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3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

Psalter Week 3

13th 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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.



Responsorial Psalm

No Isaiah 12:2-6

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near.

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

What must we do?

Thought for the week

Even tax collectors and soldiers, were seeking ethical advice from John the Baptist. One has to wonder what kind of business ethics would he be offering to the fat cat bankers of today. It is clear that people took notice of John because he spoke with authority but he was also at pains to point out that the one who was to come would have a power far greater than his own. The joy of this *Gaudete Sunday* is based on the expectation of the coming of the One in whom all power and authority ultimately rests. Two things are certain: that Jesus came into the world in an historical time and place and that we will celebrate this again in a little less than two week's time. What remains uncertain is whether or not we choose to live under his authority and in a way which shares his power. Only we can make that decision and remove the uncertainty. It is always a good time to renew our baptismal promises—why wait 'till Easter?

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 from 9.30am on Tuesday 22nd December, please contact the Parish Office—"Many hands make light work"!

Advent Prayer Cards This week's theme is Love. Please take a card which gives a short prayer which can be used when lighting an advent candles, and a bible reading to help us prepare to celebrate God's coming by sharing his presence 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.

St Richard's School This Wednesday, 16th December at 12.45pm (following the 12.15pm Mass) the children from Key stage One (Infants) at St Richard's School will come to the Church and sing songs from their Nativity Play. All are welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Room.

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.

Yoga will finish on Friday 18th December resuming on Monday 4th January.

St Peter's

Advent Groups This week the Advent Group will meet on **Monday 16th** instead of Tuesday. Everyone very welcome to com and join us.

Children's Christmas Party —13th December A Children's Christmas Party will be held today at 3.00pm. Further details from Erna 672374.

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

Witterings 150 Club The next draw will take place today, Sunday 13th December in the church hall following the 9am Mass where we can have cup of tea or coffee and some Christmas Fare. 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 Today at 4.30pm there will be a service of readings, prayers and Advent songs followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. Everyone very welcome so do come along.

Boxing Day Lunch at the United Reform Church, Oakfield Avenue, East Wittering. £4. Contact Cheri on 672948 for further details.



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.

Bosham Christmas Vigil Mass There will be a practice on **Monday 21st December at 10am** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church for any children who would like to sing in the choir or to play an instrument and also for the readers.

Bosham Meeting Point Carol Service on December 27th There will be a practice on **Monday December 21st at 11.15am** following the children's practice. Anyone who would like to sing with us will be welcome.

Help Needed after Mass for coffee and tea once every two months with one other person. Please contact Sue Pike 371089.

Bosham Bounce The December winner is Laura Lewis with number 58. Congratulations!

Bosham Ecumenical Prayer Group meets on Monday 14th December at 3pm at Sue Pleasance's House, Strange Cottage, Walton Lane. For details ring 572445.



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Second Collection last week for the needy of the parish raised £620.70. **Friday Project** raised £64.75

EXPOSITION

During Advent 7.30pm—8.30pm in the Blessed Lady Chapel. 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. 7.30pm 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.

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.

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.

Young Adults Group Will meet again on 8th January in the Upper Parish Rooms at St Richard's Church.

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.

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 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
Mon 14th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Pat Cooper RIP (Visiting Group)
Tues 15th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Marie Marguerite RIP
Wed 16th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Patrick Doocey RIP (Maura & Family)
Thurs 17th	St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving to Infant Jesus of Prague (Madonna & Rachel)
Fri 18th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 19th	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

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Sun 20th	St Richards	8.30am	Joe & Bertha Silver RIP (Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	10.00am	Deceased relatives of the Timlick Family (J & M Timlick)
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
	St Richard's	4.00pm	Reconciliation Service

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church.

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, Teresa Willcocks, Doris White, Nigel Hogben & James & Julian 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
Micah 5:1-4

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Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel
Luke 1:39-44



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays