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THE CHAPLAIN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th December 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THIS
CHAPLAINCY.**

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

You can give in the plate each week.

You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.

You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

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

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed until April 2021. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy as we begin again in limited circumstances.

Future celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at La Siesta are:

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

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream. You can see and hear me but I cannot see you.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.

The list of full instructions can be obtained from Father Richard, the Churchwardens, the Secretary or Joan Berry. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home.

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

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

This is so we can implement the regulations correctly.

Worship for the week ahead:

Saturday 19th Dec 1700 Vigil Mass *Live-streamed*

Sunday 20th Dec 1130 Holy Eucharist *La Siesta*
1800 Evening Prayer *Live-streamed*

Monday 21st Dec 1100 Holy Eucharist *Live-streamed*
1600 Evening Prayer *Live-streamed*
1800 Nine Lessons and Carols
La Siesta

Tuesday 22nd Dec 0930 Holy Eucharist *Live-streamed*
1800 Evening Prayer *Live-streamed*

Wednesday 23rd Dec *No live-streamed Mass today.*
1800 Evening Prayer *Recorded*

Thursday 24th Dec 0930 Holy Eucharist *Live-streamed*

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

1800 Evening Prayer *Live-streamed*
1930 Vigil Mass *Live-streamed from the Anglican Shrine
of Our Lady of Walsingham*
2200 Mass during the Night
Live-streamed

Friday 25th Dec 1030 Holy Eucharist *La Siesta*
No Live-streamed Evening Prayer

Saturday 26th Dec 1100 Holy Eucharist *Live-streamed*
S. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR *No Live-streamed Evening Prayer*

Sunday 27th Dec 1000 Mass *Live-streamed from the Anglican Shrine
of Our Lady of Walsingham*
THE HOLY FAMILY 1400 Holy Eucharist *La Siesta*
1800 Evening Prayer *Live-streamed*

Father Richard writes:

As Advent draws to its conclusion and we look forward to the celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmass when it comes. During these weeks of Advent we have waited and prepared in expectation and, as Advent's final days are upon us, let us prepare our hearts and homes for Christ to be born in us again this Christmass. I know many of you will be separated from loved ones this year so please know I hold you all in my prayers as this most extraordinary of years draws to its close. We pray that Christmass 2021 will be very different. But know this – it is in the stable of Bethlehem and the knowledge that God is with us "Emmanuel" do we

find all our hopes and can rest all our fears. As the carol says: *The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

May these remaining days of Advent be blessed and may our celebration of Christmass be full of renewed joy.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard

DATES AHEAD / SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Christmas Hamper – This was drawn last Saturday night. The winners were as follows: 1. Gwen Simmons, redrawn Cassie Sampson; 2. Liz Shouksmith 3. Penny and Michael Elliott. Thank you to those who donated prizes; Sue Brassington for arranging the hampers; and all who bought squares. The total raised for Chaplaincy funds was 200€.

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

This was a happy evening and we thank Sandra Harbut and Jill Dorsett for arranging the evening. It was lovely to have a get together. We enjoyed a delightful meal and fellowship. The raffle (and other donations) raised 130€ for Chaplaincy funds. Thank you for your support.

Monday 21st December (at La Siesta Church)

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

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

Jill's Homemade Marmalade

Jill Dorsett is now selling homemade marmalade after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you Jill!

The 100 Club 2020/21

A big Thank You to all those who are supporting the 100 Club for this next year. As was expected there were less people able to participate because of the difficulties of getting to church but it was still a good effort.

The income from subscriptions was 980€. The total prize money to be deducted for the next year will be 400€. The remaining 580€ will be split between the Chaplaincy and local

charities. At the CC meeting (via zoom) on 15th December, it was agreed that Reachout and the Alimentos Solidarios charities, both local to this chaplaincy, will receive 150€ each and this will be taken to them before Christmas.

We pray that these charities will be able to help as many people as possible over the Christmas period and that no one will go hungry.

The first draw will take place in mid-January.

Joan Berry

Some aids to worship:

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

Angelus – *see later in the newsletter*

Introduction - + O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Amen. Alleluia!

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

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

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

**He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.**

**He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.**

**He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.**

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

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

"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.



The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

The Chaplain's Prayer List for December 2020:

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

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Patricia Marjorie Swan Duncan RIP

For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.

If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).

Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.

Father Richard's Study Group... will resume when we can.

From the Churchwardens:

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

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

Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell. IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414 / BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

UK Bank details. Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

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

Thank you so very much for your help,

Peter and Jennifer

Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

or,

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

Prayer resources

1. Look at the pages of the Church Union, a well-established organisation in the Church of England: <https://www.churchunion.co.uk/news.php>
2. You are invited to say the *Angelus* at 0600 (!), or better still 1200 and 1800. The services of livestreamed Evening Prayer begin with this.
3. Lastly, and most importantly, make a Spiritual Communion. There is more about this in this newsletter.
4. *Praying at home with the Blessed Virgin Mary*
The Society of Mary has produced a booklet of readings, reflections and prayers that focus on some of the themes that are important at these times; and how Mary is an example for us, as well as someone who prays with us and for us.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SoM_May_2020_Marian_Devotional_Booklet.pdf
5. Devotions and Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
https://www.sswsh.com/uploads/Sacred_Heart_of_Jesus_Devotions_and_Prayers.pdf
6. Praying in Church.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Praying_in_Church_FINAL.pdf
7. Praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Blessed_Sacrament_Resource_FINAL.pdf
8. A series of homilies. **Homilies from an SSC Priest**
As lockdown began, it became clear that the way in which we worshipped as communities, and the way in which we taught the faith were going to have to change. This is a series of homilies by one priest of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) who ministers in North London.
In this series he explores through the great Feasts of the Church's year just how the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on our faith.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SSC_priest_homilies.pdf
9. A booklet on the Rosary from the Society of Mary, a devotional society in the Church of England.
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Rosary_Resource_SoM.pdf
10. Responding to the psalms, a devotional resource (attached this newsletter).
11. From the Guild of All Souls, *Praying for the sick, dying, departed and bereaved*.
https://www.guildofallsouls.org.uk/uploads/7/0/6/7/7067171/praying_for_the_sick_dying_departed_and_bereaved_-_nov_2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0flfh-QBXR1Me5O9QbTfpFxZkr8bnmq-EMOGSpHyB7FRWSvCrkij3u1s
12. From the Church Union: *O Radiant Dawn* – A resource for Advent
https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/O_Radiant_Dawn_final_version.pdf
13. *Saints of the month - DECEMBER*

Although we are praying and worshipping in our homes, we never pray alone. We pray with the Church around the world and our prayers are joined with those of the company of heaven. In this booklet there are a selection of biographies of saints and holy people whose feast days occur this month, as well as prayers you might find helpful.

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

IMPORTANT LETTER ABOUT CHRISTMASS IN THE CHAPLAINCY FROM FATHER RICHARD

Dear friends

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

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

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

Monday 21 st December	1800	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday 25 th December	1030	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 27 th December	1400	Holy Eucharist

Please note the above times.

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

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

I thank Sue for managing this.

Thank you for your co-operation.

With my continued prayers at this difficult time,

Yours sincerely
Father Richard

Sunday 20th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

**Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before
me**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.'

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second reading

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in

and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Reflection

If you were to ask a married couple how they came to fall in love, or asked two good friends how they came to be friends, they may have difficulty answering and might say something like, "It just happened." In one sense that may be true. In another sense it didn't just happen. If two people are in a significant relationship with each other, be it marriage or friendship, it is because they have chosen each other. Why does someone choose one person rather than another as a spouse or friend? Why does someone choose to share his or her life with someone else? This is the mystery of human freedom, human preference. The more significant relationships cannot be forced. Love is freely bestowed by one person on another; the other freely receives what is bestowed and freely reciprocates, and a new relationship is born. There is a depth about all that.

If there is mystery in the relationship of one human being with another, even more so in the relationship between God and us. Why did God choose Mary to be the mother of his Son? Why this particular woman in this small village at this particular time of human history? It was the mysterious freedom and preference of God. Yet, there is a difference between God's choice of Mary and the choice any one of us might make of another. When any one of us chooses another to love or to befriend, there is always, of necessity, an exclusive element to that choice. We choose this person rather than any number of others. Although we choose several people in the course of our lives in each case our choice of one excludes others.

God's choice of Mary was not exclusive in that sense. In choosing Mary, he was choosing all of us. He chose Mary for all our sakes. God chose her to carry God's Son on behalf of us all, because her future child was God's gift to us all. That is why how Mary responded to God's choice of her was not just a matter that concerned herself. It concerned us all. We all had a vested interest in how she responded. Her response would also be our response. In a sense we looked to her to make an appropriate response on behalf of us all to God's choice of us.

The good news is that Mary did not let us down. Although initially disturbed and perplexed by the message, she eventually surrendered fully to that mysterious choice of God. Having been graced in this mysterious way, she responded wholeheartedly, "Let it be to me according to your word." God freely chose her, and she in turn chose to place her freedom at God's service. God's choice of Mary, and her choice of God in response had the most wonderful consequences for all of us. She went on to sing, "the Almighty has done great things for me." And because of her response to God's choice, we can all sing, "the Almighty

has done great things for us." We have all been graced through Mary's response to God's choice of her.

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

God's love for us endures forever, so we present our needs with confidence.

1. For all who profess the Christian faith, that with open hearts they may welcome their Saviour (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
2. For the Jewish people, descendants of the great King David, that God's promises to them may be fulfilled (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.

3. For the members of all religions, that they may grow in tolerance and respect for each other (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
4. For people in our community who feel they lack courage, that they may be inspired by Mary's trust in God (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
5. For our relatives and friends from whom we will be separated this Christmas. (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
6. For people who suffered grief, bereavement or illness in 2020, that their friends may support them when they are lonely (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
7. For those who have died (*especially N and N*), and for all the people who have died for Covid-19 and other illnesses; that they and all the dead may receive a welcome to God's house (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.

O God, your love for your people endures forever: hear our prayers and send us your help, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h03SjUx8mg>

The Angelus



The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE BISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL

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

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

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

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

Thank you.



**Christmass in the Chaplaincy of
Ss Peter and Paul, Torrevieja**

**All services at La Siesta
Calle Granados, Urb La Siesta, Torrevieja**

Monday 21st December
1800 Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 25th December
1030 Holy Eucharist

Sunday 27th December
1400 Holy Eucharist

*You need to register for all these services by emailing Sue Maude please.
(warden@lasiesta@gmail.com)*

A mask must be worn over the nose and mouth. Thank you.