why not volunteer, it's very rewarding.

Contact Ann – 264854 or Janet – 697593 for an informal chat and details

The Mulberries present a 50s – 80s night with Freeway

on Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm, at the Pagham Village Hall

Tickets in advance £8-00 on 01243 697593

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

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 on 264622

Felpham & Middleton Horticultural Society

WOOLBEDING GARDENS by Paul Gallivan

This is a garden of contrasts. Distinctive garden rooms merge into colourful borders and the landscape beyond. Sculptures and follies provide focal points and the garden, as a whole, is a masterpiece of colour and design.

Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm

Visitors Most Welcome

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

Contact: Linda Wilson on 01243 867899

www.fandmhs.co.uk

PAGHAM ON PARADE 2019

Preparations for Pagham on Parade to be held on

Sunday 18th August, 11am - 4pm are coming along well.

POP will be a fun day out for ALL the family! BBQ, Bar, craft stalls, arena entertainment, grand raffle, classic car display, children's fun fair etc.

If you have a classic car that you would like included in the exhibition please complete a booking form asap as space is limited.

Classic car booking forms available from clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk or download from Pagham Parish Council website. Telephone: 01243 266424.