

PARISH EUCHARIST

Every Sunday at 10.00 am

This is our main weekly celebration and includes worship for young people. Everyone is welcome, families, including babes in arms, the young, the elderly, the married, the single—no-one should feel unwanted or uncomfortable. After the Eucharist there is a cup of coffee and a time to get to know one another.

Children are welcome and special at every Eucharist, and are encouraged to take part in our activities for young people. On the first Sunday of each month our whole community worships together with a more informal feel to our music, readings and activities. This is an especially good time to come and join in.

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Sunday 10.00 am

Tuesday 7.00 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am (followed by coffee)

Friday 9.30 am

(See also weekly pewsheets)



Who's Who at St. Wilfrid's

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JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Tuesday 16th June is the day we remember St Richard of Chichester. I thought it appropriate to give you an insight into his life. We are called to follow his example and in the word of his prayer:-

“may we **know** thee more clearly, **love** thee more dearly, and **follow** thee more nearly. AMEN”

FACETUS, LARGUS, CURIALIS, VULTU HILARIS (“jolly, warm hearted, courteous, and of a cheerful countenance”); in these words Friar Ralph Bocking described his old master, St Richard of Chichester, whom he served for many years as companion and confessor. There was something big and impressive about St Richard, something large, and warm, and comfortable.

Elsewhere Bocking says that his name RICARDUS was made up of parts of three words: RIdens, CARus, and DULciS, “laughing, beloved, and gracious”.

Richard is remembered and revered not as a great scholar or a great political figure, but as a great pastor — a wise, diligent, and saintly bishop who administered his diocese with a perfect mixture of what St Paul calls “goodness and severity”, of discipline and love.

He found himself called to the administration of a diocese sadly disorganized by neglect and by the fact that he himself was, for the first two years, a homeless vagrant. Yet he pulled it together. As early as 1246, while he was still under the royal ban, he published his Statutes which he expected all his people to observe. He was a strict disciplinarian in his diocese, in his household, and in himself. Clergy who were lazy or immoral came in for severe rebuke, and he expelled one man from his living in spite of appeals from some of the highest personages in the land, including the king and



queen. Unlike many of his fellow bishops, he hated ostentation and display, and always dressed soberly and fared simply. Meanwhile his greatest self discipline was in the realm of his prayer life. Early visitors to his chapel sometimes found the bishop stretched on the ground, having spent all night in prayer.

On other occasions he would rise very early in the morning, and, while his chaplains still slept, would steal into the chapel to say his prayers before the day's work began. He used always to reproach himself if the birds were awake and singing their songs before he was at his prayers and praises before the altar of God.

Richard was, therefore, a disciplinarian; but the quality for which he was so greatly loved by his people was his generosity and affection. He loved to give things away, to the great distress of his stewards and bailiffs who were trying so hard to restore the ravaged resources of the diocese.

When he entered a village he would ask the priest to give him the names of any in his parish who were poor or sick, so that he could visit them himself and relieve them with gifts of food or of money.

Out of a century which produced many great lights the candle of St Richard of Chichester still burns brightly, for he was a great saint, a great pastor, a great lover of God and man. He teaches us to have joy in the Lord. To laugh, to love to be gracious.

Fr Mark

Breakfast Taizé

8.20 am (alternate Sundays)
St Wilfrid's & St Paul's, Chichester

A short, clear & prayerful celebration of the Eucharist,
followed by a bacon buttie.

Perfect for families

14th June - St Paul's 28th June - St Wilfrid's
12th July - St Paul's

St Wilfrid's Church

Summer Fayre

Saturday 18th July 2-4 pm

RAFFLE TOMBOLA TEAS

CHILDREN'S GAMES