

11th & 12th Sundays in OT (13th & 20th June 2021)

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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The long-awaited visits of Bishop Richard have been and gone. Without doubt I'm sure we would all agree they were a resounding success.

First of all I would like to thank all of you for your attendance. We had very good numbers at all four churches not to mention those who were able to watch on their screens. May I also thank you for raising some very good questions which our Bishop was able to address.

One of his main concerns was to reassure us that being part of one big parish will not take away the identity of each of our local communities. This means we will still have our own events and traditional activities.

It was also reassuring to hear from our bishop that the process is going to take time, and that the responsibility belongs to us in our local area, to implement the changes.

I am most grateful to Becky Sleven who has kindly agreed to 'head-up' our team. She is well qualified from her professional background and she is a familiar face to many of us. I know she will make it a priority to keep us well informed, a task she is already fulfilling, see page 2 in the newsletter.

In Bishop Richard we truly have a wise and good shepherd who knows his sheep and has our interests at heart. He is now inviting us to have a wider vision of the church and to recognise we are all called to mission. Let us keep him in our prayers as we pray and work together to make Christ truly present in our world today.

May God continue to bless us all

Fr Tom

Sunday 13 June 2021 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

Responsorial Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Sunday 20 June 2021 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer

Responsorial Psalm 106(107):23-26,28-32

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. *Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

Parish Merger Update

Last week, we were privileged to welcome Bishop Richard to our communities in Selsey, Bosham, the Witterings and Chichester; he came to lay out his vision for the future of the church in this part of the diocese. With great enthusiasm and conviction he spoke about the mission of the church to spread the Gospel, and the role of all Christians, ordained and lay, in that mission.

In terms of the parish structures within which we pursue this mission, Bishop Richard made the following points:-

- ◇ He has no desire or plan to close any of the churches in this area: Bishop Richard believes all the churches are needed, both as a visible Christian witness in their communities and because of the difficulty of transport around this area; he intends to conjoin the existing parishes of Selsey, the Witterings and Chichester (with its two churches) in one single parish under the pastoral care of two priests, based in Chichester;
- ◇ Some flexibility in Mass times will be needed for this to work;
- ◇ There may be, in the long term, a retired priest living in the house at Selsey, who may choose to help out with Masses;
- ◇ Fr Maksym Krat, has been appointed Parish Administrator in Selsey and will be there for some months, which gives some leeway in the timing of some changes;
- ◇ Becoming one, single, canonical parish will bring other changes beyond Mass times, including the way finances and Parish Pastoral Teams work, but how exactly the structures will look in the end will take time to work out;
- ◇ The new parish will likely be created this year, but the other changes will come more gradually.

Bishop Richard will begin to set dates now that he has completed all of his visits to our parishes. And so, with his blessing, we can begin the process of exploring the options and making 'local' changes.

To co-ordinate this transition, Fr Tom has employed Becky Slevan as Project Manager. She will also keep you informed of what is happening, why and when.

Video recordings of all of the talks Bishop Richard gave last week can be viewed at: [youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIZ5FDw9gVWrnsYBmG1tsL7nJ40zgrYJF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIZ5FDw9gVWrnsYBmG1tsL7nJ40zgrYJF) and the minutes of most of the talks are available [here](#). (please request a paper copy from the parish office if you would like)

Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre are recruiting:

In this role, you will work alongside the Hospitality Manager to prepare and provide healthy, balanced and high quality meals for our guests which is a huge part of enabling life changing experiences for the thousands of children who come on our events every year. With responsibility for catering and housekeeping you will also be part of a vibrant staff team and join in with our discipleship programme. Working as part of the Hospitality team, your skills will help keep our charity offering the best to our guests. For this full time role starting in September, we are looking for someone with proven experience of cooking for groups, high standards of housekeeping and with flexibility to adapt to daily needs.

A full job description, person specification and application form can be found on our website [CYE] [Christian Youth Enterprises - Vacancies](#) or contact us at 01243 573375

Ordinations Please keep in your prayers Nicholas Harden who will be ordained deacon at Wonersh on Saturday 3rd July and Stephen O'Brien who will be ordained priest at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 4th July (3pm).

Next Men's Breakfast:

8.30am Saturday 26 June 2021. Zoom link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83162481609?pwd=bW1nZ1B4YTZsMHNRMkZGaC9SSHpiQT09>

Reverend Colin Chambers, former chaplain to Nelson Mandela for 8 years at the notorious prison on Robben Island, will join our virtual men's breakfast on 26th June. Join us on Zoom for his inspiring talk.

Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Paul Sorrell, Barbara Ruffles, Paul Carney, Nicola Coutts, Susan Line, Margaret Beazley, Ellie Butler, Jan Thorpe, Frank O'Donnell, Dennis Chiles, Kay Howlett, Rene Coutts, Michael O'Neil, Patrick Hill, Rita Rooke, Jenny Edwards, Walter Hoppe, Peter Habgood, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, David White, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Gerald McGregor, Jill Serna, Robin Bowker, Helena Denis, Tony Whiting,
Please let the office know of any changes to be made

Take Action to stop the Climate Crisis

This year, the UK will host the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change such as increased droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign our petition to the Prime Minister at cafod.org.uk/reclaim. Groups from parishes across our diocese are also meeting their MPs locally, to let them know how strongly we feel as Catholics about protecting our earth and helping our sisters and brothers around the world. Further details can be found here: [Parliament in your Parish | CAFOD](#). Please consider holding a meeting with your MP too.

Children's Liturgy

Your catechist, Mary, has prepared some materials for this weekend's Masses. At St Richard's and St Peter's there will be materials available at the back of the church for you to pick up. Alternatively, the materials are online for you to follow with your children along with a video www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families

New Abbot at Worth We offer our prayers and warmest congratulations to Dom Mark Barrett on his election as new Abbot to replace Dom Luke Jolly who has been serving the Community for the last 8 years.

