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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.
A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.*

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th October 2024

THIRTIETH 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 IN THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**Please remember to turn off your mobile phone
before our services begin.
Please don't use a mobile phone in church. Pray instead!**

**Please remember to talk to God in prayer before our services begin.
There is plenty of time to talk to each other afterwards.
Your talking may distract someone else's praying.
Please keep a devotional silence.**

Father Richard's contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

Our Churchwardens are:
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They also act as Joint Treasurers.

The Vice-Chairman of the Chaplaincy Council is:
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We take the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults seriously. Our Safeguarding Policy is displayed at La Siesta and Lago Jardín and is available on our website:
<https://www.c-of-e-torre vieja.com/safeguarding-policy/>
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Nuestra Señora de la Asunción at Los Balcones, our third church,
is closed for a major rebuilding project.

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.

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:

Thank you to Father Rodney Middleton for celebrating the Eucharist when I was away and to Joan Berry for leading a Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a Priest.

It is good to be back after a rewarding and refreshing holiday in Castilla y León where I visited the cities of Valladolid, Burgos, Salamanca, and Zamora. Zamora was particularly interesting with twenty-two Romanesque churches – the highest number in Europe. I think I managed to see twenty of them in three days. Now back to a busy schedule...

On Monday we have a Mass with the Laying on of Hands and Anointing on October 28th which affords us a prayerful opportunity to come to the altar for a liturgy described as follows: *Christ is always present when we gather in his name; today we welcome him as physician and healer. Through this Eucharist and anointing we invoke his healing power.* We come to the Lord and seek his healing and comforting grace for those moments and conditions of life in which we turn to the Lord for healing of mind, body, and spirit.

Our offering of the Holy Rosary on November 8th gives us an opportunity to pray to the Lord and seek the prayers of his Blessed Mother and ours. If you have never prayed the Rosary before or have always wondered what the Rosary is now you have an opportunity to learn. Please bring your prayer requests with you and they will be offered. We meditate on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, the compendium of the gospel. Please bring your Rosary bead with you or try and obtain some if you don't have already.

Looking also into November, the Church looks beyond our pilgrim life on earth and sets her liturgical direction towards the hope that awaits us all. All Saints' Day on November 1st celebrates the triumph of Christ in the saints, the holy men and women of God in every time and place who fought for the faith and ran the race. Now crowned with eternal glory, we celebrate their victory and communion with us.

On November 2nd, we come to the altar for a Requiem Mass to commemorate and pray for the faithful departed, our loved ones who have gone before us. The obit lists will be available in both our churches from the last weekend of September and throughout October for you to write their names IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE FOR CLARITY and they will be prayed for at Mass on November 2nd. Come and honour them through your prayers and presence at the Requiem Mass.

Then on the weekend of 9th/ 10th November we will have our usual Remembrance Sunday commemorations with the two minutes silence both at La Siesta and Lago Jardín.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, *Father Richard*

DATES AHEAD:

TWO OPPORTUNITIES AT 1700

Two different opportunities to pray...

Monday 28th October

1700 MASS WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING LA SIESTA

At this Mass we come to the Lord to seek his healing grace – for our sufferings and our sorrows, for healing and wholeness, for grace and strength in the brokenness of the human condition. The Lord comes to us through the laying on of hands by the Priest and then anointing with the Oil of the Sick. A time to place ourselves in the hands of Jesus the Healer and Reconciler and feel the touch of his hands and the effect of his sacramental grace.



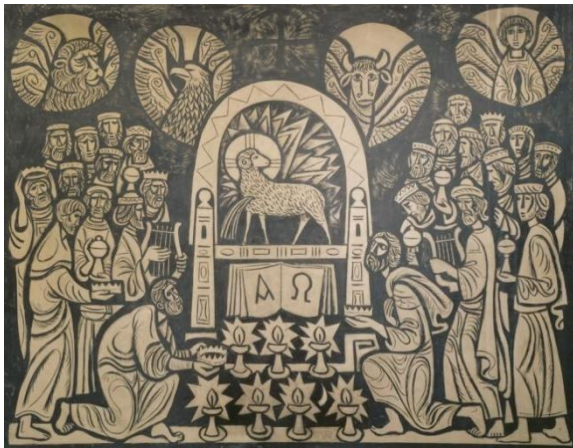
**Friday 8th November
1700**

HOLY ROSARY AT LAGO JARDÍN CHURCH

Come and pray the compendium of the Gospel. If you have prayed the Rosary before or its new to you, you are invited to pray with Father Richard as we offer the Holy Rosary and meditate on the life of the Lord and join our prayers with his holy Mother. We name our petitions before the Lord and ask Our Lady to take up

*our prayers. **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.** Please bring your Rosary beads with you or buy some if you don't have. Father Richard has a few spare sets you can use if not.*

TWO IMPORTANT MASSES FOR NOVEMBER



Friday 1st November

ALL SAINTS

*****1030*** HOLY EUCHARIST**

Lago Jardín

This day is when the Church celebrates the great multitude of the Communion of Saints, the countless number of men and women of every time and place whose holiness is counted by God as a reward for their Christian witness.

