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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

17th July 2022

SIXTEENTH 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

In this series about the life of a Priest we now reach the role of the Priest as Teacher. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer makes reference, in the Ordering of Priests, to the Priest, at his Ordination, being given this charge:

So that you may teach the people committed to your Cure and Charge with all diligence and observe the same.

One of the central features of the Priestly life is to teach the Faith of the Church as handed down the ages. This is the Apostolic Faith that Christ handed onto the Apostles and has been delivered to each generation. As I said last week, quoting Bishop Michael Ramsey, the Priest is the Interpreter of the Eucharist which means his duty is to teach about it and bring the People of God to a deeper understanding of it. Bishop Ramsey talks of three things: 1. The doctrine of Christ 2. The Sacraments of Christ 3. The discipline of Christ. These three things form the threefold stool on which the Priest's teaching is set. Over the years have your Priests *taught you* the Faith? Have you learnt more and more as the years of Christian pilgrimage has progressed? Are you in a different place in your faith than to where you were five years ago, ten years ago? Have you opened your heart in humility to be taught and to learn what the Church teaches through the ministry of her Priests? Is your liturgical formation such that you have a deeper sense of holiness and the presence of God in the liturgy? These are the questions that arise from considering the teaching ministry of Priests.

You go to a driving school to learn to drive from a Driving Instructor. You go to a diving school to learn how to dive by a Diving Instructor. You go to University to learn about a subject from a Lecturer. You go on a course at work to help your professional development.

It's the same with the Church. You go to church for many reasons but one of those is to be taught the Faith by your Priest to help you grow in your Christian discipleship, worship, and prayer. The Priest must teach so you can learn. It is as simple as that. The Priest is there for you to ask the questions of Faith so he may teach you. His role in your life of faith is important. He is there to teach – his Ordination vows say this – so that the people of God may grow in their knowledge of Christ and his Church.

Pray for your Priests that they may be the best of teachers. Pray for the people of God that in humility, openness, and trust they may learn. Pray for your Priests that their learning may continue throughout their ministry – that's why part of a Priest's work is reading and study. Someone once said to me to rejoice if you see your Priest reading and studying. He is doing his work so that you may grow in faith.

God bless you all.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard

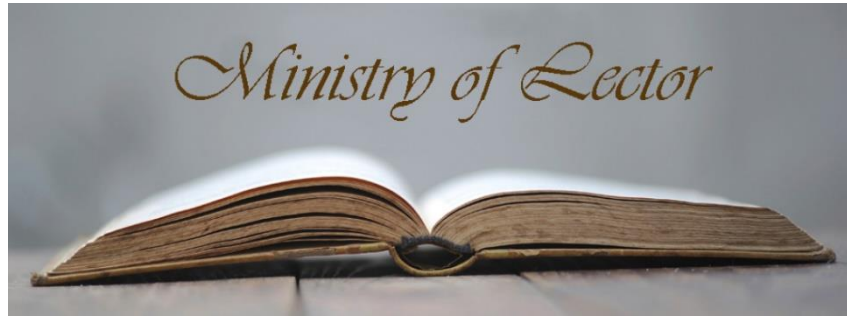
Ministry of a Lector

I am beginning again a roster of lay people to read at the Eucharist as a Lector. This stopped during the Pandemic and now is the time to recommence it. I have been grateful for those who have kept ministry alive, in a restricted manner, during the Pandemic. However, I now believe that its time to open this up again.

I invite those who would like to be part of team of Lectors to send me an email by the end of July and then I will organise a gathering. It is open to anyone who would like to read to come forward and I would welcome this. Those who are not resident in the Chaplaincy the whole year are also welcome though I do realise this is more difficult but I am sure we can work around it.

The commitment will be:

- 1. To be prepared to read on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings until further notice.**
- 2. To practise the readings in the week before and study them. These I will send in good time.**
- 3. To arrive at church in plenty of time for quiet recollection before sharing in the Liturgy of the Word. Coming in at the last minute is not suitable for the ministry in which you share. You are proclaiming God's Word.**



So I invite those who have read before and those who haven't to send me an email and I will start to organise this ministry once again. This will be under my auspices as your Priest.

It is not a job you do in church! It is a ministry that you share with the Priest in proclaiming Sacred Scripture in the Eucharistic assembly to the people of God. May God bless you in this.
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.



