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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.

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th October 2022

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.**

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

Thank you to all who gave so generously for the Reach Out food collection at the Harvest Festival and Liz Shouksmith joins me in expressing thanks for this. A thank you to Joan and Sue for the Spanish evening and to all who came and help raise 470 euros for the work of the Chaplaincy.

The All Souls' Day obit list, for the names of your faithful departed, 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 Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 2nd November at 1130.

A few weeks ago I started a series on the four types of prayer: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication which the Church sums up with the acronym ACTS. Supplication is the last letter and perhaps, of the four words, the one that is least accessible because its not a word we use very much. Yet, it is a word that is beautiful in its application in prayer – mainly because, in my mind anyway, it sounds a little more elegant than "asking for" which essentially is what it means. Those of you familiar with Morning or Evening Prayer book may know the words that appear in the *Prayer of St. Chrysostom* – "Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests."

So supplication, as a type of prayer, is approached in two ways which we may call community supplication and individual supplication.

First of all, community supplication. This is to which the Prayer Book alludes when it talks of two or three gathering. As a community we share in a common act of prayer – that is why the Eucharist is a gathering of the Christian community in one place at one time. Hence, we talk of being a Eucharistic community. During the Eucharist we have what is commonly called the Intercessions – perhaps the better phrase, more contemporary is Prayer of the Faithful. We are the faithful and it is the prayer of the community that is offered during the Eucharist. The Prayer of the Faithful is the community offering its needs and desires of prayer to God our Heavenly Father who provides us with all we need. Essentially the Prayer of the Faithful is not a prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, or contrition but supplication. Basically, we ask God but what is important we ask God as a community for the needs of the Church and the world. You make this prayer of supplication your own by listening to the words spoken and then when you hear the words *let us pray to the Lord* you do exactly that. Another form of the Prayer of the Faithful – which I will use to illustrate this point in the weeks ahead – is when the person leading the Prayer of the Faithful is even more direct. *I ask your prayers for...* The supplication is spoken aloud and then in the silence which follows you pray for the intention. Prayer is active not passive – you have to do the work of prayer. One major mistake, sadly often made, is when those leading the Prayer of the Faithful do not think about the needs of the Church and the world and end up offering their own private prayers for the congregation to hear with personal intentions that bear no resemblance to the community at prayer and with intentions for personal things not understood by the community!

Secondly, individual supplication. I remember, very clearly and many years ago, someone asking me if it were ok for them to pray for themselves. This person knew they should pray for others but felt guilty praying for themselves. The answer is to get the balance right. If you didn't pray for anyone else but for yourself this wouldn't be right. But then neither would be praying for everyone else and neglecting your own needs. I think it also about spending time sifting and sorting out what you really need to pray for – what we want and what we need are two different things. Don't be surprised at what you pray for – and how God may answer that prayer in different ways to what you initially may have expected and at a time when you least expect. God's time is different from ours. But God is love, mercy, gentleness and kindness. Prayer of individual supplication needs to be balanced with equal prayer of thanksgiving. This Sunday's gospel reading is a fine example to ponder. I believe we should spend as much time in thanking God – maybe even more – than we do praying for something. God listens. God knows our needs already. Voicing them in prayer is our act of faith in the one from whom all life proceeds and to whom our deepest desires are brought.

*Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
uttered or unexpressed;
the motion of a hidden fire
that trembles in the breast.* James Montgomery

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:

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.

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 8 th October	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 9 th October	1100	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 10 th October	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 15 th October	1700	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 16 th October	1130	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: Val Donkin, Finn Husebakk *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:

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 9th October 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.'

But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm then we shall reign with Christ

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

1Th5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks,
because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

No-one has come back to praise God, only this foreigner

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves

to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Homily

Sometimes we pride ourselves in having such a good democratic system, a claim which indeed is debatable. We value individual freedom and liberty, the right to choose and decide for ourselves how to live our lives. But the populace can be swayed by pressure groups and allow hardship and curtailment of liberty to be the lot of migrants and asylum-seekers. And while we do not suffer dictators gladly sometimes we seem to want to dictate to God, make God do things our way, and leave us masters of our own destiny. Some even abandon faith and prayer, because God has not granted their requests.

This was the inclination of Naaman the leper, an army commander from Syria, as he bargained with God. Hoping to be cured of leprosy by prophet Elisha, Naaman arrived laden with gifts of silver and gold, to pay for his cure. The prophet did not even come out to meet him, but sent a message telling him to wash seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman was so hurt that he prepared to return to Syria, raging with indignation. Why wash in this particular river, when there were so many bigger and cleaner rivers at home? "Here was I thinking Elisha would cure the leprous part," he fumed.

It was only when his servants pointed out how simple was the prescription that he was persuaded to try it and so was cured. Come to think of it, how often do we behave like Naaman. "Why do I have to go to church, when I can worship God out in the open air?" "Why does God send me the cross of sickness, when I could do so much good if I were healthy?" We even find such attitudes among the apostles. "Why do you not show us the Father?" Philip said to him. Some complained, "He says intolerable things and how could anyone accept it?" and they walked with him no more. This reaction of unbelief is often found. But it stands to Naaman's credit that he thought again, was cured and then returned to thank Elisha.

The Eucharist is a reminder never to forget God's greatest gift to us, his own Son, our Saviour. If we concentrate too much on asking for things, there is a danger that we may reduce the Eucharist to the level of magical thinking, a way of turning God to our way of thinking. How much better if we can open our hearts and our lives to whatever God wants for us, which is sure to be the best that can happen to us in the long run.

We are meant to pray "thy will be done", not demand to have our own way. When we need a favour, we must ask for it *with prayer and thanksgiving*, because God answers prayer, even if not precisely in the way we expect. Ultimately, says Jesus, God grants only what is for our good. We need to thank God from the heart, like Naaman after his cure, or like the leper who was grateful to Jesus. What a pity the other nine did not say a word of thanks for the blessing they received.



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.