

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: Keith Page, Mick Shand and Roy Payne.

David Wilson-Le-Moine and Heidi Maxine Brown were married.

Ivy Cox, Luca Murfin and Jasmine Day 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.

November 26th - *Speaker:* Melanie Gibson-Barton

Subject: And so to Ted

Competition: Bring a Teddy

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.

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.

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.

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:
The retired and those unable to work.*

Prayer for November

Father, God, in you mercy and in our love,
Be with us now, for we know and we speak of your love.
Help us then to put away the cares of this life;
and not look forward to what may happen
tomorrow; let our life, words and our deeds, bring the joy
and happiness of Jesus to everyone we meet,
Day by day. Amen

The streets we will pray for this month are:

The Green, The Nyetimbers, The Orchard, The Parade, The Ridings, The View,
Tithe Barn Close and Tithe Barn Way.

CHRISTMAS MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 16th November 11am - 2pm

Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, PO21 4NJ

Visit Santa in his grotto from 12.30pm

Join us for lunch or a seasonal snack

Shop for original gifts and produce

Take part in festive activities and games

Proceeds to Pagham Parish Church Roof Appeal and Church Funds



Letter to the Parish

It always seems to me that there is always an underlying sadness about November. The month dawns with All Saints' Day when we call to mind the strength of faith of the saints, recognising the energy which gave them the dedication to remain committed to Jesus in the face of adversity. On All Souls' Day we reminisce and give thanks for family and friends no longer with us, who have been a part of our lives, gave encouragement and influenced us as we evolved on our own life journey. Then follows an act of remembrance on Remembrance Sunday. The two minutes silence at eleven o'clock, is but a small gesture to make when one recalls the huge numbers of men and women who have made and sadly, are still making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms and way of life. Nonetheless, it is the least we can do; as it is our not only a duty to bring to mind, but also to uphold what they fought for. It is imperative that we reflect on and attach importance to all who have given their all for us. The things they have done and the characters they have been. Prayers for the fallen are an affirmation of love for our brothers and sisters, as we long for them what we hope for ourselves: peace and light. Remembrance brings the past into reality the and our life at the current time. Memories of the past have some impact on the present and turn us

towards the future. Of course, we feel pain and sorrow and even anger for the events from the past of which remembrance reminds us. Except that without doubt those feelings should also make us stronger in our present activity of trying to lessen suffering and to turn our ire into the joy of creating a better world. However, the greatest deference we can bestow, is to allow our lives to be a testament to the building of a better life for peoples of the world. We must never forget that God's grace and mercy can only live in the world through our actions and faith. If we want the world to change, we must change ourselves and live by those Kingdom values following Jesus. We have to adapt and imitate the two basic principles of God's Kingdom; simply "Love God and love our neighbour as our self." An undertaking which focuses on our individual weaknesses and defies us to think deeply how to improve the actions of our own life. The month begins with significant acts of remembrance. It ends with Advent and a feeling of hope that ultimately God's kingdom will come on earth as it has already come in heaven. So let's not remain low by all the bad news which seems to surround us – instead we can bear testimony to our faith in Christ, that we are loved by God, and that this world is a place where God reigns and that reign is growing in the lives of those who follow his Son, Jesus Christ.

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 3rd November 3.30pm

All are welcome to attend this service when we pray for our loved ones who have died. If you would like someone's name read out, then contact Maureen Hatzfeld – 01243 268576. Refreshments follow the service.

Remembrance Day Service at St. Thomas à Becket 9.45am on Sunday 10th November 2019



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

with demonstrators Lucinda Knapman and Gill Homer

In aid of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice

Saturday 30th November 2019

1.30pm – 4.00pm

Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, PO21 4NJ

Tickets in Advance: £10.00 per person to include afternoon tea

Contact Sue on 01243 262478 or Paula on 01243 584843

The Mulberries present a

50s-00s Rock Night with Limited S

on Saturday 16 November at 7.30pm

at the Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham PO21 4NJ

Tickets in advance £8-00 on 01243 697593

Bring your own food and drink

Wheelchair access

Proceeds to local charities

It's almost Panto time! Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!

Pagham Players present

ALADDIN

at the Pagham Village Hall

Fri 6th December at 7.30pm *with mulled wine and nibbles*

Sat 7th December at 7.00pm *Followed by A Christmas Party*

Tickets: £10, Children £5

Contact Judy on 264622

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.