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:

Monday 15th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Church celebrates that day when the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 1130 at La Siesta Church followed by lunch at a local restaurant – to be confirmed. It is a glorious summer festival and we praise God for the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Assumption, by God, into heavenly glory. Please come along and join the celebration.

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We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.
If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home.

You no longer have to wear a mask in church
(though if you chose to that is perfectly acceptable to protect yourself and protect others).

Hand sanitizer will still be available as you enter the church.

You are encouraged still to use this to protect yourself and others.

Holy Communion will still be administered in one kind for the time being.

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.

Holy Communion (in one kind still for the time being) will continue to be offered in front of
the altar as we have been doing since the Pandemic.

Regarding the sharing of the Sign of Peace,
we will remain with the status quo for the time being.

POST-PANDEMIC INFORMATION

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. *In due course the Chaplaincy Council will decide the way forward. However, as the Church is being used to store so much stuff from Los Balcones we will need to wait.*
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**

3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

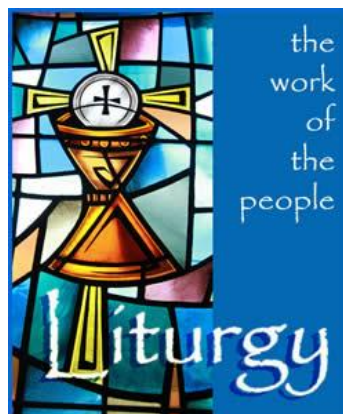
Sunday 17 th July	1130
Saturday 23 rd July	1700
Saturday 30 th July	1700
Sunday 7 th August	1130
Saturday 13 th August	1700
Monday 15 th August	1130 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sunday 21 st August	1130
Saturday 27 th August	1700
Sunday 4 th September	1130
Saturday 10 th September	1700
Sunday 18 th September	1130

The live-streamed liturgies continue in a limited form now:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 16 th July	1700	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 17 th July	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Monday 18 th July	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 23 rd July	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 24 th July	1100	Holy Eucharist	<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 July 2022:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time: Anna Horsnell, Liz Shouksmith, Anne John, Lesley Critchley, Charlie Smith, Allan Harris, David, Theo, Patricia Gilbert, Marie Creighton, Jennifer Moody, Erol Moody, Faras, Justin Clarke, 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.



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 17th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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

Genesis 18:1-10

'Next year your wife Sarah will have a son'

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A mystery hidden for generations has been revealed to God's saints

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Or:

cf.Lk8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are those who,
with a noble and generous heart,
take the word of God to themselves
and yield a harvest through their perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Martha works; Mary listens

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Homily

The Psalmist asks God, "What is man that you care for him, or mortal beings that you keep them in mind?" Some saintly people seem to have an exceptional grasp of God's plan for the human race, and have shared that knowledge with the rest of us. So the Word of God came

to Abraham, not as an abstract doctrine but as a conviction grasped by the heart. Abraham's encounter with God was deeply personal. He was called the friend of God, and his welcome to God's Messengers mirrored eastern nomadic hospitality.

Abraham is the iconic model of deep-rooted trust in God. Called to leave his own clan, he stopped worshipping their gods and set out for an unknown destination. In return God promised he would become the father of a great nation. Abraham trusted and followed this call, even when there seemed little hope that this promise would ever be fulfilled. When they had practically given up hope, he again hears that his wife will bear a son, and again he trusts in God's word. Later still, when Isaac was born Abraham felt he ought to sacrifice this precious son. But he carried out this grim command, how could the promise of God ever come true? According to Genesis, later echoed by St Paul, Abraham's trust in God never wavered, and in the end was vindicated. It was for this faith that he was justified in God's sight, and this faith was passed on to Abraham's children and to all believers, including ourselves.

Jesus had a special esteem for Mary, the sister of Martha, and enjoyed her vibrant relationship with him, her eager spirit of listening. While we feel sorry for Martha, being left to do the household work on her own, it's clear that Jesus appreciated Mary's listening spirit. Our attentiveness to him must not be eclipsed by our mundane daily bustling about. Then we have St Paul's reflection about how the Word of God, hidden from all mankind for centuries, was received by those who *eagerly* listened to it. We need to make space for God in our lives, to listen for it at some time each day, and to pray the Holy Spirit to be our guide.



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.**