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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**

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**THIRTY-SECOND 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.**

**Please remember to turn off your mobile phone  
before our services begin.**

**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.**

### 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:**

November, in the life of the Church, has a distinct character. It encompasses the last weeks of the liturgical year and is known as the month of the Holy Souls.



It is a month of remembrance. We've already remembered with high praise and thanksgiving the Saints of God. We have remembered our loved ones on All Souls' Day and on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday – "We will remember them." In November we pray for the Holy Souls and pray that they may live for ever in the light of God's eternity. The last Sunday

of the liturgical year – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – reminds us that Christ is King of all the world, the universe and everything. His reign is universal and everlasting. This leads us into Advent – which begins in November this year – and we are reminded that Christ will come again in great glory and the dead shall be raised to new life. November looks to the end. For Christians, the end has no fear because it is full of light. This is a hope we have to hold out to a world often consumed by darkness. Give thanks to God for this hope.

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 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! Jill Dorsett is receiving orders for homemade marmalade. Thank you, Jill!



DATES AHEAD:

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1700 Holy Eucharist at La Siesta**



***The Eve of Remembrance Sunday so our Eucharistic celebration will include the customary Act of Remembrance and other prayers.***

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1130 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

**As Advent begins we gather to listen to Sacred Scripture and sing Advent carols during this time of preparation for the comings of Christ - his first in Bethlehem, his second on the last day. *This will be followed by lunch at a local restaurant. More details to follow.***



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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 6 <sup>th</sup> November	1130
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	1700 – EVE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	1130 – LITURGY OF THE WORD
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	1700 – VIGIL MASS OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	1130 – ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1130
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	1130 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1700
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1130
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening, TBC – NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2330 – MIDNIGHT MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>0930 – Please note the time</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	1130

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:

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / 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.



### **Father Richard's Prayer List for October 2022:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:* David Doig, Charlotte, Val Donkin, Finn Husebekk *in extremis*, Debbie von Niekerk, Ingrid Boutier, Martin Skillen, Pat Dooley, Bill Bennion, Karen Moon, William McDonald, Liz Shouksmith, Paul McNab, David, Anne John, Lesley Critchley, Charlie Smith, David, Patricia Gilbert, Marie Creighton, Justin Clarke, Peter John, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Gerry Hopkins.

*Please help Father Richard by letting him know when people can be taken off the prayer list.*

### **Please pray for the recently departed:**

*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 6 November 2022**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 87: 3**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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### **Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.  
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.

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**First reading****2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14****'The King of the world will raise us up to live for ever'**

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

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**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 16(17):1,5-6,8,15**

*I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*

Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips.

*I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

*I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*

Guard me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me in the shadow of your wings  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

*I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*



## Second reading

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5**

### **May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

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## Gospel Acclamation

**Lk21:36**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.  
Alleluia!

## Or:

**Rv1:5,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ is the First-born from the dead:  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

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## Gospel

**Luke 20:27-38**

### **He is God, not of the dead, but of the living**

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the

passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

### **Homily**

We would think it foolish to set out on a journey without knowing where we were going. In a broad sense, of course, our pilgrimage through life is largely a path into the unknown, a journey towards the destiny God sets for us. The Maccabee family whose martyrdom is reported in the first reading, believed very firmly that God had a place for them beyond death. The faith in the after-life expressed by each of them at the point of death is the most explicit in non-Christian Jewish literature. During this month of the Holy Souls, it is good to recall our faith in the resurrection of the body, and the our Church's teaching about those who have gone before us and what kind of help we can hope to give them.

Jesus promises at the Last Supper. "In my Father's house there are many rooms and I am going to prepare a place for you." While this offers us great hope it should not make us complacent, for we are daily challenged to choose between right and wrong, in order to follow the Lord of Life. If we do not live as God wants we feel an inner sense of unease. In his epic poem "The Dream of Gerontius" Saint John Henry Newman described Purgatory as a healing process, preparing us for God's presence. He imaginse the anguish in the souls of the departed because of their awareness of sins they have committed. But the Lord is there to heal that soul and draw us into heaven. This is what we pray for the Holy Souls in this month of November.

A trick question was put to Jesus in the form of a cynical riddle. His critics questioned the existence of an after-life by the implausible tale of a woman who outlived her seven husbands, to embarrass Jesus and test his wits. In the afterlife, presumably we will be free of the bodily needs and appetites of our present experience. We will be like children in God's presence, fully content, no longer needing what we need in this world.

The human heart feels an an inherent longing for the after-life. But the realm of the dead is what Shakespeare memorably called "The undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Though nobody comes back to confirm it for us, through Jesus we believe it is real, just the same. As Paul said: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart to imagine what God has in store for those who love him."



## 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.**