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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

*We worship in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta
and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.*

A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**Please remember to turn off your mobile phone
before our services begin.
Please don't use a mobile phone in church. Pray instead!**

**Please remember to talk to God in prayer before our services begin.
There is plenty of time to talk to each other afterwards.
Your talking may distract someone else's praying.
Please keep a devotional silence.**

Father Richard's contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

Our Churchwardens are:
Peter Maude (churchwardenpeter@gmail.com)
Jennifer Saville (chaplaincywardenjennifer@gmail.com)
They also act as Joint Treasurers.

The Vice-Chairman of the Chaplaincy Council is:
Joan Berry (losbalconeswarden@gmail.com)
Joan is also Honorary Secretary to the Chaplaincy Council.
For Chaplaincy Council matters please use:
chapsec@gmail.com

We take the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults seriously. Our Safeguarding Policy is displayed at La Siesta and Lago Jardín and is available on our website:
<https://www.c-of-e-torre vieja.com/safeguarding-policy/>
Our Safeguarding Officer is Anna Horsnell who can be contacted at
safeguardingtorrevieja@gmail.com

The Congregational Warden at La Siesta is:
Sue Maude (wardenlasiesta@gmail.com)

The Congregational Warden at Lago Jardín is:
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**Nuestra Señora de la Asunción at Los Balcones, our third church,
is closed for a major rebuilding project.**

Home Communions

Father Richard will take Holy Communion to people at home according to their circumstances. This is a privilege and enables for prayer in the home at difficult times and for the communicant to receive Holy Communion at home. Please never hesitate to contact me if you would like Holy Communion at home if you are unable to come to church because of sickness or being housebound.

Here are some guidelines to assist you:

1. If you can, please arrange a surface with a white cloth upon which I can place the Blessed Sacrament. If this is difficult please do not worry too much but it is appreciated.

2. The Priest will not enter into general conversation until after the celebration which lasts about ten minutes. Then he would appreciate a cup of tea and chat with you but if your circumstances don't allow, please do not worry.
3. Please consider giving a donation to the Church for the Priest's ministry. He will have had to drive to you and it also enables you to give your weekly collection to support the priestly ministry in the parish / chaplaincy. This means there can be a Priest available for you and for others with a priestly presence in the parish / chaplaincy. It is a long-established custom – if you can – to make an offering to the Church in thankfulness for the ministry of the Church.
4. You don't have to tidy up before the priest arrives! Just prepare spiritually for an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist by being prayerful before his arrival.

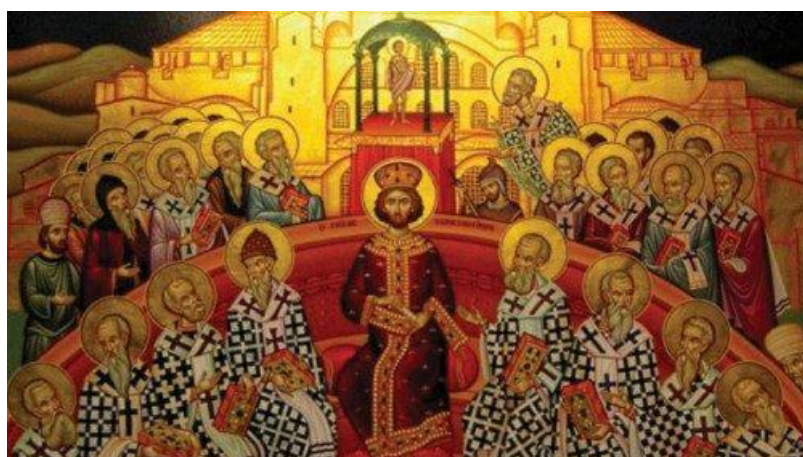
Father Richard writes:

Dear friends

OUR LENT COURSE THIS YEAR

will be the first of two I am leading this year about the Nicene Creed, the Creed we proclaim during the Holy Eucharist which was formulated in 325 AD. Therefore, it is the 1700th anniversary of the Creed this year. We profess the Creed each week. But how much do you really know about it? How much do you understand it? Why is it important? Have you ever

thought about its significance in the light of our faith?



