

# Parish of St Richard of Chichester

with Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham and St Peter's Parish, Wittering.

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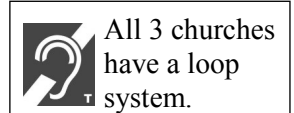
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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**16th July**

Psalter week 3

## Thought for the week

This Sunday's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit. In the parable of the sower. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Let us pray that we may fruitfully hear God's word spoken in the scriptures; *We thank you heavenly Father, for inspiring all Scripture by the Holy Spirit. Help us by your Spirit so to hear your holy word that we may be equipped for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Today's Readings 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:10-11	The rain makes the earth give growth.
	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.</b>
Second Reading:	Romans 8:18-23	The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.
Gospel Accl	<b>Alleluia Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</b>	
Gospel:	Matthew 13:1-23	A sower went out to sow.

## **Next Week's Reading 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading:	Wisdom 12:13.16-19	After sin you will grant repentance.
	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>O Lord, you are good and forgiving.</b>
Second Reading:	Romans 8:26-27	The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be out into words.
Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-43	Let them both grow till the harvest.

## Liturgy and Education

**Please pray for Algis Rekesius and Rachel Hicks** who will be getting married at St Richard's Church next Saturday 22nd July at 2pm

**Please pray for Lara Edwards** the granddaughter of Geoff Gill Breeze being baptised in Australia this weekend Sunday 16 July.

**Service of Praise and Worship** – Friday 28 July at 7.30pm. An opportunity for a joyful encounter with Jesus. Come and sing praise! This service takes place on the 4th Friday of each month. *'Still my soul will sing your praise unending, 10,000 Years and then forever more!'*

**St Peter's: Lives of the Saints** continues this week with St Therese of Lisieux. We meet on Tuesday at 2 pm at 29 The Crescent, East Wittering. Everyone very welcome.

**St Peter's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during August but will resume again on Tuesday 5th September.

**Lourdes Grotto prayer petitions** - several parishioners are travelling to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage at the end of this month. If you have a prayer intention you would like the pilgrims to carry to the Grotto and place in the petition box there, please send them in via St Richard's Parish Office, St Peter's sacristy or the box in St Peter's porch by 23 July.

**Confirmation 2018 Programme** The 2017/18 Confirmation programme begins on Tuesday 12 September with a meeting for parents and candidates in the lower parish room (7pm start). The preparation will begin with a weekend retreat from Friday 15 –17 Sept at Lodge Hill near Pulborough. The minimum age for confirmation preparation is School Year 10.

**First Holy Communion 2018 Programme** The forms for registering for the 2017/18 First Holy Communion programme are now available. Please sign up at [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/communion](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/communion) or via paper copy (forms are at the back of the churches). The initial parents' meeting is at 7pm on Monday 11 September, in St Richard's parish rooms where you can find out about the programme.

**Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Fr Seville, from Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield monastery in Yorkshire, will be addressing the Chichester branch of (ESBVM) on 2 Sept at 2pm at the Bishop's Palace, Chichester Cathedral on *'Reflections on responses to Mary Grace and Hope in Christ'* with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome. To reserve your free place: Bradley Smith, at St Olav's in North Street, 01243 782790 [stolavbookshop@gmail.com](mailto:stolavbookshop@gmail.com)

**Day of Reflection for Readers** led by Bishop Richard: at The Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, KT11 1AA, on Saturday 16 September. 11 am to 4 pm (packed lunch needed). Talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones. Lectio Divina. Mass. Booking is essential as places are limited. To book contact [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) 01293 651164.

**Annual Formation Day for Grandparents:** Thursday 21 September, in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey, from 10 am to 3 pm (packed lunch needed). Fr Stephen Ortiger, and Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, will explore how Grandparents can support their Grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure. No charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Please book by contacting Rosie on 01293 651161. [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

## Other

**St Peter's Summer Fete** will be on Saturday 19 August from 12 noon - 3 pm. If you can help in any way, either with donations for the stalls or helping out on the day, please contact Gio (670674) or Marie (673346).

**Entrance and car park at St Richard's UPDATE** Thank you to all parishioners who responded to our suggestion for alterations to the car park entrance at St Richards. Whilst a small number expressed concern at the cost in relation to the gain, the greatest number were in support. We wanted to add that if the work is to proceed, it would include a new disabled access ramp, alterations to the paved steps leading up to the Church and an entrance barrier into the car park. The next step will be to draw up a plan to secure planning permission. We do have an initial sketch plan on 2 pages (existing and proposed) available at this stage for anyone who wishes to have a copy. Please ask the Parish Office.

**The Event** this month will take place at Our Lady's in Bosham on Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>, with Mass at 12.15 followed by a picnic lunch in the garden (so don't forget to bring a sunhat.) All are welcome. If you require transport please call Tony, 781040.

**Short, slow Amble Monday, July 24th** to Emsworth. Catch the 11.02am 700 bus from the Bus Station. Any queries please contact Susan 776792

**everyone has questions**

2 x Alpha courses  
starting here in October

Alpha



## Administration

**Fr Sebastian** will be away in Poland during July.

**We are looking to recruit** some more welcomers for the 8.30am Mass at St Richard's. If you are interested in joining this amazing ministry please contact Lesley on 01243 528775 or email [lesleymackay11@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymackay11@gmail.com)

**Readers at 8.30am Sunday Mass** We are looking for more readers to join the rota at the 8.30am Sunday Mass, if you might like to join the rota please call Fr Paul.

**Thank you very much** to everyone who helped out at the Parish Day Mass last Sunday to make it such a success. Thanks also for the generous donations of food from our Filipino and Kerala communities, from the Catenians, the Phillips family and friends. A wonderful £1280 was raised from the food and drink sold on the day which will go towards parish funds.

**Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers.** Gail Cote, Terry Carlisle, Valerie Davies-White, Agnes Martin, Frank Gallagher, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Bronwen Astor, Eileen Wood, Helena Denis, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Bevis Peers, Dot Leaver, Gerald McGregor, Patsy Cox, Frank O'Donnell, Jill Serna, Sister Maria Goretti, John Kirby, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell, Jean Clench, Audrey Graveley.  
*Please contact the parish office if you would like someone to be added (or taken off) the prayer list*

## Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration at St Richards** Every Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.30am—7.00pm (Term time only).
- **Adoration at St Peters** First Tuesday of the month & after the 10am Friday mass every week 10am-12noon.
- **Bosham Tuesday Group** Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. All welcome.
- **Donnington Area Catholics** will meet on Monday 10th July at 4pm at 67 Stockbridge Road, Chichester. Any queries phone Mary 01243 779687
- **Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting** 3rd Sunday of the month 2pm –7pm in St Richards Church.
- **Morning Prayer** 7.45am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Monday & Friday.
- **Novena** prayed each Thursday at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.
- **Prayer Ministry** is available after most weekend Masses in St Richard's, Our Lady and St Peter's.
- **Rosary Group** Monday 10am: 20 Wessex Avenue, East Wittering PO20 8NP (Tel: 948068). All welcome.
- **Rosary Group** last Tuesday of every month 2 Caedwalla Drive, Tangmere.
- **Rosary Group** Every Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel St Richards at 2pm.
- **Runcton Manor: Quiet day** A day of rest, reflection and restoration. 3rd Wednesday of every month 10.30am to 12.30pm followed by shared lunch. For further details email [runctonmanor@gmail.com](mailto:runctonmanor@gmail.com) or Chris Bemrose on 278307 or Kate Taylor 776999. **Christian Meditation (& Lectio Divina)** every Tuesday evening in the upper parish Room 7.30pm.
- **S.O.S Prayer Line 01243 377331** Every weekday evening from 7.30 pm—10.30pm.

### May 2017

Offertory Budget	Year To Date Actual	Surplus
£46,500	£47,947	£1,447

### St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st January - 31st May 2017

Total Income	£74,419 (Budgeted Income	£65,695)
Total expenditure	£48,250 (Budgeted Expenditure	£48,475)
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£26,169</b>	

Four Sunday Collections in May 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£2,671
Gift-aided envelopes	£2,652
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£4,512
An estimated gift aid rebate	£1,791
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>£11,626</b>

## Financial Performance

### St Peter's

For the month 1st to 31st May 2017

Income	£2,869
Expenditure	£4,773
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>£1,904</b>

We have purchased a new sit on mower (£1,575) and we have had to pay our music licenses this month.

Four Sunday Collections in May 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£658
Gift-aided envelopes	£449
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£374
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>£1,481</b>

<b>Saturday 15th July</b>		<b>St Bonaventure</b>
St Richard's	12.15pm	Sister Margaret Mary (Margaret Holmes)
St Richard's	11.30-12noon 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Josephine Lennon RIP (Jean Darby)
<b>Sunday 16th July</b>		<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	For the intentions of Mathew and Family
St Peter's	9.00am	Baptism of Lara Maryilyn Edwards (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
St Richard's	10.00am	Garry Beacher RIP (M&B Southward)
Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Richard's POLISH	12.00 noon POLISH	POLISH MASS
<b>Monday 17th July</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	In thanksgiving
St Richard's	12.15pm	Anna Mathew RIP (Saji John)
<b>Tuesday 18th July</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Nora Longlands RIP
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Wednesday 19th July</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Special Intention
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady THE EVENT	12.15pm THE EVENT	Pat Williams RIP (Visiting Group)
<b>Friday 21st July</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	10.00am	Janina Bialowska-Bennett RIP (Grabowski Family)
<b>Saturday 22nd July</b>		<b>St Mary Magdelene</b>
St Richard's	12.15pm	Sister Margaret Mary (Margaret Holmes)
St Richard's	11.30-12noon 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	2.00pm WEDDING	Wedding of Algis Rekesius and Rachel Hicks
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Michael Loftus RIP (H.Loftus)
<b>Sunday 23rd July</b>		<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Rev Pat McMahon RIP (Parish Mass)
St Richard's	10.00am	The wellbeing of Adam and Kerry (M&B Southward)
Our Lady	11.00am	The wellbeing of Megan (her friends)
St Richard's POLISH	12.00 noon POLISH	POLISH MASS