



Thank you very much if you have already donated to the heating appeal for St Richard's. We still have a long way to go. Please do support your church with as much as you can. Next week we will be able to update you on the fundraising total.

## questions you may have

### What has happened to the heating at the church?

The heating system in the church is broken and unsafe to use, and the boiler heating the priests' house, parish offices and parish rooms is well over 30 years old and needs replacing. We needed to have a complete rethink about the heating across all the church buildings.

**Could we just repair the old one?** We have explored all options. In the church, however, the old PowrMatic air handling system drew cold air from outside and so when it was really cold it was not effective. The boiler in the priests' home and parish rooms is so old now that no parts can be sourced when it goes wrong. We will however still be using most of the pipework and radiators in the house and parish halls, and most of the ducting in the church.

**Why are you not considering the environment and installing an air-source heat pump?** A heat pump is only energy efficient for buildings that need to be kept at a constant temperature 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our Church requires to be sufficiently warm for short periods of around an hour. At all other times it will be too expensive to keep the whole building warm.

**When will it be done?** The project is highly complex, and we want to get it right. Finding the right solution for our needs, getting the plans drawn up, getting all the many correct permissions, going out to tender for each part of the project, and then scheduling the work, ordering the bespoke parts, is all very time consuming. The timeline shows you what has been done so far. You will be updated as soon as the contractors give us dates.

**Is it essential to have an outside staircase?** Health and safety regulations have changed a lot since the church was built 60 years ago. Contractors, and maintenance people are now no longer allowed to use ladders to climb up onto the 2 roofs of the church.

**Who is working on the project?** Overall Fr Tom is ultimately responsible, but there are a number of very experienced people working on this project, some volunteers, some Diocesan staff, and some external consultants. Our Head of Fabric is a retired surveyor, and we as a parish owe him a massive debt of gratitude for the work he has done on this project and is continuing to do.

**It does seem to be a lot of money?** There are many reasons why this is such an expensive project – there are a number of different parts to the project; and work on a listed building is always more restrictive (and more expensive), and parts and labour are currently very expensive across the whole economy (and getting more expensive). We have had at least 3 quotes from recommended contractors for each part of the job.

**Where is the money coming from? can't the Diocese pay?** The Parish are having to fundraise for the full cost of the project. Amy in the office is trying to apply for grants, and the stewardship group are looking at fundraising activities. The Diocese does not have the money to fund this, so it must come from us.

**What happens if we don't raise £165,000 in the next couple of months? How can you be planning the schedule without having the funds in place?** We hope that we will be able to raise a good chunk of the money via our many fundraising efforts, and via the generosity of our parishioners. We have to hope that we will get there. If the funds raised through donations is not sufficient we will regrettably have to use the parish reserves to complete the project.

### How you can help:

- 1) Gift Aid wherever you can
- 2) Donate as much as you can afford
- 3) Ask friends and family to donate too.
- 4) Support all fundraising initiatives

Bank transfer Name: Saints of Sussex  
Sort Code: 40-05-20  
Account No: 41076582  
Reference: heating appeal

Online: [donate.mydona.com/our-lady-and-saints-of-sussex](https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-and-saints-of-sussex)

Dona Machine in Church: 'Heating Appeal'

Cheque: addressed to 'Saints of Sussex' on back 'heating'

Cash: in an envelope marked 'heating appeal'

Thank you very much

**For more details and information go to**  
**[www.saintsofsussex.com/heating\\_appeal](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/heating_appeal)**



Parish halls at St Richard's are in constant use for all parish activities, for external, church, school and nursery meetings, training, courses including evangelisation courses Alpha and Sycamore

### First Holy Communion - the new programme for 2023

If your child is in Year 3 or above you can sign them up now for the First Holy Communion programmes at either

1) St Richard's, Chichester; 2) St Peter's, East Wittering 3) St Wilfrid's, Selsey (Families attending Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham, are invited to register for the programme at one of the other churches this year.)

The sessions will be held roughly once a month at

- Selsey on a Wednesday after school
- Chichester Saturday at 9.15—10.30
- Chichester Saturday 10.15-11.30
- Witterings Sunday after the 9am Mass

**Please register online by 30 September for St Wilfrid's and by 8 October for the other churches.**

**At [www.saintsofsussex.com/FHC-registration](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/FHC-registration)**

(there will be no paper application forms this year)

Introductory parents' meetings will be held at St Wilfrid's after the 10am Mass on Saturday 1st October, and at St Richard's on Tuesday 11th October at 7pm.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday October 7th

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Show your solidarity, by fasting on Friday 7th and giving the money you have saved to CAFOD. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Envelopes will be available in the churches for collection on the weekend of 8th/9th October.

**Wednesday and Thursday Fr Tom, Fr David, Fr Peter and Fr Max will all be attending in-service training** with all other clergy from the Diocese. Because of this some masses will have to be cancelled, so please check the mass schedule on the back page carefully.

**Altar Server Training** Our long awaited first training session for all servers will be on Tuesday 4th October, 7pm, St Richards. We are trying to restart participation in mass, especially altar serving. If you are interested, No matter if you have served before, please do

### Relics of St Bernadette at Arundel Cathedral

Saturday 22nd October come and view the relics of St Bernadette. Places need to be booked in advance. <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> (and then you will need to scroll down to the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, and select Arundel Cathedral) This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The Catholic charity **Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)** invites you to join a **webinar on Tuesday 27th September** from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you would like to attend, please register in advance at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment)



Long-standing parishioners may remember the 'International Evenings' in 2014 and 2016, which were enjoyable community events. We are having another one at **7pm on Saturday 8th October at St Richard's School**, to include all four churches.

Parishioners provide a national/regional/family dish (hot or cold) on the evening and we all share their contributions, with suitable drinks. Entry is free and no tickets are required, but any donations towards St Richard's **heating system will be most welcome** to keep our clergy and parishioners warm! Following the event, we also plan to produce a parish recipe book to share parishioners' recipes, and why they're important to us.

### Faith Sharing/Bible study group at St Richard's Church.

Following on from our 'Invited' group we will continue to meet in the Upper Parish room (or wherever is available) from Monday 26th September at 7pm. All very welcome to join and grow in faith together. Just turn up or contact the Parish office for more information.

### A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

continues next Tuesday, 27th September, at 2pm, at 29 The Crescent, East Wittering. This week we will be looking at **The Liturgy of the Word**, its Scriptural origins, and its meaning for our lives. Everyone is very welcome.

**Thursday Get Together Group** takes place at the Selsey church hall. All are welcome Thursday 1-3pm just come join us for a cuppa and a chat. Contact **Brid** (07738 761 875)

**Coffee and Chat** The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 28th. 10.30 - 11.30 at our Lady of the Assumption. All welcome for coffee/tea, cake and friendly conversation.

### Secondary School Form Signing

If you are applying for your child to go to secondary school in September 2023, and you also need to submit a signed church supplementary form, please can you carefully note the following:

Fr Tom will sign the forms at the presbytery on one of the following days and times.

27 Sept 7pm; 4 Oct 3.15pm; 18 Oct 7pm; 27 Oct 7pm For St Philip Howard and Oaklands applications you will also need to bring a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate.

**Please note** there will be a donation requested for replacement baptism certificates. There will also be a few extra dates published for **primary school applications due in January 2023**.

### Missio Red Box collection St Richard's and Our Lady

Please bring in your red box to Amy in the Parish office, or give to the welcomers at Church to put in the sacristy. Copies of Missio Today are available in the porches.