The first course will be during Lent and will be an introduction to more exploration later this year.

The sessions will be as follows and will take place from 1600 – 1700 Spain time:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday 10 th March | Introduction |
| Monday 17 th March | The nature of faith |
| Monday 24 th March | The history of the Church's creeds |
| Monday 31 st March | Why the creeds matter |
| Monday 7 th April | The role of creeds in liturgy |

They will take place via Zoom. Please do contact me if you would like to take part.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Each Chaplaincy has an electoral roll. This is a list of people attached to the Chaplaincy (it is not a membership list) who wish to be officially associated with the Chaplaincy. It enables them to attend and vote at the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting which this year is on Tuesday 1st April at 1030 at La Siesta Church.

The Electoral Roll has to be renewed every year and every six years we have to construct a new roll from scratch.

If you would like to be on the new roll (and fulfil the qualifications set out to be on it) please see or contact Alan Bannon who is the Electoral Roll Officer. The email address you should use for this is: erotorrevieja@yahoo.com or see him in church. You need to fill in and sign the form and return it to him by Sunday 2nd March. **Any forms received after midnight on that day will not be accepted.**

The qualifications are:

Under the Church Representation Rules, a lay person is entitled to have his or her name entered on the roll, if the person is

- a. baptised,*
- b. aged 16 or over, and*
- c. has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.*

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

You can be on two electoral rolls. If you are on a parish electoral roll in the UK or Ireland, you can also be on this roll. That is for those who do not reside all the time in Spain but are part of our chaplaincy.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan in the first instance.

May the Lord bless you all.

Father Richard

DATES AHEAD:

Tuesday 4th March

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY 12 noon LA SIESTA

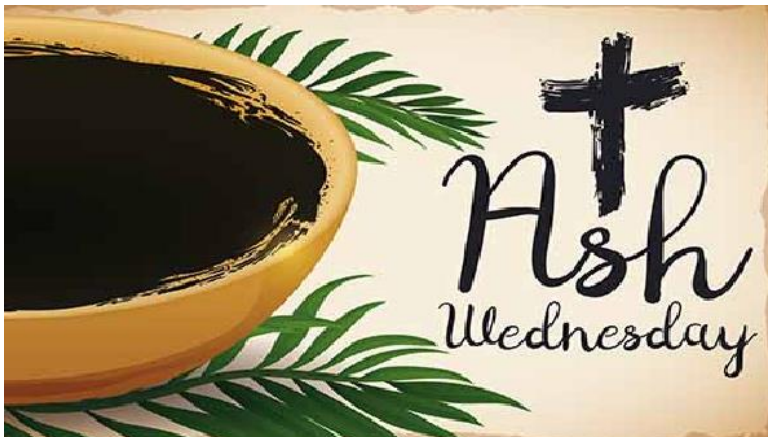


Our annual Pancake Party at La Siesta is always a great occasion and one of our big social and fundraising events for our Chaplaincy. Cake stall, raffle, tea and coffee on arrival and a chance to socialise. Soup and bread, followed by Father Richard's pancakes. This year we are going to have Pancake Tossing competition afterwards! Bring your own frying pan please for

this. Tickets available from Sue Maude at 8 euros. We have this because the next day is:

Wednesday 5th March ASH WEDNESDAY

*****DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE*****



Please start returning your palm crosses from last year. Father Richard burns these to make the ash for the imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday is an important day for us all as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for our celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist:

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| 1030 | La Siesta | Mass with Imposition of Ashes |
| 1700 | Lago Jardín | Mass with Imposition of Ashes |

You are invited to consider what Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent means for us all and begin this season well by participating in the Eucharist.



The final draw for this year has taken place. The winners were:

1st prize of 20€. Keith Palmer, number 76

2nd prize of 15€. Moira Corfield, number 8 *Donated to church funds*

3rd prize of 10€. Sue Brassington, number 20.

Thank you to all who have supported this in any way.

The subscriptions for 2025 are now due.