"O Blest Communion! fellowship divine! We feebly struggle they in glory shine; Yet all are

one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluya! Alleluya!"

Saturday 2nd November ALL SOULS

ALL SOULS DAY

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen."

*****1030*** REQUIEM MASS La Siesta**

We pray for the faithful departed, our loved ones whom we see no longer in this life.

*From October you will be able to write the names you wish to be remembered in prayer. Most importantly, **come and pray for them yourself.***

Saturday 9th November

1700 La Siesta

Sunday 10th November

1130 Lago Jardín

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.





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 give through the UK gift aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.**
4. You can make an offset against your Spanish tax
5. if you are Spanish tax payer.

One off donations are gratefully received.

For more information contact Father Richard or the Churchwardens.

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)

GIVING ONLINE:

<https://givealittle.co/c/3yXhRUWebr0Vqwf1OSVyV8>

GIVING BY QR CODE, APPLE PAY, GOOGLE WALLET:

*Hover over the QR code and go from there!
See next page...*



Thank you!



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

In this Chaplaincy...

The Chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is offered for those who wish to receive it. Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen** before consuming the Sacred Host. The words "The Blood of Christ" are said to which you say **Amen** before receiving from the Chalice. The Chalice is optional.

INTINCTION IS NOT PERMITTED FOR HEALTH AND HYGIENE REASONS.

**ONGOING INFORMATION FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES
SERVICES ARE SHARED BETWEEN LAGO JARDÍN AND LA SIESTA**

Los Balcones, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción
remains closed for re-building.

Services in the Chaplaincy:

Date	Time	Church
Sunday 27 th October	1130	Lago Jardín
Monday 28 th October	1700	Mass with Laying on of Hands and Anointing
Friday 1st November	1030	ALL SAINTS
Saturday 2nd November	1030	ALL SOULS
Sunday 3 rd November	1130	La Siesta
Friday 8 th November	1700	Rosary
Saturday 9 th November	1700	Eve of Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 10 th November	1130	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 17 th November	1130	La Siesta
Saturday 23 rd November	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 24 th November	1130	Liturgy of the Word
Sunday 1 st December	1130	La Siesta
Monday 2 nd December	1130	Advent Carol Service
Saturday 7 th December	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 8 th December	1130	Lago Jardín
Monday 9 th December	1700	Holy Hour
Friday 13 th December	1800	Carol Singing
Sunday 15 th December	1130	La Siesta
Thursday 19 th December	1800	Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday 20 th December	1700	Holy Hour
Saturday 21 st December	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 22 nd December	1130	Lago Jardín
Tuesday 24 th December	1700	VIGIL MASS
Tuesday 24 th December	2330	MASS DURING THE NIGHT
Wednesday 25 th December	1030	MASS OF THE DAY
Saturday 28 th December	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 29 th December	1130	Lago Jardín

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

burns this week for the Chaplaincy.

If you would like to dedicate the Blessed Sacrament for a week for a person, an intention, or in memory of a departed loved one, please see Father Richard. The cost is five euros for the week.



Father Richard's Prayer List for October 2024:

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

time: His Majesty King Charles, Her Royal Highness The

Princess of Wales, Sarah Brain. Father Terence, Clíodhna

pronounced Cliona Leydon, Michael, Gwyneth Manning,

John and Cynthia Parkes, Michael Elliott, Lewis Elliott,

David, Linda Thompson, Luke Thompson, Jamie Hill, Jamie

Mack, Chris Hughes, Michelle Lane, Rhys Miles, Joey McNab, Eileen Shaw, Anna and Dick

Horsnell, David Horsnell, Peter John, Martin Skillen, Raj Panchal, Paul McNab, Lesley

Critchley, Gwen Simmons, Vicky,

Please help Father Richard by letting him know when people can be taken off the prayer list.

Please notify Father Richard of any corrections.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Those killed as a result of the conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, Lebanon and Gaza.

+ 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).

Sunday 27th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;

turn to the Lord and his strength;

constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,

increase our faith, hope and charity,

and make us love what you command,

so that we may merit what you promise.

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Or:

cf.2Tim1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ abolished death
and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Go; your faith has saved you

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and

went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Homily

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.





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.**