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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

16th January 2022

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.**

Father Richard writes:

As we move into the first period of Ordinary Time for the year, I do hope that Advent and Christmass have been a great time of growth and renewal in the Faith and that everyone has had a good Christmass.

The Chaplaincy owns two sets of hymn books – BBC Songs of Praise (the green book) and Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard (the red book). Since I have been the Chaplain here we have always used the green book. However, as you will have seen, the green book is never sufficient for all our liturgical needs. For example, one of the hymns we sing this Sunday *Songs of thankfulness and praise* (which mentions the threefold nature of the Epiphany) is not included. *Sweet sacrament divine* which we have come to love is also absent. No hymn book is perfect.

The red books were the hymn books first used in the Chaplaincy before the green hymn books were acquired. Many of them have never been opened and are in pristine condition. The BBC Songs of Praise book is not a hymn book for liturgical use and is rather a collection of hymns from the television programme. There have been, traditionally, two hymn books used in the Church of England – the (New) English Hymnal and Hymns Ancient and Modern, in various editions.

I am not proposing we stop using the green book completely (there are hymns in it such as *Be still for the presence of the Lord* and *As the deer pants* which I choose) but I am sharing with you my decision to use the red book at certain times to enrich our liturgical life. We have sufficient copies and it would be good to use them rather than sitting in plastic boxes.

The reason I say this is that this Sunday's Gospel is the first miracle at Cana. When a priest chooses hymns, he takes into account a number of factors including references from the readings of the day in hymnody. Therefore, I would wish to choose *Songs of thankfulness and praise* again because it contains the words *And at Cana wedding guest*. This means we can use the red hymn books for all the hymns this Sunday and not need a sheet.

The green books were donated by various members of the congregation twenty years ago but, likewise (as I understand it), the red books were also donated to the Chaplaincy.

So will we have a bit of a hymn refresh. If you have any questions, please get back to me.

Your priest and friend,
Father Richard

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- Correct.** What we write is correct. We put errors right and we do so as soon as possible after sending.
- Considerate.** We respect people's time and workload.
- Constructive.** We are polite, we check our drafts before we click 'send', and we avoid long email chains.
- Collaborative.** We include in emails all those and only those who are needed in the conversation. We are clear about who is expected to respond to a query or request, and who is copied in for information.
- Concise.** We keep our emails short. We use other forms of written communication for longer pieces (attachments) ... and we talk to each other!

Sunday mornings...

Faith & Fellowship

Refreshments are served outside La Siesta 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:

Sunday 23rd January

1800 Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Inmaculada Concepción, Torrevieja.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity, annually, to celebrate the bonds that exist between the churches in the Torrevieja area. The Church of England plays its part in the ecumenical scene here and it would be good to have a good representation from the Chaplaincy at the service please. All are welcome! We enjoy a particularly warm and fruitful relationship with the Catholic Church so please do come along if you can for this act of worship with all the mainstream Christian denominations in this part of the Costa Blanca.

Sunday 6th February



Sunday 6th February is the seventieth anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne. There will be special prayers during the **1130 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist** followed by a **celebratory lunch** at the **Rendezvous Restaurant**. The cost for this will be €14,95 and needs to be paid, at the time of booking, to Peter or Jennifer please. It includes half a bottle of wine but not a gratuity. Father Richard hopes we can make this a very special Chaplaincy occasion.

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.

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Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied.

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God bless you all for your support.

Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)

CHURCHWARDENS' NEW YEAR LETTER

Dear friends

May we both wish you a very happy and peaceful new year. Can we first thank all who have worked so hard this past year to provide worship every week at La Siesta? From Father Richard with his continuous hard work through to the team that sets up the Church and cleans afterwards and of course Beth for providing the essential music. For anyone who has yet to return to worship in our Church, please think about returning.

Everything possible is done to keep you safe and well. We really miss you, and if you still feel unsure, please remember the live streaming that is available to you.

We give praise and thanks to God for his many mercies in the past year and bringing us to this new year. Our thanks goes out to all the people who give generously each month by direct debit and Gift aid and also each week in the collection plate. It is because of your generosity there can be a continued Church of England Chaplaincy here and a resident priest. Your financial support, week by week, is essential. Please consider giving by standing order as we then can plan much better with this type of giving. We have to thank you all both here in Spain, the UK, and the Isle of Man for continuing your giving. We are also so grateful to thank Father Richard for offering to work on a half Stipend arrangement. This means he works part time thus saving us both stipend and taxes that we have to pay to the Spanish authorities for having a priest in the Chaplaincy. But we are still running at a loss and have been most grateful to the Diocese in Europe for giving us two hardship grants over the last two years and we have recently been informed that our request for a third grant has been successful. These grants have been given to various Chaplaincies across the Diocese in Europe as many are struggling financially at the moment.

Can we make an appeal please to not only give when you come to church but to put money aside for the collection for the times you are not able to be there? We would encourage you, please, for sustained and regular giving. The Chaplaincy is here all the time and we rely on you for that. Thank you.

We have managed to arrange some fund raising events this year due to the lifting of some COVID restrictions and we have to thank Liz and Sandra for their organisation of their events to Joan for the 100 club and the hamper raffle run by Sue Brassington . Thank you to Sue and Jill for their ongoing marmalade, chutney and lemon curd making. Thanks to everyone one who has participated in any of the events, and for those who supported them We hope we haven't left anyone out.

For our Chaplaincy and all other Chaplaincies, COVID is the worst problem, and we cannot plan ahead so much as we would like, but we still have to raise funds to survive. It is no secret that if we had not had the grants we would not be continuing now. We give thanks that Father Richard has been given a new twelve month licence which gives us, as Churchwardens, the security which the Chaplaincy needs and allow us as Wardens the ability to plan ahead for another year. Please pray for all involved in the decisions this year that allow us to go forward in faith and thrive- Please remember we are always available to talk to you if you have any questions or need help and advice.

We continue in God's name.

Thank you once again.

Peter and Jennifer

Churchwardens



Sue’s Homemade Lemon Curd and Jill’s Homemade Marmalade

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!

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



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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. Please continue to observe this. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE AT ALL TIMES (unless medically exempt).

You will be shown to and escorted (when it is really busy) 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.

Sunday 16 th January	1130
Saturday 22 nd January	1700
Saturday 29 th January	1700
Sunday 6 th February	1130
Saturday 12 th February	1700
Sunday 20 th February	1130
Saturday 26 th February	1700
Wednesday 2 nd March	1130 – ASH WEDNESDAY
Sunday 6 th March	1130

Saturday 12th March 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 15 th January	1700	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 16 th January	1130 1800	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> <i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 17 th January	1100 1800	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i> <i>Live-streamed</i>
Tuesday 18 th January	0930 1800	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i> <i>Live-streamed</i>
Wednesday 19 th January	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Thursday 20 th January	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Friday 21 st January	<i>No live-streaming today.</i>		
Saturday 22 nd January	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>Lq Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 23 rd January	1100 1800	Holy Eucharist Service for the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity at <i>Inmaculada Concepción, Torrevieja</i> (<i>No online Evening Prayer</i>)	<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 January 2022:

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

Robert and Patricia Gilbert, Justin Clarke, Cathy Neil, Dionne Simons, Michael Elliott, Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, 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:

Rosemary Pitman, Dinesh Kumar Singh.

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.

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 16th January 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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

Isaiah 62:1-5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Spirit distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or:

cf.2Th2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Through the Good News God called us
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

'My hour has not come yet' - 'Do whatever he tells you'

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Homily

S. John the Evangelist doesn't say that Jesus did «miracles» or «marvels». He calls them «signs» because they are gestures that point toward something deeper than what our eyes can see. Concretely the signs that Jesus performs point to Jesus' person and describe his saving power to us. What happened in Cana of Galilee is the beginning of all these signs. It is the prototype of those that Jesus will go about performing throughout his life. In that «changing of water into wine» we find the key to understand the type of saving transformation that Jesus works and that his followers must work in his name.

It all happens in the context of a wedding feast, the human party par excellence, the most expressive symbol of love, the best image of the biblical tradition to express the definitive communion of God with human beings. Jesus' salvation must be lived and offered by his followers as a party that gives fullness to all human parties when these end up empty, «without wine» and without being able to fill our desire for complete happiness.

The story suggests something more. The water can only be tasted as wine when it's «drawn out» –following Jesus' command– of six large stone water jars used by the Jews for their purifications. The religion of the law that is written on stone tablets is worn out; there's no water capable of purifying human beings. That religion needs to be freed by the love and the life that Jesus communicates. We can't evangelize just any old way. In order to communicate the transforming power of Jesus, words aren't enough: gestures are needed. Evangelizing isn't just talking, preaching or teaching; even less is it judging, threatening or condemning. We need to bring about the signs that Jesus did with creative fidelity in order to interject the joy of a God who brings happiness to the hard life of those peasants.

Many of our contemporaries find themselves indifferent in the presence of the Church's word. Our celebrations bore them. They need to see signs that are closer and more friendly on the part of the Church in order to discover in us Christians Jesus' capacity to alleviate the suffering and the hardness of life. Who today wants to listen to something that no longer seems to be joyful news, especially if the Gospel gets invoked with an authoritative and threatening tone? Jesus Christ is awaited by many as a power and a reason to exist, and a path to live more sensitively and joyfully. If people only know a "watered-down religion" and can't taste something of the festive joy that Jesus spreads, many will continue walking away.
(José Antonio Pagola)

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

Confident in the Father's generous love for us we now turn to him with our prayers.
For the Church that She, who has received life and love from God, will uphold the rights of
all, from conception to natural death. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For our world, that its leaders may seek to govern in justice, striving to turn the hearts of all
people from hatred to love and from violence to peace. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, hear our
prayer.
For all whose lives have been devastated by war or terrorism that the world will be generous
in helping them to rebuild shattered communities and shattered lives. *(pause)* Lord, in your
mercy, hear our prayer.
For married couples, that they will always invite Christ into their homes and their hearts as
they face the joys and sorrows of their life together. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, hear our
prayer.
For our own parish community, that we may each use our gifts to serve others and to build
up the Body of Christ. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For all who are sick or housebound that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's
love. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For those who have died, that they may rest in peace. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, hear our
prayer.
Gracious God, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant what is in accord with your will for
us. We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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.