

16th December
3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr C)
Psalter Week 3

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

Christmas Masses & services



Christmas Eve

- 5.00pm Angels & Shepherds Mass Our Lady
- 6.00pm Ordinariate Mass with Carols St Richard's
- 8.00pm Mass of Christmas Night St Peter's
- 10.30pm Mass of Christmas Night St Richard's

Christmas Day

- 8.30am Mass of Christmas Day St Richard's
- 9.00am Mass of Christmas Day St Peter's
- 10.00am Mass of Christmas Day St Richard's
- 11.00am Mass of Christmas Day Our Lady
- 12.00pm Polish Mass Christmas Day St Richard's

26th December

- 10.00am Mass St Richard's (Altar Servers)
- 12.00pm Polish Mass St Richard's

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tue 18 Dec 7pm Parish Advent Reconciliation, St Richard's

Carol Services

- Sun 16 Dec 4.00pm Carol Service, St Peter's
- Sun 16 Dec 4.00pm Carol Service, St Richard's
- Sun 23 Dec 4.00pm Bosham Carol Service, Holy Trinity



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

Remember the sick in our parishes in your prayers: Jean Cooper, 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*

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First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

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

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

The Lord is very near.

What must we do?.

Next Week - 4th Sunday of Advent (Year C) First R. Micah 5:1-4; Second R. Hebrews 10:5-10; Gospel, Luke 1:39-44

Liturgy and Education

St Peter's Children's Workshop There will be a Christmas Workshop THIS SUNDAY 16th Dec at 2.30pm. We will be making Christmas Craft items. We will then join in the Carol Service. Refreshments will be provided.

Chichester Carol Service THIS SUNDAY 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.

Witterings Carol Service THIS 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.

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.

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery On Our Doorstep', Saturday 26th 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

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service Tuesday 18th December 7pm at St Richard's with priests available for individual confession and absolution. We are expecting six priests so please make every effort to join us. It will be a short and simple liturgy. People will be free to go after they have been to confession.

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.

St Peter's Adoration As Boxing Day falls on Wednesday there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on 26th December.

Welcomer Formation Day 9th Feb for all welcomers across our 3 churches. Margaret Fraher who is the Inclusion Advisor for our Diocese, will lead the day and she is a highly motivated speaker. To be held at St Richard's. Please put the date in your diary – more details to follow in the New Year.

SPUC Youth Conference 15 – 17 March 2019, Milton Keynes. Distinguished pro-life speakers, discussion groups and workshops, social events. All-inclusive cost £115. Sponsored places often available. For more information, see www.spuc.org.uk

Flame This big national event for young Catholics is taking place 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.

Advance Notice: Our next Parish Day of Recollection will be in Lent on Saturday 30th March led by Fr Adrian Graffy former scripture professor at Womersley and the author of several bible commentaries.

Financial Performance

St Peter's	St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption
For the month 1st to 31st October 2018	For the period 1st January - 31st October 2018
Income £2,412	Total Income £145,599 (Budgeted Income £152,481)
Expenditure £1,216	Total expenditure £153,409 (Budgeted Expenditure £145,680)
Surplus £1,196	Deficit -£7,810
Four Sunday Collections in October 2018.	Four Sunday Collections in October 2018.
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
www.strichardschichester.co.uk/reports

October 2018 St Richards & Our Lady - Offertory
Target £9,500 per month
Budget £95,500
Year to Date Actual £91,529
Deficit £3,471

The offertory deficit has increased, perhaps now is a good time to review your giving for the year

Admin

All money from collections on Christmas Eve, Night & Christmas Day

go towards the annual income of Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian. All your donations can be gift aided using your usual envelopes or the bright yellow ones found at the back of the church. Many thanks for your generosity.

Sign Up for Ministries at Christmas

Readers, Welcomers, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans and Servers please sign up **BY TODAY 16 December** for ministries at the St Richard's Christmas Masses and services, either on the sheets in the sacristy or online at www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey. Masses include: Christmas Night (10.30pm) Mass, 8.30am and 10am Masses on Christmas Day.

St. Peter's Thank you to those who contributed £1s for our Christmas Tree for St. Anne's Christmas Tree Festival which is on this weekend. Do pop into their church to see the trees. We raised enough to buy two Essentials Kits for the homeless in Chichester which cost £53.50 each. Our tree will be back in our church after this weekend.

We will be welcoming Gary Carter into our Parish for a month from 3rd January. He is spending his first year of formation at the English speaking seminary in Valladolid, Spain. He will be here to learn about life in a busy parish. He will shadow Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian throughout their parish work during his time here.

Church cleaning St Richard's Tuesday 18th 2.30 for half an hour to prepare our church for Christmas.

The next newsletter will be a triple newsletter from 23rd December until the 13th January.

The Parish office at St Richard's and at St Peter's will be closed after Christmas until 7th January.

Chaplain for St Philip Howard School St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently looking to appoint a full-time 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. Visits from prospective applicants are always very welcome. Closing date for applications is 9am on Friday 11 January 2019.

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. **Jan 9th 3.15-4.15pm**

Missing wrought iron flower pedestal at St Richard's. Have you / someone you know borrowed it and forgotten to return it? If so, we need it back urgently. Thank you.

Social Events

Soup lunches the last will be held at Christ Church this Wednesday, 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, See poster in porch for more details.

Coffee and Mince pies at St Peter's Do come into the hall after Mass for tea, coffee and mince pies both on December 23rd and on Christmas Day after the 9 am Mass.

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served in the lower parish room at St Richard's after the Mass of Christmas Night and the 10am Mass on Christmas Day

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 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.

Saturday 15th December		
St Richard's	12.15pm	The Intentions of the Sunny Family
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Marie Marguerite RIP
Sunday 16th December		Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudate Sunday
St Richard's	8.30am	Hay, Watson, and Neil Family (K. Jackson)
St Peter's	9.00am	Beryl O'Dowd RIP (Christine Bingham)
St Richard's	10.00am	Patrick Doocey RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 17th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	The intentions of Chloe Shrubbs (Annie Kelly)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Linda Charman RIP (Madonna and Rachel)
Tuesday 18th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	Betty Kibble (Jean French)
Our Lady	10.00am	Sheila McDonald RIP (Liz McCombe)
St Richard's	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation
Wednesday 19th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Gerard Courtenay (Annie Kelly)
St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving for the Divine Infant Jesus in Prague (Madonna and Rachel)
St Peter's	9-12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 20th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	Private Intention (Lena Finn)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Julia Outram Bull RIP
Friday 21st December		
St Richard's	8.00 am	The health and wellbeing of Milena Makowska
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Vincent Vella Sultana RIP (Freda Vella Sultana)
Saturday 22nd December		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Jack Vesey RIP (Kay McHale)
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	For the good works of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
Sunday 23rd December		Fourth Sunday in Advent
St Richard's	8.30am	Don Mercer RIP (Sarah McGreal and Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Steve Edwards RIP (Monica Tourlmain)
St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions