

**2nd December**  
**1st Sunday of Advent (Yr C)**  
Psalter Week 1

**Newsletter for the Parish of St Richard of Chichester,  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham & St Peter's Parish, Wittering**

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## Our Parishes' Missionary Prayer

Dear Lord,

Through our Baptism, you have called us to be your followers and heralds of your Gospel:

Open our hearts and minds to your Spirit and make us attentive to your Word.

May the Eucharist increasingly be at the centre of our lives and the Sacrament of Forgiveness a vital part of our journey.

Fill us with love and zeal to build up the church and to increase your Kingdom on earth.

Make us humble and generous in sharing our gifts and our time.

Deepen our trust and make us ever more aware of your presence in our daily lives.

Increase in each one of us the desire to become the person you want us to be.

We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady of the Assumption ... Pray for us

St Philip Howard ... Pray for us

St Richard of Chichester ... Pray for us

St Peter ... Pray for us



All three churches have a loop system.

**Priests are available for Confessions:** St Peter's, Fridays, 9.30am-10am, St Richard's (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) Saturdays 11.30am-12pm & 5.15-5.45pm and other times by request.

**Remember the sick in our parishes in your prayers:** Jenny Edwards, Anthony Canon, Walter Hoppe, Amelia Rowley, Miriam Freeman, Christopher Emerson, Eddie Rooke, Ed Melancon, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, 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 know of any changes*

### 1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**To you, O Lord, I life up my soul.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

**Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28

Your liberation is near at hand.

## Liturgy and Education

### Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 18th December 7pm at St Richard's with priests available for individual confession and absolution.

### Witterings Carol Service

will be on Sunday 16th December at 4 pm. This is a service of readings and carols for Christmas followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. Everyone is very welcome.

### Chichester Carol Service

16th December at 4.00pm at St Richard's Church. Come along and join in a service of traditional Christmas carol singing and Christmas readings.

### Bosham Carol Service

4.00pm on Sunday December 23rd at Holy Trinity, Bosham. You are invited to join us at the Meeting Point, ecumenical carol service. Carols and readings will be followed by mulled wine / juice and mince pies. All welcome.

### Welcomer Formation Day

9<sup>th</sup> Feb for all welcomers across our 3 churches. There will be a speaker. To be held at St Richard's. Please put the date in your diary – more details to follow in the New Year.

### Please pray

for the repose of the soul of Christine Taylor, mother of Valerie Hall and frequent visitor to St Peter's. She passed away aged 93 after a short illness.

### Evening Prayer for the Protection of all Human Life

A short prayer service is being held at St Richard's Church on Saturday 8th December following the 6pm Mass

### Advent at St Peters

During Advent there will be an opportunity to come closer to Mary through reflecting on her 'Yes' to God. There will be a series of DVD presentations with discussion at 29 The Crescent, East Wittering, beginning on Thursday 29th November at 2 pm. Everyone is very welcome so do come along. Tea and Coffee will be available.

**Recommissioning of all Readers** Please note this will take place on Bible Sunday, next weekend, (8-9 Dec) at all our Masses.

### Singers: St Richard's Carol Service, 16 December.

Singers are warmly invited to join the choir for the Carol Service on 16 December. All welcome; men/tenors/basses particularly sought. Rehearsal: 10 December at 7pm. Please email [strichardsparishmusic@gmail.com](mailto:strichardsparishmusic@gmail.com) to let the choir know if you will come.

### St Stephen's Day on Boxing Day

We will be holding a Mass at St Richard's on 26th Dec at 10am for the altar servers of each of our churches for them to renew their promises and to collect their medals. There will be snacks and games afterwards in the parish rooms. Please let the parish office know if your child can make it.

### Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery On Our

**Doorstep'**, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, from 10 am at The Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC) in Crawley, learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. Call Rosie Read at 01293 651161 [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

### Flame

the biggest Catholic youth event is taking place again next year at Wembley Stadium on 2nd March. Our young people that have attended Flame in the past have enjoyed the day, and got a lot out of it personally. Tickets cost £23 and we will be making a block booking directly after Christmas for all those that would like to go from our parish. Please let the parish office know.

**Advent in our parishes** Deacon Jonathan has written a programme of Advent for us all. He will be handing out copies this weekend. It can also be found on our website. (Button on the Home Page)

## Financial Performance

St Peter's	St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption	October 2018 St Richards & Our Lady - Offertory
For the month 1st to 31st October 2018	For the period 1st January - 31st October 2018	Target <b>£9,500 per month</b>
Income £2,412	Total Income £145,599 (Budgeted Income £152,481)	Budget <b>£95,500</b>
Expenditure £1,216	Total expenditure £153,409 (Budgeted Expenditure £145,680)	Year to Date Actual <b>£91,529</b>
Surplus £1,196	<b>Deficit -£7,810</b>	Deficit <b>£3,471</b>
Four Sunday Collections in October 2018.	Four Sunday Collections in October 2018.	<b>The offertory deficit has increased, perhaps now is a good time to review your giving for the year</b>
Cash not Gift-aided £567	Cash not Gift-aided £2,610	
Gift-aided envelopes £423	Gift-aided envelopes £1,156	
Gift-aided Standing Orders £519	Gift-aided Standing Orders £5,073	
TOTAL DONATIONS £1,509	An estimated gift aid rebate £1,557	
	TOTAL DONATIONS £10,396	

Statement of Financial accounts  
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### Christmas Flower Collections NEXT

**WEEKEND 8/9<sup>th</sup> December** There will be second collections for Christmas flowers at St Richard's, St Peter's and Our Lady on 8/9th December. At St Peter's there is also a book in the porch to write the names of loved ones to whom you would like to dedicate the Christmas flowers to.

**Church Cleaning** Please consider helping out on Tuesday 4th December from 2.30pm-3pm to clean St Richard's church before the school nativity plays. We may also need another session to clean up afterwards before our Christmas Masses but if you could spare half an hour it would be a big help. Thank you.

**The Children in Need Event** at St Peter's event raised £217. Thanks to all who helped.

**Chaplain for St Philip Howard School** Are you passionate about developing the Catholic faith amongst young people? Do you have the ability to inspire young people and develop their faith? If so, read on as this could be the opportunity you've been waiting for! St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently looking to appoint a Chaplain (or member of a Chaplaincy team) to support the liturgical and wider Catholic life of the school. Full details of the vacancy can be found on the SPH website: [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk). Visits from prospective applicants are always very welcome. Closing date for applications is 9am on Friday 11 January 2019.

**Christmas Tree in St. Anne's** The Christmas Tree Festival in the Witterings this year will support the new homeless endeavour in Chichester. Details are in the church porch after Mass.

**St Richard's School form signing** For those of you who are applying for a place at St Richard's School the dates for school form signing. **Dec 5th 3.15-4.15, Dec 11th 6-7pm, Jan 9th 3.15-4.15pm**

**The Knitted Nativity** at St Peter's is available to go in family homes from this weekend. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you would like it to visit.

## Social Events

**Soup lunches** will be held at Christ Church each Wednesday in Advent, 12 - 1.30. There is no charge for the lunch but donations for Christian Aid will be welcome. Please try to support this ecumenical initiative, especially on December 5th when it is the turn of St Richard's to provide the lunch. See poster in porch for more details.

**Altar Servers Social Evening** this Tuesday 4th December at 7pm we are holding a social evening for all altar servers (both current servers and those wishing to become an altar server). It will be held in the lower parish room at St Richard's.

**St Richard's School Christmas Fair** Friday 7th December 4pm. Raffle tickets are on sale now from the Parish Office.

**1st Monday Coffee Morning** on Monday 3rd December at 15 Juxon Close. 10-30-12 noon. Car Parking is not available in Juxon Close but it is very near to St Richard's Church. There is a pathway to the side of the School. All welcome; any queries please contact Jean 775675.

**St Philip Howard Catholic School** invites Senior Citizens in the area to join students and staff in a "Carols by Candlelight" performance on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.45pm. There will be singing and music in the school hall, and mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served. Please contact Jacqui Inglis before Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December if you would like to reserve seats 558205.

## Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday at St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.00am-10pm
- **Adoration** Wednesdays 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.
- **Prayer Ministry** is available after most weekend Masses in St Richard's, Our Lady and St Peter's.
- **Rosary Group** Monday 10am: St Peter's Church, East Wittering. 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. 3rd Wednesday of every month 10.30am to 12.30pm followed by shared lunch. 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 6pm. For all enquiries please call Kate on 07808 761696.

<b>Saturday 1st December</b>		
St Richard's	<b>10.00am</b> <i>(no morning confessions)</i>	Mary and Peter Elliott RIP (Family)
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba
<b>Sunday 2nd December</b>		<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	Blessings for the marriage of Alan and Virata (Jean French)
St Peter's	9.00am	Maria Fragapane RIP (The Grabowski Family)
St Richard's	10.00am	In Thanksgiving
Our Lady	11.00am	Dr Mary Josephine Tempany RIP (McCormack Family)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Monday 3rd December</b>		<b>St Francis Xavier</b>
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving
St Richard's	12.15pm	Mr M P Mathew RIP (Biju & Biji and Family)
<b>Tuesday 4th December</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Louise Walton RIP (Furnell Family)
Our Lady	10.00am	Mary Bowker RIP
<b>Wednesday 5th December</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Brenda Hanauer RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased Family Members (M&B Southward)
St Peter's	9-12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 6th December</b>		<b>St Nicholas</b>
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving
St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased members of the McEwan and Toner Families
<b>Friday 7th December</b>		
St Richard's	8.00 am	Louise Walton RIP (Carl and Katie Furnell)
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Jack Culliton RIP (Monica Tourlamain)
<b>Saturday 8th December</b>		<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
St Richard's	12.15pm	Arackal Family Intentions
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Louise Walton RIP (Furnell Family)
<b>Sunday 9th December</b>		<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	Kathleen and Thomas Richardson RIP (Sue & Pat)
St Peter's	9.00am	Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
St Richard's	10.00am	Wellbeing of Pauline & David White (M&B Southward)
Our Lady	11.00am	Tina McNally RIP (McCormack Family)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions