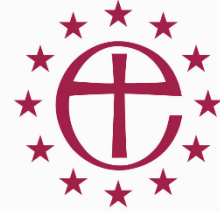


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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



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

26th June 2022

THIRTEENTH 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

A big thank you to everyone who supported and worked so hard for the Concert on June 17th. It was a tremendous effort and we raised 850 euros to sustain the Chaplaincy. Thank you and well done.

I am delighted we have seen new faces over the past few months. This is great. Let us praise God for this and long may it continue. We can all play our part in fulfilling our call to be evangelisers: Speaking in a godly way and loving way about the Chaplaincy; being affirming, encouraging and positive; praying for the growth of the Chaplaincy.

So why a Chaplaincy and not a Parish?

In the Church of England there has been a parish system for over a thousand years. A parish is a geographically defined area on a map served by a parish church and a parish priest. Traditionally the Parish Priest was either a Vicar or Rector (depending if there was glebe land) and he has the "cure of souls" for everyone who lives in the geographical area of the parish whether they come to church or not.

We are in the Diocese in Europe. The Diocese in Europe is one of the dioceses of the Church of England and our Chaplaincy is the **only** Church of England Chaplaincy in this area. We stretch from Alicante airport into Murcia. However, the Chaplaincy does not have a geographically defined area and I do not have the "cure of souls" of everyone in this area. But I do have the "cure of souls" of those who come to the Chaplaincy. Priests in the Diocese

in Europe are Chaplains because we serve those who choose to come to our church and wish to associate themselves with the Church of England on the European continent. Here in Spain we acknowledge and show respect for the Spanish Catholic Parochial system and local manifestation of the Church – the Catholic Church. This is why we pray for Bishop José Ignacio who is the local Catholic Bishop of Orihuela-Alicante.

We do not have a Parochial Church Council but a Chaplaincy Council. I have the same authority (from the Bishop) that a Vicar or Rector would have in the Church of England. *However I am not a Vicar or Rector but a Chaplain.* I choose to use the title *Father* to acknowledge the Sacred Priesthood into which I have been ordained and as a mark of respect (not for me) but for the Order of Priesthood to which I have been ordained. I am also a member of a religious society of Priests called the Society of the Holy Cross founded in 1855. Hence the post-nominals of SSC (*Societas Sanctae Crucis Latin for the Society of the Holy Cross*). I use the title Father as I am immensely proud (in the correct sense!) to be Priest and a Brother of the Society of the Holy Cross.

So I am your Chaplain though I prefer to be called Father Richard rather than The Chaplain! This is a Chaplaincy and you choose to be associated with and become a member of this Church of England Eucharistic community as the Body of Christ in this place. You are most welcome here and all are most welcome here and I pray daily for you all.

Next week I will write something about the prayer life of a priest.

God bless you all.

Your priest and friend,
Father Richard

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

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

1. You can give in the plate each week.
2. You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.**

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

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

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.

Thank you for your help.

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

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

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

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

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Address : Tufton Street, London Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

God bless you all for your support.
Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)



We are always grateful for your giving to the Chaplaincy. It is the main way by which the Priestly Ministry and Chaplaincy life is sustained. Without your giving there would be no Chaplaincy. Thank you to all who give so generously.

If you don't already, please would you consider a monthly standing order to either our UK to Spanish bank accounts? This would help us enormously in our financial planning.

It means your giving happens on a regular basis and we would be so grateful for this. Think of what the Chaplaincy means not only to you but the wider church community and the Church of England presence in this area.

Please see Peter or Jennifer or send Father Richard an email if you could help. Thank you.



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!

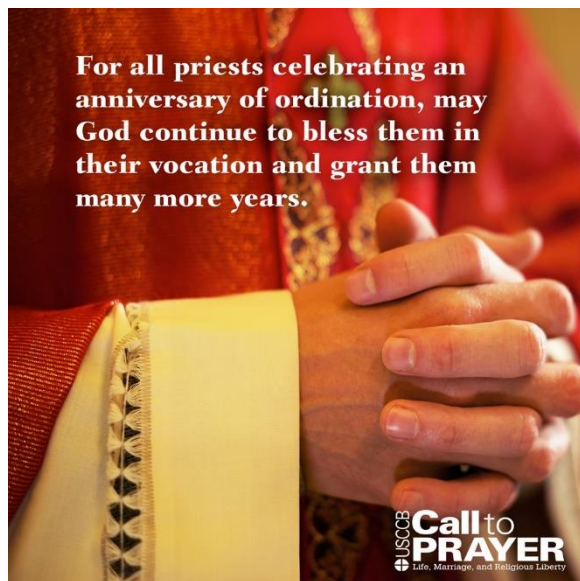


DATES AHEAD:

Wednesday
29th June
Ss Peter and Paul,
Apostles
Our Patronal Festival
1130 Holy Eucharist at
La Siesta
to celebrate this
important day in the
life of our Chaplaincy.



Followed by lunch at the Chinese restaurant. Please give your names to Jennifer Saville if you would like to go. Pay as you go on the day. All welcome.



Monday 4th July – Father Richard celebrates his twenty-ninth anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood with an online celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 1100. Please join him for this important celebration.



Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja

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.

Saturday 25 th June	1800 - Please note change in time
Wednesday 29 th June	1130 – PATRONAL FESTIVAL
Sunday 3 rd July	1130
Saturday 9 th July	1700
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
Sunday 21 st August	1130
Saturday 27 th August	1700

Please note the change of time to 1800 on Saturday 25th June.

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 25 th June	1800	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 26 th June	1100	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 27 th June	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Wednesday 29 th June	1130	PATRONAL FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 2 nd July	1700	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 3 rd July	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until 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 June 2022:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time: 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 26th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
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

1 Kings 19:16,19-21

Elisha leaves the plough to follow Elijah

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.
Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

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.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Second reading

Galatians 5:1,13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9,Jn6:68

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

Jesus sets out for Jerusalem

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Homily

The Gospel tells how three individuals wanted to follow Jesus and learn more about God. Far from urging them to join his group, Jesus seemed rather to discourage them. The first was told to count the cost of joining, as he would have no fixed abode. The next answer seems quite harsh. "Let the [spiritually] dead bury their dead." Perhaps the man's father was still alive, and an eldest son could not leave home until after his father's death. But if we are faced with a radical option and do not decide at once, we are less likely to do so later. What Jesus said to the third man was equally challenging: "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." The wooden plough could break if it struck a large stone; so the ploughman had to watch the ground ahead at all times. The commitment of a disciple to following Christ should be equally focussed.

All through life, God is also calling us, whether we respond or not, even as he called Peter from his fishing, Matthew from his tax office, Elisha from his farm. But, how many choose to answer God's call? Jesus once observed that "Many are called but few are chosen" (Mt 22:14). On the other hand we have his words of warm encouragement, "Fear not little flock, for it has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom" (Lk 12:32).

As a foundation for any vocation to service in the church is the belief that God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). This reassures us of the unconditional love on God's part for each and every person. With that belief we renew our Yes to our basic Christian vocation: "through love become servants to one another" or in our Lord's words: "Love one another as I have loved you."

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.**