



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

The Presbytery, Cawley Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1XB

Tel: 01243 782343 email: admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk

Parish Office open 9—2 Monday to Friday

With Our Lady of the Assumption

Fairfield Road, Bosham, West Sussex

Parish of St Peter, the Witterings

13 Church Road, East Wittering, West Sussex, PO20 8PS

Tel: 01243 673194 or 07979215394 email: stpeterswittering@tiscali.co.uk

Parish Office open 10—12 Tuesday & Wednesday

Father Kieron O'Brien

Email: kieron@chicathchurch.prestel.co.uk

www.strichardschichester.co.uk

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

Psalter Week 2

6th December 2009

Mass Times

St Richard's, Chichester

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30 am and 10.00am
12.00pm Polish Mass

St Peter's, Wittering

Sunday 9.00am

Friday 10.00am

Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham

Sunday 11.00 am

Tuesday 10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Richard's

Saturday: 10.30am-11.15am & 5.00pm –5.30pm

St Peter's

First Friday of the month 9.30am

By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Responsorial Psalm

No 125

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

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.



Thought for the week

For many of us, teachers, parents, housewives, not to mention priests and church workers, Advent seems like extra work—especially when the *extras*, however enjoyable, have to be grafted onto an already busy schedule. St. Paul, writing to the Philippians invites us to view our work in a different context. He reminds us that it is God who has begun this good work in us and it will only be truly finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes. If the *extra* chores and duties of the next couple of weeks are born out of a true desire to prepare for the day of the Lord then it will be a case of God's work being done in us. In other words this time of Advent is there to remind us that God is there working in and through us in our everyday lives the whole of the time. Hopefully our work will bear fruit in good Christmas celebrations, but more globally, it will bear fruit in the coming of the Kingdom which we are constantly looking towards.

St Richard's

Church Cleaning We are asking for volunteers to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas. If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours on the morning of Tuesday 22nd December, please contact the Parish Office—"Many hands make light work"!

Advent Prayer Cards This week's theme is Hope. Please take a card which gives a short prayer which can be used when lighting an advent candle and a bible reading to help us prepare to celebrate God's coming by making more time for him in our lives.

The Season of Advent There are copies of "Walk with me" Advent booklets and calendars £1 and "Advent Extra" £1.20 available in the porches. Money in the "papers" wall safe please.

Service of Light & Joy Sunday 13th December at 4pm in St Richard's Church. A service for families and people of all ages. It will end with Benediction followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms. All welcome.

St Richard's Toddler Group Meets every Wednesday in the Lower Parish Rooms from 10—11.30am for children from 0yrs—school age. Join us for a cuppa, play and sing a long!

Youth Group Meets again Thursday 17th December at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

St Peter's

Advent Groups As part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas there will be a group meeting together to reflect and pray on Sunday readings for Advent. We will meet in the meeting room off the church hall on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Everyone very welcome, so do come along.



Children's Christmas Party & Advent Service—13th December A Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 13th December at 3pm. Further details from Erna 672374.

Advent Stations During Advent we will hold a "Stations of the Nativity" after Mass on Friday mornings.

Witterings 150 Club The next draw will take place on Sunday 13th December in the church hall following the 9am Mass where we can have cup of tea or coffee and some Christmas Fare. Mick & Pat Thompson will collect member's subscriptions after Mass today, Sunday 6th Dec in the church hall. New members would be very welcome (only £12 per annum).

Christmas Cards There are a small number of religious cards and other items for sale in the porch at the back of the church. Money for these can go in the "Shop" box on the wall.

Advent Service—13th December Next Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm there will be a service of readings, prayers and Advent songs in the church followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. Everyone very welcome so do come along.

Church Car Park Please would all persons using the Church Car Park ensure they DO NOT park on the yellow hatched areas. The drive to Fr Tony's bungalow was boxed in last Sunday and he had to drive across the grass, which was water-logged. This could have caused a big problem, especially when he is on call to the hospital.

Parish Office—Alternative Phone Number We now have an alternative telephone number to call if the main office number, 01243 673194, is engaged. Our Internet connection uses the telephone line and this cause the main line to be blocked. The alternative number is 07979215394. Parish Office opening times are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10 am—12 noon.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Christmas Cards There will be a tree in the narthex where you can hang a card for all your friends at the Church. Please make donation to Fr Joe's Feeding Programme. 31p feeds a child for 1 day. There are 80 children to be fed every day.



Parish News

Second Collection this weekend for the needy of the parish. If you know of anyone who is in need, please contact the Parish Office in confidence.

Friday Project raised £67.70

EXPOSITION during Advent 7.30pm—8.30pm in the Blessed Lady Chapel. Wednesday 2nd December, Tuesday 8th December, Wednesday 16th December and Wednesday 23rd December.

Parish Penitential Service Sunday 20th December at 4pm in St Richard's Church.

Advent Groups using the Diocesan programme "To be made Holy" continues this week. **St Richard's:** Monday evening at 7.30pm and Tuesday morning 9.45 for Morning Prayer, group beginning at 10.15am. **St Peter's:** Tuesday evening 7.30pm. For details of other groups meeting in the Parish contact the Parish Office.