It costs 20€ per number per annum and you can have as many numbers as you like. The total amount collected is split into three parts with one third going to the chaplaincy funds, one third to the Mission Possible charity that we support and one third is prize money. The more people we have supporting this, the more we have to share out.

There are six main draws per annum and one, single prize at Christmas.

If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please follow the instructions in the newsletter re transferring money to the chaplaincy.

Do please mark it clearly *100 Club* so that the treasurer is aware and notify Joan Berry also.

Joan Berry and Moira Corfield will be pleased to accept your subscription at either La Siesta Church or Lago Jardin Church.

The collection of subscriptions will be from 2nd February until 2nd March with the first draw taking place in March.

Thank you for your support.

Joan Berry

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
 2. You give through the UK gift aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer.
 3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.**
 4. You can make an offset against your Spanish tax
 5. if you are Spanish tax payer.
- One off donations are gratefully received.

For more information contact Father Richard or the Churchwardens.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell.

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

UK Bank details. Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Address : Tufton Street, London Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

God bless you all for your support. *Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)*

GIVING ONLINE:

<https://givealittle.co/c/3yXhRUWebr0Vqwf1OSVyV8>

GIVING BY QR CODE, APPLE PAY, GOOGLE WALLET:

Hover over the QR code and go from there!

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Thank you!





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

In this Chaplaincy...

The Chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is offered for those who wish to receive it. Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen** before consuming the Sacred Host. The words "The Blood of Christ" are said to which you say **Amen** before receiving from the Chalice. The Chalice is optional.

INTINCTION IS NOT PERMITTED FOR HEALTH AND HYGIENE REASONS.

ONGOING INFORMATION FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES SERVICES ARE SHARED BETWEEN LAGO JARDÍN AND LA SIESTA

Los Balcones, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción
remains closed for re-building.

Services in the Chaplaincy:

| Date | Time | | Church |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday 2 nd February | 1130 | The Presentation of the Lord | La Siesta |
| Saturday 8 th February | 1700 | | La Siesta |
| Sunday 9 th February | 1130 | | Lago Jardín |
| Sunday 16 th February | 1130 | | La Siesta |
| Saturday 22 nd February | 1700 | | La Siesta |
| Sunday 23 rd February | 1130 | | Lago Jardín |
| Sunday 2 nd March | 1130 | | La Siesta |
| Wednesday 5 th March | 1030 | ASH WEDNESDAY | La Siesta |
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| Saturday 8 th March | 1700 | | La Siesta |
| Sunday 9 th March | 1130 | | Lago Jardín |
| Sunday 16 th March | 1130 | | La Siesta |
| Saturday 22 nd March | 1700 | | La Siesta |
| Sunday 23 rd March | 1130 | | Lago Jardín |
| Saturday 29 th March | 1700 | | La Siesta |
| Sunday 30 th March | 1130 | | Lago Jardín |
| Sunday 6 th April | 1130 | | La Siesta |

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

burns this week for: The Chaplaincy. If you would like to dedicate the Blessed Sacrament for a week for a person, an intention, or in memory of a departed loved one, please see Father Richard. The cost is five euros for the week.



Father Richard's Prayer List for February 2025:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time: Moira Corfield, Michael Elliott, Lewis Elliott, Linda Thompson, Luke Thompson, David, Jamie Hill, Ed White, Rhys Miles, Gwen Simmons, Eileen Shaw, Sandra and Terry Harbut, Clíodhna pronounced Cliona Leydon, Jaime pronounced Jamie Mack, John Sunderland, Chris Hughes, Raj Panchal, Anna and Dick Horsnell, David Horsnell, Peter John, Martin Skillen, Paul McNab, Father Barry Smart, Gwyneth Manning, Lesley Critchley. *Please help Father Richard by letting him know when people can be taken off the prayer list. Please notify Father Richard of any corrections.*

Please pray for the recently departed:

Those killed as a result of the conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, Lebanon and Gaza.
+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.

If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.'

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant;
the LORD, the valiant in war.

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?
He, the LORD of hosts,
he is the king of glory.

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.'

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia.
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

'The child grew, filled with wisdom.'

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and

then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

Homily

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.





The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have
known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by
His + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.