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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th November 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**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.**

Sunday mornings...

Faith & Fellowship

Refreshments after church are back on Sunday mornings. Please stay and chat!

You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink outside La Siesta – as we always used to do. If anyone would like to help, please contact Sue Maude wardenlasiesta@gmail.com and donations of refreshments will be gratefully received. Please bring your own nibbles to consume as we won't be having the crisp bowl back!

DATES AHEAD:

Saturday 13th November

1700 Holy Eucharist at La Siesta

with the Act of Remembrance for Remembrance Sunday

Tuesday 30th November

1130 Advent Carol Service at La Siesta

Followed by lunch at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Please see Peter or Sue Maude to book your place. Payment in advance. We always enjoy lunch after our Advent Carol Service so this is a good opportunity for fellowship.

Tuesday 7th December

Christmass meal and quiz at the Olive Tree, San

Miguel de Salinas. For more details, please see Sandra Harbut. (Evening)

Tuesday 14th December

Carols outside of Lago Jardin Church

followed by tapas at the Pool Bar. For more details, please see Liz Shouksmith. (Evening)

Monday 20th December

Nine Lessons and Carols at La Siesta

Evening, time to be confirmed.

100 CLUB 2022

Thank you to all those who have supported the Chaplaincy and local charities over the past year by being members of the 100 Club.

The subscriptions for the 100 Club for 2022 will be collected from **7th November until 12th December**. I know some of you have already paid your subscriptions for 2022 so thank you for doing that.

The cost is €20 per annum per subscription. You may have as many subscriptions as you wish!

From the monies collected, one third is for prize money, one third for Chaplaincy funds and one third for local charities.

There are six draws per year with three prizes of €30, €20 and €10 and a single prize draw in December of €40.

Subscriptions can be paid to myself or one of the churchwardens in Church or, if you are not in Spain at that time, it can be paid by bank transfer. (Bank details are in the newsletter each week – *please mark clearly that it is for the 100 Club*)

If you do not currently have a subscription but would like one, please contact me. We really value your support to the Chaplaincy and local charities for the year ahead.

Thank you, Joan Berry, co-ordinator

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.



From the Churchwardens:

How wonderful to see so many returning to our Church, along with our own people we also had those returning from the UK. Those we have not seen for so long. How refreshing. We would like to thank those who have worked tirelessly to prepare and clean the Church so that we may worship safely and Beth for her hard work. We must also be grateful that we had La Siesta Church for our worship. As the only Church we could safely use. Without it we would have had to rely on live streaming as our only way of worship. We are aware that some will not worship at La Siesta as "they do not like the church". But please remember a church is set apart for the glory and worship of God, worship we offer from our hearts. Its appearance is secondary. What is important is the altar where we come to share in worship and the Eucharist. We sing "we stand on holy ground" in the hymn *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here*. It doesn't matter what the holy ground looks like!

As you may be aware we the Churchwardens have now had to take on the role of Treasurers. An unenviable task but one we do our best to our ability. Trying to balance the books can be difficult at times but we are extremely grateful to Father Richard for volunteering to work on half his Stipend. This has halved not only his Stipend but also the Social Security payment we have to make. Plus, with the generous donation of Eric Nichols car and a small legacy this gave us the means of returning the rental car and this has made it possible to seeing our way into the future. Without these arrangements we would now be in a serious financial situation. After a great deal of time and energy filling in various forms, we have now been provided with another Hardship Grant. We are extremely grateful to the Diocese for their help in this respect. This doesn't mean we can relax. Come next year at this time we may be in difficult waters again. We must try and keep our giving as high as we can possibly manage. We are heavily reliant on people who pay by standing orders, especially from the UK. Without these payments we would not survive. This form of payment for us as Treasurers is by far the best way to pay your giving. It means we know what is coming each week and we can budget much better this way. Please think about paying your collection this way, we can give you all the information you need and help you to set up the standing order. For those who can do this themselves the bank information is at the end of this letter. Finally, we thank you for remaining part of our Chaplaincy through these very difficult times. We look forward to the time (who knows when) that we can return to Los Balcones and Lago Jardin Churches.

Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell.

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

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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 31 70 39. Swiftbic: BUKBGB22

God bless you all for your support.

Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)



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 1.5 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.

Saturday 13 th November	1700
Sunday 21 st November	1130
Saturday 27 th November	1700
Sunday 5 th December	1130
Saturday 11 th December	1700
Sunday 19 th December	1130
<i>There is no Midnight Mass this year</i>	
Saturday 25 th December	1030
Sunday 26 th December	1400
Sunday 2 nd January	1130
Saturday 8 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.

"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.

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 13 th November	1700	Holy Eucharist with Act of Remembrance <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 14 th November	1055	Holy Eucharist with Act of Remembrance <i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Holy Eucharist <i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 15 th November	1100	Holy Eucharist <i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary <i>Live-streamed</i>
Tuesday 16 th November	0930	Holy Eucharist <i>Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer <i>Live-streamed</i>
Wednesday 17 th November	1800	Evening Prayer <i>Live-streamed</i>
Thursday 18 th November	1800	Evening Prayer <i>Live-streamed</i>
Friday 19 th November	<i>No live-streaming</i>	
Saturday 20 th November	1700	Evening Prayer <i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 21 st November	1130	Holy Eucharist <i>La Siesta / 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.

Father Richard's Prayer List for November 2021:

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

Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Cassie Sampson, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, 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:

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. *In recess at the moment.*

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 14th November 2021

Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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

Daniel 12:1-3

Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found

written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour

when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Or:

Lk21:36

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

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

**The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will
be shaken**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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.

Homily

Metaphors like “burning your boats” or “burning your bridges,” suggest a radical option with no turning back. Having your lamp alight is a gentler image, but still a good one, for meeting the challenge of life. “What shall be the outcome?” is the question posed in both Old and New Testament. Where is this world headed? And more personally, what of my own destiny in the life to come? About that day or hour no one knows. And just as well, for it would be difficult knowledge to cope with. But his message is to be ready to meet him, whenever he comes. The Lord comes to us in many ways, both to gift us and challenge us. Welcoming him is what really makes us Christians, sharing the spirit of his first followers who said “Maranatha” — “Our Lord, come !” We are invited to live our lives within an awareness of eternity, seeing this life as preparation for and building towards an endless life with God. The faster our cars become, it seems, the more we have to spend time waiting for the lights to change to green. The queue and the traffic-jam are signs of our times. The more we are in a hurry the more we feel held up. We travel at speed through the air, but wait interminably at airports. Business life is punctuated with frustrating times waiting for appointments. How do we wait? Sometimes with great impatience, sometimes with anxiety. But our waiting can also be coloured with joyful expectation. Expectation is often more pleasurable than realization. As Shakespeare said, “All things that are, are with more pleasure chased than enjoyed.”

How should a believer await the coming of the Lord? Carefully, as those employed and carrying great responsibility. We will have to give an account of all our doings. The books must be in order. Actively, with our lamps burning, not asleep. We have to keep on working until the end. There is no time when we can say we have arrived, we have it all made. Joyfully, for if we are ready, then it is a joy to await the bridegroom and enter into the marriage feast. Hopefully, for we await him who in his one sacrifice lives to make intercession for our sins. In him we have confidence. He comes to reward us who have remained faithful and whose names are written in the book of life.

Our vision of the last things should not sink us in pessimism, or despair at our sinfulness. But the question should be asked: How ready are we? Our faith tells us that some generation in history will experience the second coming of Christ. Then a person may have but a moment to wonder: "Am I ready? Am I prepared? Even if ours is not the generation to see the second coming, still each of us must face our personal day of death. For some it comes unexpectedly, out of the blue, even perhaps at a young age. For others it will be fairly predictable and follow the more natural course of ageing and decline. Regardless, there will be a time when each must ask the question: "Am I ready? Am I prepared? Meanwhile, we are faced with multiple choices to make each day which may seem insignificant; but they all add up pointing us in particular directions, sometimes good, sometimes less so. Are our everyday decisions helping to make us ready? Are they making us prepared?

With the busy-ness of life it is easy to forget about the second coming of Christ. We prefer to ignore our mortality and put off our preparation for the death which we all must face. How do we prepare ourselves? How do we get ready? How will we be sure that the Lord recognizes us? What are the right choices to make during our day? The end of chapter 25 reads: "Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Although we do not know the day or the hour of the second coming of Christ, Although we do not know the day or the hour of our own deaths, we have been told what staying awake entails. It seems that if we meet the response from the Lord: "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you, it will be because of our foolishness and not because of a lack of mercy or justice on the part of the Lord.

The General Intercessions for Remembrance Sunday

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,

calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. Amen.



Christmass Shoebox Appeal for Reach Out and Caritas

The Chaplaincy, for many years, has had an annual Christmass Shoebox Appeal We are doing it again but this year for Reach Out and Caritas. Liz

Shouksmith has a list of children's names and ages for Reach Out. Please speak to Liz. For Caritas, please fill a shoebox and label it clearly boy or girl and the age.

Please find your own shoeboxes. They need to be brought to Church before Saturday 11th December when they will be blessed and then taken to Reach Out. Thank you for your help and praying for a generous response.



CHRISTMASS HAMPER

Between 6th November and 11th December, there will be the opportunity to purchase numbered squares for the chance to win the Christmass Hamper or some wine.

Each square will cost €2.50 and you can buy as many as you want!

Donations of chocolate, biscuits, drink or other Christmas goodies to make up these prizes would be appreciated by the Chaplaincy Council.

This is an easy and profitable way to raise much needed funds for the chaplaincy and we hope you will do your best to support it.

The draw will be held on 11th December.



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.