

Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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

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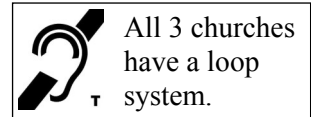
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14th January 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 2

Thought for the Week

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers:

Christopher Emerson, Mary Eveleigh, Eddie Rooke, Eleanor Walter, Ed Melancon, Brian Campbell, Paul Carney, Margaret Beazley, Roger Johnson, Hugh Hayward, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Frank Gallagher, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Helena Denis, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Gerald McGregor, Frank O'Donnell, Jill Serna, John Kirby, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell, Tony Whiting.

Please let the office know if you would like someone to be added (or taken off) the prayer list

This week's readings 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading: Samuel 3:3-10.19 Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.
Responsorial Psalm Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
Second Reading: Corinthians 6:13-15.17 Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.
Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 1:35-42 They saw where he lived and stayed with him.

Next week's readings 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5 The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.
Responsorial Psalm Make me know your ways.
Second Reading: Corinthians 7:29-30 The world as we know it is passing away.
Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.

Liturgy and Education

The Requiem Mass of Bronwen Astor RIP will be held at St Richard's on Tuesday 16 January at 10.30am. There will be no Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption on that day.

The Requiem Mass of Doug Hickey RIP will be held at St Richard's on Friday 19 January at 10.30am. There will be food and drinks served in the lower parish room directly after the service, to which parishioners are very welcome. There will be no Mass at St Peter's on that day, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on that day will start after the service.

Patsy Cox RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chichester parishioner Patsy Cox who sadly died last Wednesday.

Christian Unity Service As part of the national week of prayer for Christian unity, there will be a Christian Unity service being held at Chichester Cathedral on Sunday 21 January at 6pm. Come along and celebrate the united works of Christ in the city.

Service of Praise and Worship – Friday 26 January at 7.30pm. An opportunity for a joyful encounter with Jesus. *Come and sing praise!* Followed by fish & chips for those who wish - place your orders before the service begins so food can be pre-ordered. The next service will be after Easter.

Caroline Bullen and John Hutchings will be celebrating their Nuptial Mass on the 20th. January 2018 at 11:30 am in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Bosham. They would like to extend an invitation to all Parishioners who might be able to attend the service and to the planned mini-reception in the Narthex after the marriage.

Prayer Ministry are you worried, anxious, concerned about health, friends, family, situations? Then why not share, in confidence, with the prayer ministers who are usually present both before and after weekend Masses (wearing badges).

Welcomers' Formation morning at St Richard's on Saturday 20th January 2018 at 10am. All welcomers and those of you who would like to join this Ministry, from St Richard's, St Peter's and Our Lady of Sorrows, are invited to attend a Formation morning led by Margaret Fraher, Inclusion Adviser for the Diocese. We will have a scripture based reflection session as well as discussions in a relaxed atmosphere and questions. We look forward to seeing you all on the 20th Jan 2018 RSVP to Amy in the office on 01243 782343 or email parishoffice@strichardschichester.co.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer St Peter's Hall - 18th January at 10.30am, there will be an initial meeting for 2nd March Women's World Day of Prayer, hosted by West Wittering Church this year. Anyone interested in helping to organise the afternoon is very welcome.

ADOREMUS the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Liverpool 7-9 September The Diocese are organising transport and accommodation which will be subsidised by the parish. Please let the parish office know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. Our parish has 8 tickets in total and it would be good if we could have representatives from each church at the Congress.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 27th January 11.00-4.00 You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "The Good News of Jesus Christ" by Charles Whitehead; 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com. Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be holding a meeting at the Bishop's Palace Chichester [on Saturday 17th February at 2pm](#) when author and lecturer in religious studies Professor Roger Homan will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Beholding the Madonna, the BVM in Art.' The meeting will be followed by the ESBVM Evening Office and refreshments. As space is limited please contact Bradley Smith on [07931 527724](tel:07931527724) or email bradley.smith4@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

The Diamond Jubilee Mass of St Richard's Church will take place on Monday 19th March 2018, at 7.30pm with Bishop Richard. Please keep this date free, more details to follow.

Day of Recollection—Saturday 24 February

This, I hope will be the first of many days of recollection (retreats) which we will provide in Lent and Advent over the coming years. I am delighted that Fr Edward Courbould a Benedictine monk from Ampleforth has kindly agreed to lead us. We will begin with Mass at 10am. There will be two talks held at our school, and our day will finish with a holy hour ending at 3.30pm. You will need to bring your own sandwiches but tea and coffee will be provided. Please note this date in your diaries.

Fr Tom

Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday term-time St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.40am-7pm
- **Adoration** First Tuesday of the month 10-12 noon St Peter's, East Wittering
- **Bosham Tuesday Group** Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. All welcome.
- **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.
- **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 or Chris Bemrose on 278307 or Kate Taylor 776999.
- **Christian Meditation (& Lectio Divina)** every Tuesday evening in the upper parish room 6pm.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** - every 2nd Wednesday 8:00 pm at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne

White Flower Appeal The Society for the Protection for Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It is currently campaigning to prevent the decriminalisation of abortion which would take abortion outside all constraints of the law - a most dangerous threat to the safety of unborn children and their mothers. Please be as generous as you can, to help us defeat this attack, and please use the postcard supplied with the Appeal, to ask your MP to oppose the decriminalising of abortion.

Building Work update - St Richard's Bell Tower With the scaffolding put up the fabric team have learnt that the scale of deterioration of the brickwork is worse than previously thought. This will require more work than budgeted for. Please see the website for pictures and more details www.goo.gl/r9CcG6

The new Diocesan Directories have been published for 2018. They are available from the parish office at £5 each.

Bosham Bounce January's Bosham Bounce is Ann Greenwood with the number 47

Social Activities

The Event this month will be held on Thursday January 18th at Our Lady's in ~Bosham with Mass at 12.15 followed by lunch at about 1pm and then a talk by Loulou Morris, the chaplain of the Chichester branch of the Anna Chaplaincy. If you don't know what this is now is your chance to find out. All are welcome. If you require transport please call Tony, 781040.

Alpha Celebration Evening Monday 15th January at 7pm. For all those who participated in Alpha in St.Richard's and St.Peter's churches recently, please come along to our celebration evening in St.Richard's lower parish room. Please bring a plate of finger food to share if you are able and a guest(family member/friend/neighbour or colleague) who may be interested in finding out more about Alpha. For more information please contact the parish office.

Financial Performance

November 2017

Offeritory Budget	Year To Date Actual	Surplus
£102,300	£103,703	£1,403

St Peter's

For the month 1st to 30th November 2017

Income	£2,835
Expenditure	£8,220
Deficit	£5,385

Four Sunday Collections in November 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£726
Gift-aided envelopes	£353
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£374
TOTAL DONATIONS	£1,453

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st January - 30th November 2017

Total Income	£157,071 (Budgeted Income	£145,043)
Total expenditure	£133,324 (Budgeted Expenditure	£128,780)
Surplus	£23,747	

Four Sunday Collections in November 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£2,686
Gift-aided envelopes	£1,338
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£3,690
An estimated gift aid rebate	£1,257
TOTAL DONATIONS	£8,971

Saturday 13th January		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	11.30-12 & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 14th January		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Barbara Gallagher RIP (Clare Walton).
St Richard's	10.00am	Health and wellbeing of Margaret McBrian
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00 noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 15th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of the Chitty Family
St Richard's	12.15pm	Lawrence Mallia RIP (Frida)
Tuesday 16th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	K.M Mathew RIP (Saji John)
St Richard's	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Bronwen Astor RIP
Wednesday 17th January		St Antony
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Danuta Pak RIP
Thursday 18th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Caroline and John (Mary & Martin)
Our Lady THE EVENT	12.15pm THE EVENT	Doug Hickey RIP (The Visiting Group)
Friday 19th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	11.15am -7pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Richard's	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Doug Hickey RIP
Saturday 20th January		
Our Lady	11.30am	Wedding - Caroline and John
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	11.30-12 & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st January		3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	9.00am	Barbara Gallagher RIP (Clare Walton).
St Richard's	10.00am	Danuta Pak RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	Wellbeing of Mary Eveleigh (Family)
St Richard's	12.00 noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Chichester Cathedral	6pm	Ecumenical Church Unity Service