

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

Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

The church is open every day for visitors and private prayer, all welcome!

We remember those who have died: Colin Webb, Trevor Cox and Tony Dunn
Wright

Thomas Hickling and Kathryn Stubbs were married.

Sebastian Newsom and Arlo Stanley were baptised.

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

September 24th—Speaker: Roger Clark

Subject: The Chichester Story

Competition: Picture of Old Chichester

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 Wednesday, from 2.15 - 3.45pm in the
Pagham Small Hall, Pagham Road, PO21 4NJ. Call 263866 for more details.

My Sister's House (MSH for short)

*My Sister's House CIC is the only Women's Centre in West Sussex. We provide
support, information, advice and more for women of any age, with any issue. Our
accessible women-only drop in is a safe, confidential space.*

To find out more, visit our website or get in touch.

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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.

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Year of Vocation Prayer Intention:

To thank God for the harvest of the earth and the sea, and our unselfish use of them.

Prayer for September

Creator God,

You made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea

and the rhythms of the seasons;

As we thank you for the harvest

may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The streets we will pray for this month are:

Saxon Close, Sea Lane, Sea Way, Seftor Road, Shirley Close, Silverdale Close,
Springfield, St. Thomas Court, St. Thomas Drive, Stonehill Crescent, Sudbury
Close, Summer Lane and Sussex Drive.

***Our Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday 29th September
at 9.45am. Do come and join us.***

CALLING ALL BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS!

As part of the Diocesan Year of Vocation, we are producing a Parish Mosaic.

Send in any photo of Pagham life and the combined photos
will make a large image of parish life.

Photos to be e-mailed to Graham Jones: grahaminsunnybognor@gmail.com

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one of our church family.**

Be Touched by the Master's Hand

Some people have the gift of creativity. Perhaps the artist, transforming a blank canvas into a beautiful picture. The gardener, turning a barren piece of land into a beautiful landscape. The musician, using their instruments to create great sounds. The cabinet maker creating furniture which lasts a lifetime. People who turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

There is an incident in the Bible when Jesus turned the ordinary into the extraordinary. Jesus was at a wedding feast when the wine ran out. Jesus' mother Mary told Him this, so Jesus told his servants to fill some large jars with water - and Jesus turned the water into wine.

Jesus replaced the ordinary with the extraordinary. This was a sign of Jesus' divine power and a revealing of His glory. Jesus transformed the situation at that wedding feast and can transform our lives also. God cares about us and about the details of our lives.

Myra Brooks Welch lived in the USA and as a child she loved playing the organ. But she later suffered badly from arthritis and spent much time in a wheelchair. Though it was painful for her, she loved writing and said the joy of her writing outweighed the pain of her efforts. She was known as 'The poet with the singing soul' and in 1921 wrote **'The Touch of the Master's Hand'**.

Twos battered and scarred, and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile:

'What am I bidden, good folks,' he cried, 'Who'll start the bidding for me?'

'A dollar, a dollar', then, 'two!' 'Only two?'

Two dollars, and who'll make it three?

Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice; Going for three ---'But no, From the room, far back, a grey haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, He played a melody pure and sweet as a carolling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low, Said: 'What am I bid for the old violin?' And he held it up with the bow. 'A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! and who'll make it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand twice, and going, and gone,' said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried, 'We do not quite understand what changed its worth'. Swift came the reply: 'The touch of the Master's hand.'
And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin.

'A mess of pottage', a glass of wine; a game - and he travels on.

He is 'going' once, and 'going' twice, He's 'going' and almost 'gone'.

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never quite understand

The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought by the touch of the Master's hand.

In those times in our lives, when problems and troubles come our way, when we feel as though 'the wine has run out', remember this sign of Jesus turning water into wine, trust Him, and be **touched by the Master's hand.**

Revd Canon Colin Wood

In view of the impending retirement of George Booker, Pagham Village Hall Trust is seeking a trustworthy and reliable person to serve as Hon. Treasurer and Trustee. If you would be interested in taking on this role, please contact Philip Coleman (Chairman) or George Booker for further information and discussion. Tel: 01243 267293 (Philip) or 01243 261350 (George)
email: philandjan.coleman@btinternet.com
or: oscakat43@gmail.com

Felpham & Middleton Horticultural Society

Tuesday 24th September 7.30pm

TUPPENNY BARN PROJECT by Maggie Haynes

An educational centre which provides learning experiences for children to encourage them to eat fresh, organic fruit and vegetables.

Members: Free Visitors: £1

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

Visitors Most Welcome

Linda Wilson: 01243 867899 www.fandmhs.co.uk

New Community Choir in Pagham!

Boost your well being and have fun! Come and join us at your new community choir in Pagham. We meet at St Ninian's Church Hall, Pagham Road on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.00pm - 2.15pm. (Term time only) Your first session is free and then £5.00 a week to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Call Hilary or Paula for more details on 01243 842150 or 07501923735 or email us on info@musicmart.org.uk

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.

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.

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.