**St Peter's** Please bring in your red boxes for counting to Gill Breeze.

**Toddler Group** Toddler group resumes at St Richard's from 9am on Mondays.

**Bosham Meeting Point Harvest Supper** Everyone is welcome to this year's Harvest Supper on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October with a Ukrainian theme. We hope to welcome many of the Ukrainian visitors to our village and to enjoy a Harvest Buffet Supper as well as sampling some Ukrainian treats and entertainment. Bring your favourite tippie – glasses provided. Venue: St Nicholas Hall, Brooks Lane, Bosham PO18 8LA. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start. **Tickets only £7** available from: Sally Morley Tel: 01243 572855 Email: [sallymorley@hotmail.com](mailto:sallymorley@hotmail.com) Kate Phillips Tel: 01243 574610 Email: [kphillips21@outlook.com](mailto:kphillips21@outlook.com)

**St Philip Howard Catholic School** - Open Evening Thursday 29th September 5pm onwards. In order to manage numbers, please complete a booking form in advance to indicate when you hope to arrive (booking via link on website: [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk)). Talks by the Headteacher, Mr Carter, will take place at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm. During your visit you'll have a tour of the school. School tours will also be available three mornings per week from Monday 3 October - Friday 21 October. Please call the school office to make an appointment (01243 552055).

**St Richard's Open Days** - If you are interested in applying to our St Richard's School for your child, we have 2 open days for you to come and have a look around the school and to meet James Field, the Headteacher. The open days are: 4th October 1pm - 2.30pm or 13th October 9.30am - 11am.

**Slindon's MacMillan Coffee Morning** Thank you to all involved in this splendid community effort at St. Richard's Church Slindon. Friends and parishioners from the village and nearby parishes, all contributed to a total of £611.20 ( + £55 from Gift Aid) making a grand total of **£666.20**.

### Our Parish Offertory

**For donations via bank transfer:**

**Name: Saints of Sussex**

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 41076582

Reference: surname and offertory

This account name is required if you are setting up a transfer to this account for the first time.

**St Peter's Wittering (until Dec 2022):**

Name: RCD A&B St Peter's Wittering

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 71077716.

Reference: surname and offertory

**Donations via cheque**

Made payable to: Saints of Sussex; or St Peter's RC Church

**Donations by Credit or Debit card**

Can be made in person via the terminals in all our churches

**For regular giving by bank standing order and for information on gift aid visit: [www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html)**

### Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex Offertory collections and other fund raising

Offertory	July 2022
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£590
St Peter's	£1,274
St Richard's	£2,401
St Wilfrid's	£1,213
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£8,257
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,835</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£5,605</b>

In addition second collections and generous donations totalled £10 for Ukraine, £ 685 for Apostleship of the Sea, a further £351 for Education of Future Priests and £63 for Father Joe. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please also note the significant gift aid sum, which was achieved simply by eligible parishioners gift aiding their offertory and other contributions. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.



## Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 24 Sept <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased parents and family of the McGregor Family
Sun 25 Sept <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Chichester	8.30am		Lucio de Silva RIP and Pieadade de Silva RIP
	Witterings	9am		Deceased relatives of Brian & Pat Lynch
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	10am	✓	In Thanksgiving for the 45 years' service of Marion and Will as foster carers.
	Bosham	11am		Martin Farrell RIP on his 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary (Shelley, Joe, Ben and Family)
	Chichester	2pm		Mass in Ukrainian (with translation booklet)
	Chichester	6.30pm		
Mon 26 Sept <i>SS Cosmas and Damian</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		In Thanksgiving
Tue 27 Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		
	Selsey	10am		
Wed 28 Sept	Chichester	8am	✓	Charlie Sheen RIP
Thur 29 Sept <i>Archangels</i>	Chichester	7pm		Eileen Robson RIP
Fri 30 Sept <i>St Jerome</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Mary Heather RIP
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> October <i>St Therese of Lisieux</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Michael McHale RIP (Sean, Carole, Kay) <i>And social after mass</i>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	Chichester	8.30am		Lara Whittaker RIP
	Witterings	9am		
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	10am	✓	In Thanksgiving
	Bosham	11am		
	Chichester	6.30pm		

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am
<b>Chichester</b>	Sunday 7.15pm	
<b>Selsey</b>	20 minutes before Mass each day	Wednesdays 10.30-11.30
<b>Witterings</b>	Fridays 9.25 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12

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