

Sunday 13th December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

Knowing, loving and following Jesus

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Worship this week

Please note the changes in Mass times.

This week Masses in bold will be in church and open to the public. Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday will be live streamed on Facebook only.

Masses this week

Tuesday 15 th	Mass	10:00
Wednesday 16 th	Mass	18:00
	Advent prayer group on Zoom	20:00
Thursday 17 th	Mass	11:00
Sunday 20 th (4 th Sunday of Advent)	Mass	10:00

Open for private prayer

This coming week St Richard's will be open for private prayer at the following times:

Monday 14 th	09:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 15 th	13:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 16 th	09:00 – 12:00
Thursday 17 th	10:00 – 12:00

When coming into church, please avoid touching any surfaces unnecessarily, and if you feel unwell, you should stay at home and not come to church.

Foodbank donations

The latest Covid-19 restrictions allow for the continued work of foodbanks, and as such St Richard's will continue to accept donations for the foodbank as normal on Tuesday 10:00-12:00 and Friday 14:00 – 16:00.

Online craft stall – Still open!

Thank you to everyone who has visited our online craft stall and made purchases; to date, the stall has raised well over £200 for church funds. There are still plenty of items available. You can now browse and order items from our website. To visit the stall, visit www.strichards.co.uk and click on the crafts' picture.

Don't forget to tell your friends about the 'stall'.

Product categories



Christmas decorations



Wreaths



Knitted and crocheted



Children's



Candle holders



Bunting and garlands



Cross stitch pictures



Lavender bags

Help needed!

Thanks to those who helped yesterday with church cleaning. If you missed it, it's not too late, we will be doing it again next Saturday 19th at 10:00 to get the church ready for Christmas.

Advent 2020 at St Richard's

Online Advent Calendar

Our online Advent Calendar is now live on the St Richard's website. Look out for something different each day – including a daily reflection from the 'O Radiant Dawn' booklet.



Advent 2020 at St Richard's

O Radiant Dawn

The Church Union has produced a very good booklet of short daily reflections written by Fr Philip Barnes, which was attached to this week's email. To accompany the written reflections a weekly video featuring the Bishop of Lewes will be released.

On Wednesday evenings (at 8:00pm) there will a short weekly 'Zoom prayer group', during which we will watch the video and discuss the reflections.

Christmas at St Richard's

Family visits to the Crib



Enjoy your own personal nativity visit in our decorated and atmospherically lit church.

- Listen to the nativity story
- Hear your favourite carol
- Pray for your loved ones
- Receive a Christmas blessing

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 23rd
between 16:00 and 19:00. Visit the St Richard's website for details of how to book your visit.

Carpark Carols – 3:00pm, Christmas Eve

Government regulations mean that we are not allowed to sing inside church this year, but we can sing outdoors! So we are holding an informal Carol Service in our carpark. To manage the number of people, entrance to the Carol Service will be by ticket. Visit the St Richard's website for details.

Christmas Masses

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve at 9:30pm.

Mass of Christmas morning

Christmas day at 10:00

FSW donations

Thank you to all who donated gifts to the Toy Appeal and items for the family hamper. The response from our congregation and community has been tremendous. Below are pictures of some of the toys and the family hamper.



Of your charity, please pray for, those in need:

Mimi Palmer, Hannah Hales, Paul Moore, Celia Avery, Christopher Grimwood, Linda Miller, Sheila Jobson, Doreen Sparks, Pauline Caffin, Fr John Edwards, Adrian Taylor, Pamela Waugh, Fr David Palmer, Tony Costa, Una Wade, Barbara Liddington, Shaun Moore, Jean McCarthy, Fr Tony Whitfield, Pat Longhurst, Michael Langford-Jackson, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Stella Law, Margaret Trafford, Peter Sawyer, Tony Dawson, David Wallis, Hilary Fowler, Jean Padgham, Richard Parker, Sandie Yasar and Becky.

Those who have died recently:

Brian Easey, George Jobson **and those whose anniversary falls around this time of year:**

15th) Emma Millett, Elsie Olver, Herbert Harniess, Christine Rayner, 16th) John Fountain, Mary Neale, George McCollough, Sr. Christina Mary, 17th) William Edwards, Keith Thomas, 18th) Ethel Hudson, Winnie Downes, 19th) Thelma Christey, Evelyn Fosters.

*If you would like anyone added to the prayer list, or would like someone prayed for, but **not** added to the list, please submit your prayer details using the form on the website www.strichards.co.uk/prayer.*