Advent Evening Prayer in Singleton During Advent ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held in Singleton Parish Church each Tuesday (1st to 22nd Dec) at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome. Further information from Ged Lavery 811270.

Christmas Celebration Thursday 17th December 1—3pm St Richard's Lower Parish Rooms with carols, a magic show and festive food. All welcome but space is limited so please phone Maria on 782837 to book a place by 13th December. Transport available.

Catholic Bible School 16th Dec THANKSGIVING MASS for all the Lord has done in our lives in the past year. Open to all. 8.30pm followed by Mulled wine & mince pies. **Wednesday evenings** at 7.45pm - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 1st Wednesday of the month, **Open Door Prayer Meeting** 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday of the month, all welcome, **Healing Service** 3rd Wednesday of the month. Visit the CBS website www.catholic-bible-school.org for info & weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings, Tel 01243 371766.

APF Promoters Your calendars are in the BSC porch ready for collection and distribution.

Stars of Mary Mass Today, Sunday 6th December at Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis at 3pm. Mass for the disabled, the frail and elderly as well as their friends and families.

SPUC Meeting The next meeting of the Chichester District Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be on Wednesday 9th December, at 7.30pm, in the Lower Parish Room at St Richard's Church, Cawley Road, Chichester. All are welcome.

Carols by Candlelight St Philip Howard Catholic High School invites Senior Citizens to join students and staff for the performance on Thursday 10th December, 2.30pm—4.30pm. There will be singing & readings in the school hall, and mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served throughout the afternoon. Contact Peter McGeady 558216 to reserve seats.

Pilgrimage to Northumberland 28 August to 1 September 2010 A chance to explore the land of St Cuthbert, St Bede and St Wilfrid, the great Celtic saints who established Christianity in this country. We will stay at Minsteracres near Durham and can visit Holy Island, Durham, Jarrow & Bede's World, Hexham and Hadrian's Wall. There is plenty of opportunity for walking in the beautiful countryside. See www.minsteracres.org for details of the accommodation. Full board approx £160 per adult, £80 per child for the 4 nights, in addition to the cost of transport. Please phone Maria on 782837 if you are interested in finding out more.

Prayer Groups

S.O.S Prayer Line 01243 377331 Every evening 7.30 pm—Midnight

Emmanuel Prayer Group will meet at Patricia's on Nov 23rd, Dec 7th & Jan 4th (Tel no 784946) and will meet at Angela's on Nov 30th, Dec 14th & Jan 11th (Tel 374390).

Tuesday Morning Group Will meet on Wednesday 2nd Dec continuing with the Advent Reflections book "To be made Holy", 9.45am for Morning Prayer group beginning at 10.15am.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. We will be looking at The Advent Reflections book. Next session 8th December unless Mass times or dates are changed.

Novena to Our Lady Thursdays 8 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Second Wednesday of the month and every Wednesday during Advent 7.30pm—8.30pm

Open Door Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7.45 pm at Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne.

Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting Saturday's 2—5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	For the wellbeing of Fr Royston (Emmy & Eddie Roblin)
Sun 6th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Veronica Brown RIP (Geoff & Gill Breeze)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Molly Corbally RIP (Megan Hadden)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Oscar Dominguez RIP (Family)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 7th	St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving (Matthew & Family)
Tues 8th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Deceased members of the Doocey Family (Family)
Wed 9th	St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Fr Royston
	St Richard's	12.15pm	NO MASS
Thurs 10th	St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving (Matthew & Family)
Fri 11th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 12th	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

Sat 12th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Mary-Anne Newton RIP (Mary Newton)
Sun 13th	St Richards	8.30am	Cyril Hunt RIP (T & R Carlisle)
	St Peters	9.00am	Wedding Anniversary (Terry O'Hara)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Rebecca and the Cookson Family
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please Pray for the Sick

Patricia Hodnett, Mavis O'Brien, Valerie Davis-White, Anne Kibble, Robin Bowker, Margaret Andrews, Jane Lake, Michael Timlick, Molly Hill, Yvonne Bishop, Malcolm Lawson-Paul, Frances Herbert, Shirley Bridges, Gerry Farrell, Mark Wynter, Maureen Eyles, Gisela Gatford, Alastair Gordon, Mary Andrews, Patricia Mary Spooner, Christopher Browne, Peggy Carney, Jean Clench, Angela Connor, Elspeth Gormley, Jean Hood, John Mattalan, June Seaward, Elizabeth Clarke, Violetta Ruff, Pat Williams, Phyll Deere, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Chris Edwards, Teresa Willcocks, Doris White, Nigel Hogben & Joanne, Simon & Aisling Smith.

The Visiting and Support Group is a team of about 12 parishioners, under the guidance of Fr Kieron, who visit people who have difficulty getting out. If you would like to know more, or to arrange a visit for yourself or someone you know please contact the Parish Office 01243 782343 or speak to Father Kieron.

Next week's Readings

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays