

### 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  
4.00 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: William Dix, Zelma May, Stanley Woodruff.

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

**January 28th** - *Speaker:* Mimi Bogelund

*Subject:* The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up

*Competition:* Something you can't let go of

**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.

**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*

*for adults tel: 0844 847 7879 for under 18s tel: 0808 802 0808*

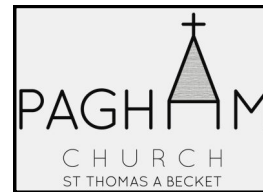
### Worth Domestic Abuse Advisors

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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## Good News January 2020

### Prayer for January

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change,  
we may find rest in your changelessness.

May we meet this new year bravely,  
sure in the faith that, while men come and go,  
and life changes around us,  
you are always the same,  
guiding us with your wisdom  
and protecting us with your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*William Temple*

*(Archbishop of York 1929-42, Archbishop of Canterbury 1942-44)*

**The streets we will pray for this month are:**  
Abbotsbury, A'Beckets Avenue, Anchorage Court,  
Apple Grove.

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by Pauline Purdy.**

### Letter to the Parish

I write on the day that the general election result has been declared. Some of us will be happy with the result, some of us will be disappointed. We look to the future, but do not know what the future holds. What will be the impact on our lives of issues like Brexit and Climate Change? I now look forward to hearing the Queen's Christmas broadcast, and hear her comments on the year that has just passed. In a few minutes the Queen is often able to look back on a year which will have had a mixture of happy and triumphant times as well as tragedies and disappointments. Her message will often include a comment on the ups and downs of her own family life, an expression of hope in confusing situations and also an appeal for respect, tolerance and forgiveness for others even though we might disagree with them. She is a model of impartiality and discretion. She often refers to her own Christian faith, she said 'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad .....I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel'. In the year 2019 there have been problems in her own family, globally there have been many disasters, and it has been a difficult year in our own nation from a political point of view with Brexit dominating everything. One of the most memorable of all royal Christmas broadcasts was given by King George 6th on Christmas Day 1939. George 6th was a shy retiring man who

never wanted to be King, but he was thrust into the role due to the abdication of Edward 8th. He did not like public speaking due to his speech defect. The country was at war, it was a time of great uncertainty and fear, nobody knew what the New Year would bring. But his broadcast that Christmas endeared him to the nation and strengthened the hearts of millions at that terrible time.

The book 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves' published for Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday, has a foreword by the Queen herself. The book says that it was the young Princess Elizabeth at the age of 13 who handed a poem to her father because she thought it might be helpful. It was a poem written by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957), and The King finished his broadcast by reading a verse of the poem: 'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.

And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

Then he closed with his own words 'May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all.'

As we come to the start of a New Year with its unknown future, may that Almighty Hand of God guide and uphold us all.

*Reverend Canon Colin Wood*

**St Thomas a Becket's Men's Group** are hosting

## ***BURNS NIGHT***

on **Friday 17th January 2020 at 7pm** at the **Church Centre**.

*Haggis, tatties and neps, dessert/ cheese, shortbread and a couple of tots of malt whiskey. Dress code Tartan or Tweed.*

A ticket only event, please put your name on the list in Church or via Stephen on 01243 266800.

Tickets are £15 for adults, £7.50 for children under 15.

### **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.

### **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.*

**108c London Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1BD** **[www.mysistershouse.info](http://www.mysistershouse.info)**

**Phone: 01243 697800**

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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.

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.

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