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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

The Church of England worshipping 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 October 2022

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



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

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. Obviously Covid circumstances are taken into consideration.

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

As I write this we are looking forward to our Spanish evening organised by Sue Brassington and Joan Berry at Sue's house. In advance – as I know these events always go well – a big thank you to the effort and work of Joan and Sue for this; for Sue hosting it at her house; and for everyone's help, kindness, and support. More information once we have had the event!

This Sunday is our Harvest Festival and we will gratefully receive gifts of tinned and packeted, non-perishable food items and Liz Shouksmith will take these to Reach Out for their wonderful work in Torrevieja. Please give as generously as you can to feed those in need in our area.

The All Souls' Day obit list is available for you to write the names of those you would like remembered in prayer on All Souls' Day. You can find it at the back of the church. Please write names in BLOCK CAPITALS to ensure they read out correctly. Thank you.

(The final piece on the S of prayer "supplication" is still a work in progress!)

God bless you all.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard

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 can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis - and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy - this helps us budget more effectively.**

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

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)





We are always grateful for your giving to the Chaplaincy. It is the main way by which the Priestly Ministry and Chaplaincy life is sustained. Without your giving there would be no Chaplaincy. Thank you to all who give so generously.

If you don't already, please would you consider a monthly standing order to either our UK to Spanish bank accounts? This would help us enormously in our financial planning.

It means your giving happens on a regular basis and we would be so grateful for this. Think of what the Chaplaincy means not only to you but the wider church community and the Church of England presence in this area.

Please see Peter or Jennifer or send Father Richard an email if you could help. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND GENEROUSLY ABOUT THIS.



Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd and Pickled Onions and Jill's Homemade Marmalade

Sue Brassington is selling *made to order* homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like order some. Thank you, Sue! (She also taking orders for pickled onions available in six weeks.) Jill Dorsett is receiving orders for homemade marmalade. Thank you, Jill!



DATES AHEAD:



Sunday 2nd October HARVEST FESTIVAL 1130 HOLY EUCHARIST

You are invited to bring gifts of tinned and packet goods for distribution Reach Out. Please bring them in plenty of time so they can arranged in front of the altar. Thank you.

**Tuesday 1st
November**
ALL SAINTS' DAY
1130 Holy Eucharist
*The Church's day of
praise and
thanksgiving for all
the holy men and
women of every
time and place now
interceding for us in
heavenly glory. Please make a special effort to celebrate
their witness and place in the life of the Church.*



Wednesday 2nd November
ALL SOULS' DAY
1130 Requiem Mass
*On this day the Church prays for
the holy souls gone before us. It is
an important day to remember
our loved ones at the altar in
prayer. Please place the names of the faithful departed on the
sheet at the back of church and please write their name in **BLOCK
CAPITALS**. They will be remembered in prayer and please come and
pray for them that day too.*

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We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.
If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home.

Holy Communion will still be administered in one kind for the time being.
This will change in the near future.
You will be able to line up for Holy Communion instead of coming up individually.
Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen**
before consuming the Sacred Host.
Regarding the sharing of the Sign of Peace,
we will remain with the status quo for the time being.

POST-PANDEMIC INFORMATION

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. *In due course the Chaplaincy Council will decide the way forward. However, as the Church is being used to store so much stuff from Los Balcones we will need to wait.*
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

Sunday 2 nd October	1130 – HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Saturday 8 th October	1700
Sunday 16 th October	1130
Saturday 22 nd October	1700
Saturday 29 th October	1700
Tuesday 1 st November	1130 - ALL SAINTS
Wednesday 2 nd November	1130 - ALL SOULS
Sunday 6 th November	1130
Saturday 12 th November	1700 – EVE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Sunday 20 th November	1130
Saturday 26 th November	1700 – VIGIL MASS OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The live-streamed liturgies continue in a limited form now:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 1 st October	1700	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 2 nd October	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Monday 3 rd October	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 8 th October	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 9 th October	1100	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until Los Balcones is re-opened) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

Father Richard's Prayer List for October 2022:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this

time: Val Donkin in extremis, Finn Husebekk in extremis,

Debbie von Niekerk, Ingrid Boutier, Martin Skillen, Pat

Dooley, Solveig Pettersson, Bill Bennion, Karen Moon,

William McDonald, Jennifer Saville, Wendy, Liz Shouksmith, Paul McNab, David, Anne John,

Lesley Critchley, Charlie Smith, David, Patricia Gilbert, Marie Creighton, Jennifer Moody, Erol

Moody, Faras, Justin Clarke, Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen

Simmons, Isaac Jalal, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Gerry Hopkins,

Eileen Catlin.



Please pray for the recently departed:

Helge Pettersson, *Priest*

Those killed as a result of the conflict in Ukraine.

+ 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).

Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.

Sunday 2nd October 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness

surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

The upright man will live by his faithfulness

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'
Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,

the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or:

1P1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord remains for ever.
What is this word?
It is the Good News that has been brought to you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Say, 'We are merely servants'

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"

Homily

"If they could only see me now." What would our parents or friends think of us if they saw how we behaved in various circumstance, whether we were generous or mean. Many feel this need for the opinion by others, especially to be valued or praised. Unless there's an audience of some kind to validate us, we hardly think it worthwhile to make the effort. How easy it is to dress up things with a veneer of virtue. Yet only God sees the heart and knows our thoughts.

The opinions of others do matter to some extent. But what counts in the long run is not human opinion but how God sees us. Nothing compares with that judgment. The basic issue is whether we have been authentic human beings. Because of fidelity, the righteous will live. Life in the state of grace, does not depend on social reputation, but on our inner quality. As Paul says, one cannot even fully judge oneself. About righteousness, we can only trust in God's mercy, while making an honest effort to do what is right. Then the principle applies: "for those who loves God, all things work together unto good."

If we did things simply for God's approval, would we be exploited by others? So we won't commit to being just and generous until others doing so too. The rat-race is nobody's fault, and yet it's everybody's. Social solidarity can only begin when individuals choose it for its own sake. "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask rather what you can do for your country." Ultimately, this is the way to salvation. When our race has been run, and the Master comes to judge our service, only those who have been generous will feel at home in God's company. Then we will see that this was the right way to live. "Well done good and faithful servant," and we will say "It was no more than our duty."

Unprofitable servants? A better word might be "*ordinary*". The servants had just done their job, what was expected; they made their due contribution to life, to God and to others. With Jesus as our guide, we would do this as normal. The standards he sets for us are high. Our lives will be worthwhile and noble, if we also choose them for ourselves.



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.**