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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.

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th July 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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.**

Father Richard's usual working pattern is Sunday mornings, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Emails sent to him will be answered on these days. He is available on these days. He is, of course, able to be contacted at any time for funerals and emergencies.

Jill's Homemade Marmalade

Jill Dorsett is now selling homemade marmalade after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you, Jill!

Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd

Sue Brassington is now selling homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you, Sue!

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

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

You can give in the plate each week.

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.

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.

From the Churchwardens:

Dear Friends in Christ

It is lovely to see many of you coming to church once more. We still have our COVID regulations in force and distancing which makes La Siesta Church a very safe place to be for you to worship in so we would encourage all those who are considering returning to do so and try it for yourself. We are sure that, if you are still staying at home, you are missing your Holy Communion. At the moment we receive only the Sacred Host and in that we receive the fullness of the Blessed Sacrament when we make our Holy Communion. Our team of volunteers who clean and disinfect the church pay a great deal of attention to their duties and we thank them wholeheartedly for their dedication.

Father Richard can now, at a suitable distance, have a chat with you outside after the service and he would love to see you again.

A big, big thank you to all who have taken out standing orders. It has helped us a great deal in budgeting and planning. You may not be aware that we have paid our Common Fund payment of €4626.88 ahead of the scheduled date to receive a discount. We have also had to pay €617.10 for repairs to the plumbing system in the Chaplaincy office and we will have some Archdeaconry dues later this year. We really wish to encourage you to think about paying by standing order for us to plan our expenditure. The bank details are provided below. If you need help with this, we are here to show you how to set up a Standing Order.

Thank you to those who are giving in and saving up their collections in Gift Aid envelopes. This also is a great help as we can benefit from the tax return on these. WELL DONE everybody! We are continuing to keep the chaplaincy going and with Gods help we will survive this pandemic and all be together once more.

Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell. IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414
BSAB ESBB / Capellana Anglicana de Torrevieja

UK Bank details. Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund
Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39.

Best wishes and thank you.

Jennifer and Peter



Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved. If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home. You will be recorded as attending for track and trace purposes. A STRICT TWO METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE IS IN PLACE. You will be shown to and escorted from your seat. Thank for your understanding and co-operation.

THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.

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 as we begin again in limited circumstances.

Future celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at La Siesta are:

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| Sunday 4 th July | 1130 – <i>Father Richard also celebrates twenty-eight years of being ordained to the Sacred Priesthood</i> |
| Saturday 10 th July | 1700 |
| Sunday 18 th July | 1130 |
| Saturday 24 th July | 1700 |
| Sunday 1 st August | 1130 |
| Saturday 7 th August | 1700 |
| Sunday 15 th August | 1130 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

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.

"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April 2020. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.

100 Club. The draw for July was held during the Patronal Festival lunch.

1st prize €30, number 80. Eddie Templman (via Jill Dorsett)
 2nd prize €20, number 96. Joan Berry (re-donated to Chaplaincy funds)
 3rd prize €10, number 12. Gareth Griffiths, Lago Jardin Church.

The raffle at the lunch raised €100. Thank you to all who donated items, to Sue Brassington for putting the prizes together so artistically and to those who purchased

tickets. The winners were; Sandra Harbut, Mikki Crouch, David Fairbrother, Sue Brassington and Gwen Simmons.

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

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| Saturday 3 rd July | 1700 | Evening Prayer | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Sunday 4 th July | 1130 | Holy Eucharist | <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> |
| | 1800 | Evening Prayer | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Monday 5 th July | 1800 | Evening Prayer | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Tuesday 6 th July | 1800 | Evening Prayer | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Wednesday 7 th July | 0930 | Holy Eucharist | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| | 1800 | Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Thursday 8 th July | 0930 | Holy Eucharist | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| | 1800 | Evening Prayer | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Friday 9 th July | <i>No live-streaming.</i> | | |
| Saturday 10 th July | 1700 | Holy Eucharist | <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> |
| Sunday 11 th July | 1100 | Holy Eucharist | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| | 1800 | Evening Prayer | <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 social distancing rules change) 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.

The Chaplain’s Prayer List for June 2021:

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

Baby Alex, Carol, Brian, David, Peter John, Terry, John Mileham, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Danny Gidman, Cassie Sampson, Father Terence, Sue Brassington, Jean Stacey, Gerry Hopkins, Father Helge, Solveig Petterson, Eileen Catlin; for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Andrew Watts RIP, Angela Dewey RIP.

For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.

+ 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.

Father Richard's Study Group... meets, via Zoom, on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Please contact Father Richard if you would like to take part – all are welcome.

Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

or,

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

Sunday 4th July 2021

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

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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

Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122(123)

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God

till he show us his mercy.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul

with the scorn of the rich,

with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Or:

Lk4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they

heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Homily

When family members leave home for the first time to make some kind of a home of their own it can be a very difficult experience for all the family. The one leaving will often have mixed feelings, wanting to strike out and become independent and yet feeling the pain of leaving loved ones. Parents will often have the same mixed feelings, happy that their son or daughter is ready to move on and yet knowing that they will miss them very much. In contrast to partings, homecomings are more likely to be very happy experiences for all involved. Yet, homecomings can also be complicated affairs. The one returning for a visit may have changed significantly since leaving home, and those at home may have changed too. There can be certain expectations all round that are more appropriate to how things were in the past than to how things have become in the meantime. Adjusting to the changes that have taken place while the family member was away can be a challenge for everyone.

In today's gospel, Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth, having left there some time previously. He had spent the best part of thirty years in Nazareth. During that time he was known by all as the carpenter, the son of Mary. However, since leaving Nazareth, Jesus' life had taken a new direction. He had thrown himself into the work that God had given him to do. He had left Nazareth as a carpenter; he returned as a teacher and a healer. There was in fact much more to Jesus than his own townspeople had ever suspected while he was living among them. The gospel suggests that they could not accept this 'more'; they rejected him. They wanted him to be the person they had always known; they would not allow him to move on from that. Jesus' homecoming turned out to be more painful than his leaving home. God's unique Son who proclaimed the presence of God's kingdom was experienced by the people of Nazareth as a thorn in the flesh, to use an image from today's second reading.

The people of Nazareth thought they knew Jesus. The image they had of him, which they held on to with great tenacity, became a block to their learning more about him. We too can easily assume that we know someone, when, in reality, we only know one side to them. We can form strong opinions about people on the basis of past experiences. We can become so attached to these opinions that even when the evidence is there to challenge them, we are completely unmoved. There was more to Jesus than the people of Nazareth were aware of. Indeed there is always more to every human being than we are aware of. That is true even of those we would claim to know well, such as family members and good friends. We are each made in God's image. There is a profound mystery to each one of us. We can never fully probe the mystery of another person's life. We each need to approach everyone with the awareness that there is more here than I can see. It was Jesus' very ordinariness that made it difficult for the people of Nazareth to see him as he really was, in all his mystery. God was powerfully present to them in and through someone who was as ordinary, in many respects,

as they themselves. God continues to come to us today in and through the ordinary, in and through those who are most familiar to us. In the religious sphere there can be a certain fascination with the extraordinary and the unusual. The gospels suggest that the primary way the Lord comes to us is in and through the everyday. This is what we mean by the incarnation. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The ordinary is shot through with God's presence.

The Lord can even come to us in and through what we initially experience as something very negative. St Paul made this discovery for himself, according to our second reading today. He struggled with what he called a thorn in the flesh. It is not easy to know what he means by this. Whatever it was, Paul wanted to be rid of it. He saw no good in it and he prayed earnestly to the Lord to take it from him, fully expecting that his prayer would be heard. Paul's prayer was answered, but not in the way he had expected. In prayer he came to realize that God was powerfully present in and through this thorn in the flesh. When we find ourselves struggling with something inside ourselves or with something outside ourselves, some person perhaps, we can be tempted to see the struggle as totally negative and just want to be rid of it. Like Paul, however, we can discover that this difficult experience is opening us up to God's presence. The very thing we judge to be of little or no value can create a space for God to work powerfully in our lives. There is something of a paradox in what Paul hears the risen Lord say to him, 'My power is at its best in weakness.' It is often when we most feel life as a struggle that God can touch our lives most powerfully and creatively.

The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

With confidence and trust in God's mercy we turn to our loving Father with our prayers for all in need:

For all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they may continue to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all people. *(pause)* Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are struggling with faith, or are persecuted for their faith, that God's grace will strengthen them and give them renewed hope. *(pause)* Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer bullying or intimidation, that Christ, who was belittled by his own people, may grant them resilience of mind and peace of heart. *(pause)* Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own Eucharistic community, that we may challenge the cynical and the sceptical and give prophetic witnesses to our world. *(pause)* Lord, hear our prayer.

For the neglected, the housebound, the sick and those who are terminally ill, that they will know the Lord's comfort and support. *(pause)* Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that Christ may welcome them into his kingdom, where insult, hardship and persecution are no more, and grace is brought to perfection. *(pause)* Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we ask you to continue to watch over the lives of your people. Hear our prayers and grant that we may draw closer to you each day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Hymn: <https://youtu.be/QPZn-4ZyGJI>



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.**