Our Parish Offertory

We are very grateful to all who have responded generously through standing orders, bank transfers and other donations to support the offertory while unable to donate using their gift aid envelopes or the collection plate. For parishioners who normally donate this way, and are not yet able to do so, we are offering several options: Set up a standing order online; Make a single payment by online banking or by cheque; Make a donation through the Diocese JustGiving page. Thank you very much for your continued support of our parish.

St Richard's, Chichester & Our Lady, Bosham

St Peter's, East Wittering

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<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings>

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Reference: surname and offertory

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Name: RCD A&B St Peter's Wittering
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account No: 71077716
Reference: surname and offertory

Cheques to:
'St Richard's Chichester' Parish office, St Richard's Church

Cheques to :
'St Peter's RC Church'
Sent to: 103 Stocks Lane, East Wittering PO20 8NU

FINDING STILLNESS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th August 2021
An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come and stay at Worth or join the retreat online. For further information or to book your place online go to: www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats
Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

Toddler Group The Parish Toddler Group will be starting up again on the 21st June in the parish hall at St Richard's Church from 9.15am—11am (drop-in for all or some of the time). It will be very informal and a great opportunity to meet up with other mums, dads, grandparents or carers in the parish. It will be held every Monday in term-time.

Fr Sebastian will be taking a long overdue and well-deserved holiday back to Poland between 20th June and 26th July
The parish office will be closed from Monday 14th - Friday 18th June for staff holiday.

The Parish Day Mass Sunday 4th July at

~~11am~~ The Parish Day Mass will be a great opportunity to meet together to worship with fellow parishioners after such a long time. We will ask you to bring your own chairs and picnics, where possible. As in the past, the 11am Mass will replace the 8.30am and 10am Masses at St Richard's and the 11am at Bosham.

The Parish Day Mass is sadly cancelled due to the ongoing Covid restrictions: Masses will be at their normal times in each church on 4 July.

Advance notice for the Patronal Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul

A note for your diaries that due to the fact that the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls on a Tuesday this year (29 June), we will have the 10am Mass at St Peter's, Wittering, and NOT at Our Lady of the Assumption. We will have a vigil mass at Our Lady on the Monday evening at 7.30pm instead.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead:

All Grandparents, or honorary grandparents, are invited to join Bishop Richard for our annual pilgrimage to West Grinstead on Wednesday, 7th July, from 10 am. This is always a lovely event. It is a day to meet other grandparents and share the joys and excitement of this wonderful vocation. There will be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and a visit to the Secret Chapel (flat shoes advised). Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided.
[Click here to book your free place](#)

New Group for Catholic Young Adults

launches this week. Please tell anyone you know who is 18-35 years old to get in touch with lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

Masses and intentions over the coming week

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
Saturday 12th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Holy Souls (Richard France)
Sunday 13th June 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's	✓	
	9am	St Peter's	✗	Colin Walton RIP (Clare Walton)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	Luz Amplayo RIP (Nico)
	11am	Our Lady	✗	
Mon 14th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	John Simpson RIP (Jane Isted)
	12 noon	St Richard's	✗	Sr Christopher RIP (Mary Noble)
Tues 15th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	Gary Muehlhausen RIP
	9.30am	Our Lady	✗	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	✗	Megan Hadden RIP
Wed 16th June St Richard of Chichester Patronal Feast Day	11am	St Richard's	✓	Chichester Cathedral (Booking only)
	9-12noon	St Peter's	✗	<i>Adoration</i>
	8.30-12	St Richard's	✗	<i>Adoration</i>
	10-11am	St Richard's	✗	<i>Confessions</i>
	6-6.45pm	St Richard's	✗	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	7pm	St Richard's	✗	Marthina Fernandes RIP
Thursday 17th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	Stephen Edwards RIP (Jan and Family)
	12 noon	St Richard's	✗	Ollie Hogan RIP (Mary Noble)
Friday 18th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	Health an Wellbeing of David Owgan (Theresa)
	10am	St Peter's	✗	
Saturday 19th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Christians in the Holy Land (Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre)
Sunday 20th June 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's	✓	Holy Souls in Purgaotory
	9am	St Peter's	✗	Kathleen Marren RIP (Eillen Savage)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	
	11am	Our Lady	✗	In Thanksgiving (Marion and Nick)
Mon 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga	8am	St Richard's	✓	Baby Thomas RIP (Sunny Family)
	12 noon	St Richard's	✗	In Thanksgiving
Tues 22nd June SS John Fisher and Thomas More	8am	St Richard's	✓	Blessings on the marriage of Shirlyn and Bruno (Rani)
	9.30am	Our Lady	✗	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	✗	
Wed 23rd June	8am	St Richard's	✓	Anthonyamal RIP (Rani)
	9-12noon	St Peter's	✗	<i>Adoration</i>
	8.30-12	St Richard's	✗	<i>Adoration</i>
	10-11am	St Richard's	✗	<i>Confessions</i>
	6-6.45pm	St Richard's	✗	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	7pm	St Richard's	✗	
Thursday 24th June The Birthday of John the Baptist	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	12 noon	St Richard's	✗	
Friday 25th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	Wellbeing of Helena Denis (Barbara Cluff and family)
	10am	St Peter's	✗	
Saturday 26th June	8am	St Richard's	✓	Uthria Mary RIP (Rani)
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Gerard Farrell RIP (Teresa and the Family)
Sunday 27th June 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's	✓	
	9am	St Peter's	✗	
	10am	St Richard's	✓	
	11am	Our Lady	✗	