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THE CHAPLAIN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th December 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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.**

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.

THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

Church services have resumed in accordance with Spanish Law, the advice of the Bishops of the Diocese, the advice of the Spanish Episcopal Conference and FEREDE.

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 until April 2021. 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:

Sunday 6 th December	1130
Saturday 12 th December	1700
Sunday 20 th December	1130
Friday 25 th December	1030 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Sunday 27 th December	1400 – Please note the change in time
Sunday 3 rd January	1130
Saturday 9 th January	1700
Sunday 17 th January	1130
Saturday 23 rd January	1700
Saturday 30 th January	1700

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. You can see and hear me but I cannot see you.

We will very much be adopting a hybrid approach for the foreseeable future.

On the Sundays where there is a Mass at La Siesta, there will be a live-streamed Mass on Saturdays at 1700 so that those unable to come to church will still be able to see Mass celebrated.

On the Saturdays where there is a Mass at La Siesta, there will be a live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 1100 so that those unable to come to church will still be able to see Mass celebrated.

The weekday live-streams will continue. The general pattern is:

Monday	1100	EP	1800
Tuesday	0930	EP	1800
Wednesday	1100	EP and Rosary	1800
Thursday	0930	EP	1800
Friday	no live stream (Father Richard's rest day)		
Saturday	no live stream in the morning, Mass when indicated.		

There will also be a liturgy still included in the weekly sheet for those unable to access the internet. This means there will be "physical" worship, live-streamed worship and "printed" worship.



Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.

The list of full instructions can be obtained from Father Richard, the Churchwardens, the Secretary or Joan Berry. 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.

Under present regulations, the maximum number permitted at La Siesta is 32.

You need to let Sue Maude know (wardenlasiesta@gmail.com) each week if you are coming.

This is so we can implement the regulations correctly.

Worship for the week ahead: PLEASE NOTE THE SEVERAL CHANGES THIS WEEK

Sunday 6 th Dec	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 7 th Dec		<i>No live-streaming</i>	
Tuesday 8 th Dec	0900	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
		(1000 Live-streamed Mass from Walsingham for the Immaculate Conception)	
	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Wednesday 9 th Dec		<i>No live-streaming</i>	
Thursday 10 th Dec	0930	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
		<i>No live-streamed Evening Prayer</i>	
Friday 11 th Dec	0930	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
		<i>No live-streamed Evening Prayer</i>	
Saturday 12 th Dec	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta</i>
Sunday 13 th Dec	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>

Father Richard writes:

Advent continues. I pray that it may be a time of waiting and listening, growth and reflection, charity and wholeness as we prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord and look forward to his coming again in glory to judge us all.

Let's all continue to pray for each other in generosity, love and charity. Let us ask the Lord for his guidance. Be assured that your prayers are joined with the saints, especially Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God and our patrons, Ss Peter and Paul.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard

DATES AHEAD / SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Christmas Hamper – 1st prize: a Christmas hamper, second prize: wine. A card with numbered squares will be in church from **Sunday 15th November** and each turn costs 2€. The lucky square will be drawn on **Saturday 12th December**.

Donations of chocolate, biscuits or bottled spirits (we have sufficient bottles of wine) or other Christmas produce would be appreciated by Saturday 21st November so that the hamper can be put together. **Fundraiser.**

Tuesday 15th December

CHAPLAINCY CHRISTMASS QUIZ at the Olive Tree Restaurant, San Miguel de Salinas

Minimum number required twenty people; maximum number possible thirty people because of regulations and social-distancing. Please give names to Sandra Harbut as soon as possible. The cost is €15 (which does not include a tip). A deposit is required to secure your place (which will be refunded if it is necessary to cancel because of any lockdown.) Sandra has the menu. Jill is organising the quiz. This is usually a very popular event so don't delay in getting a ticket. There will be a raffle and donations of prizes are requested. **Fundraiser.**

Please try to support these efforts to raise funds for the on-going work of the Chaplaincy.

Monday 21st December (at La Siesta Church)

1800 A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS (at La Siesta Church)

Again, this will have to be different this year. However, it will be followed by a Chaplaincy Christmass Dinner at La Cosecha Restaurant between Benijofar and Algorfa. **We can arrange car transport from La Siesta after the Carol Service if you are not sure how to get there.** It is a three course Christmass menu or you can order from the a La Carte Menu and the cost is €18.95. It includes drinks. The dinner is at 8 p.m. Names to Liz Shouksmith and it has to be paid for in advance (not including tip.). Liz has more details.

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!

Some aids to worship:

For Evening Prayer, if you wish to join in the common texts they are follows:

Angelus – *see later in the newsletter*

Introduction - + O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Alleluia!

Magnificat: + **My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

**His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.**

**He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.**

He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.

**He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

"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. 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.



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 December 2020:

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

Laura Riquez and her family, Keith Simmons, Luke Thompson, Andrew, Kathryn Moore, Fr Brian, Andrew, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Danny Gidman, Denise Taylor, Dorothy Hanson, Eileen Catlin, Father Helge, Solveig Pettersson, Gwen Simmons, Gerry Hopkins, Benjamin Saville, for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

Please pray for the recently departed:

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... will resume when we can.

From the Churchwardens:

It has been so good to see so many of our congregations returning to Church and we thank the dedicated team who prepare for worship and deep clean afterwards. We must also thank those who have been putting their giving away and have now brought it back to Church. This is really needed as is the continued giving to maintain the life of our Chaplaincy. The ideal for the Chaplaincy would be for people to set up standing orders or direct debits. This allows us to have a good idea of what we can expect to receive and plan our finances.

If you feel you can manage to set up a standing order. The bank details to do this are as follows:

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. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied.

Thank you so very much for your help,

Peter and Jennifer

Farewells

Last week we said farewell to Ian and Wendy Sharpe. We shall miss them very much and they thank us for the Amazon voucher for GBP130 we presented to them last Wednesday.

Derek and Irene King have returned to the UK and we hope and pray they will settle down into their new home there.

NOTICE REGARDING HOUSE LETTING IN LA FUENTE

Isaac Jalal (one of our worshippers at Los Balcones when he is in Spain) is offering his house in La Fuente to an honest and suitable couple who might to live in it for the time being. Sadly Isaac isn't very well at the moment and can't travel to Spain but, out of kindness, contacted Father Richard to see if anyone knows of anyone looking for accommodation at the moment. Please contact Isaac directly at interlynx@live.co.uk if you know of anyone. It is really important, obviously, the right and trustworthy people are found. Thank you.

The 100 Club from January to December 2021

The details of this have been in the newsletter for a few weeks. The final date for the payment of subscriptions is **6th December**.

Please give your money to Joan Berry, Jill Dorsett or one of the Church wardens.

Joan Berry
Organiser

bjoan311@gmail.com

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.

Prayer resources

1. Look at the pages of the Church Union, a well-established organisation in the Church of England: <https://www.churchunion.co.uk/news.php>
2. You are invited to say the *Angelus* at 0600 (!), or better still 1200 and 1800. The services of livestreamed Evening Prayer begin with this.
3. Lastly, and most importantly, make a Spiritual Communion. There is more about this in this newsletter.
4. *Praying at home with the Blessed Virgin Mary*
The Society of Mary has produced a booklet of readings, reflections and prayers that focus on some of the themes that are important at these times; and how Mary is an example for us, as well as someone who prays with us and for us.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SoM_May_2020_Marian_Devotional_Booklet.pdf
5. Devotions and Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
https://www.sswsh.com/uploads/Sacred_Heart_of_Jesus_Devotions_and_Prayers.pdf
6. Praying in Church.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Praying_in_Church_FINAL.pdf
7. Praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Blessed_Sacrament_Resource_FINAL.pdf
8. A series of homilies. **Homilies from an SSC Priest**
As lockdown began, it became clear that the way in which we worshipped as communities, and the way in which we taught the faith were going to have to change. This is a series of homilies by one priest of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) who ministers in North London.
In this series he explores through the great Feasts of the Church's year just how the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on our faith.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SSC_priest_homilies.pdf
9. A booklet on the Rosary from the Society of Mary, a devotional society in the Church of England.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Rosary_Resource_SoM.pdf
10. Responding to the psalms, a devotional resource (attached this newsletter).
11. From the Guild of All Souls, *Praying for the sick, dying, departed and bereaved*.
https://www.guildofallsouls.org.uk/uploads/7/0/6/7/7067171/praying_for_the_sick_dying_departed_and_bereaved_-_nov_2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0flfh-QBXR1Me5O9QbTfpFzZkr8bnmq-EMOGSpHyB7FRWSvCrkij3u1s
12. From the Church Union: *O Radiant Dawn* – A resource for Advent
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/O_Radiant_Dawn_final_version.pdf
13. *Saints of the month - DECEMBER*
Although we are praying and worshipping in our homes, we never pray alone. We pray with the Church around the world and our prayers are joined with those of the company of heaven. In this booklet there are a selection of biographies of saints and

holy people whose feast days occur this month, as well as prayers you might find helpful.

https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Saints_of_the_Month_December_FINAL.pdf

IMPORTANT LETTER ABOUT CHRISTMASS IN THE CHAPLAINCY FROM FATHER RICHARD

Dear friends

May the Lord find us all watching and waiting this Advent. The Lord be with you.

Christmass this year will be, for obvious reasons, different. At the moment, we are limited to thirty-two people at La Siesta. This may change on December 9th when the Comunidad Valenciana regulations are revisited. However, there will still be limits on capacity.

There are three services at La Siesta for which I recommend you register *as soon as possible* and certainly before December 9th. This will, I hope, give you the assurance of a place at these services. It is best to be prepared now.

Monday 21st December **1800** A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 25th December **1030** Holy Eucharist

Sunday 27th December **1400** Holy Eucharist

Please note the above times.

There is no Midnight Mass this year. We cannot expect people to be cleaning the church at a quarter to one in the morning and, moreover, there is a curfew.

Please would you contact Sue Maude (wardenlasiesta@gmail.com) to make a booking for these services. This means regular worshippers in the Chaplaincy will have an opportunity to book first before the services are more widely publicised.

I thank Sue for managing this.

Thank you for your co-operation.

With my continued prayers at this difficult time,

Yours sincerely
Father Richard

Sunday 6th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.
Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14(Advent)

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will

come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Reflection

The word 'power' can have negative echoes for us, suggesting an overbearing will to dominate others. Isaiah speaks about power of the Lord that in a very different way. God is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them to his breast, and gently leading the ewes who are due to give birth. This is a very tender power, a life-force of faithful and enduring love, a love that gathers and nurtures and reassures. This is the God whom John the Baptist invites us to rediscover this Advent.

It is this God who comes to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. John the Baptist refers to Jesus as "more powerful than I am." Jesus is the powerful one, in the sense that the first

reading defines power. He gives full expression to God's tender love that brings healing to the broken, strength to the weak and rest to the weary. It is this adult Jesus, now risen Lord, whose coming towards us and present to us we celebrate at Christmas. The Baptist calls us this Advent to prepare a way in our lives for the coming of this Lord, this Shepherd, in whom *mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced*. (Responsorial Psalm). This is the God whom we seek this Advent, who can give greater depth to all our other encounters.

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

The Lord will make us prosper, so we present our prayers to God:

1. For a spirit of repentance among all believers, we pray (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
2. For peace with justice, particularly where it most lacking, we pray (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
3. For reconciliation between people who are at war, we pray (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
4. For children, as they prepare to welcome Christ, we pray (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
5. For parents, that they may pass on the precious gift of faith (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
6. For all who are in need, particularly those we think of now (*long pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.
7. For those who have been taken from us in death (especially N and N), we pray (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.

God of mercy, your help is near for those who trust in you: hear the prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLKEHDVbVtw>



THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, FRANCKEN II, FRANS

Antwerp, 1581 - Antwerp, 1642

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.**

THE BISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL

The COVID-19 pandemic has hurt communities throughout the world. Many communities are not equipped with even the most basic of hygiene and sanitation facilities, and lockdown measures have increased economic hardship in the poorest communities with people unable to work. We are raising funds to support virus prevention and emergency relief for vulnerable communities throughout our Anglican family.

The Anglican Communion Fund (ACF) has already begun responding to COVID related needs, allocating over £180,000 across 21 provinces of the Communion. The ACF is supporting the Church in its ministry, providing food relief to the vulnerable, communicating ways of staying safe from the virus, and providing handwashing facilities and PPE.

In the South Sudanese Diocese of Maridi, an ACF grant provided food items, soaps and seeds to over 200 pastors and lay-readers and provided bicycles and hand microphones for pastors to carry prevention messages into remote areas. Speaking of the support, Bishop Moses Zungo said, "You held our hand during our most trying moments."

*There will be collection basket at the back of church each week during Advent. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation to the Diocese please place in one of your GA envelopes and mark it clearly **Bishop's Advent Appeal.***

Thank you.