

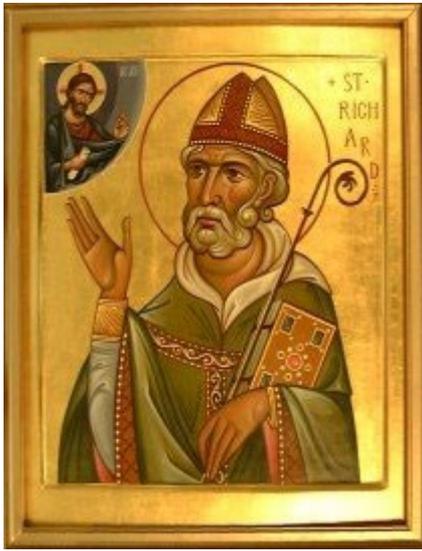


# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

**Pilgrimage to St Richard's Shrine**  
in the Year of Prayer

Information for Parishes





*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*

Psalm 32:8

## An Ancient Tradition

A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place, which allows us to make time for God, and step away from our busy everyday lives. As we seek Him, we hope to strengthen our faith, to reflect on our lives, and remember the Communion of Saints that have gone before us. Pilgrimage may also be a very sociable activity as we come together in fellowship, to support and encourage each other as Christians.

**As part of the Year of Prayer (2017/18) we would like to invite parishes in the diocese to undertake a special pilgrimage to St Richard's Shrine.**

## Your pilgrimage

We will welcome you and your parish at the West Door (the main entrance to the Cathedral) after your journey to Chichester. You are then invited to process to the Font, where we say prayers, and all pilgrims are invited to wash their hands and make the sign of the cross as a reminder of their baptism. We then process with the icon of St Richard to the Shrine, for devotions. This special liturgy lasts about half an hour.

- If you visit us on a Saturday for a 11am start, we will then invite you to join the Cathedral congregation for Holy Communion at noon in the Lady Chapel.
- If you visit on Saturday at 2pm, we will arrange an individual Holy Communion service to follow your pilgrimage.
- If you visit us on a weekday at 4.30pm, we invite you to join us for Sung Evensong/Evening Prayer at 5.30pm in the Quire.

# Richard de Wych

Richard de Wych - St Richard - was Bishop of Chichester from 1245 to 1253. In his eight years as bishop, Richard became known for his frugal ways and his tough stance on corruption. Beloved by the people of Sussex, it was claimed his name, Ricardus, stood for '*ridens*' (laughing), '*carus*' (dear) and '*dulcis*' (sweet).

Richard's popular shrine was destroyed in 1538 on orders of Henry VIII. However, a revival of interest in St Richard over the past hundred years has led to the restoration and refurbishment of the Shrine in several stages, and in 1990 a relic of St Richard was presented to the Cathedral from La Lucerne in Normandy. Today the Shrine is once again a site of pilgrimage.

Nowadays St. Richard is perhaps best known for his prayer:

**Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have given us,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.  
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly.**

## Practical Arrangements

### Booking your Pilgrimage

*To book your pilgrimage please complete and return the enclosed booking form to:*

Charlotte Rattray, Liturgy and Music Assistant, The Royal Chantry,  
Cathedral Cloisters, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1PX.

Telephone: (01243) 782 595 [lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**We will do our best** to accommodate parish requests for particular dates from the booking form options. However, the Cathedral diary already has many pre-booked events and services so we do ask for your understanding if we cannot host your first choice of date.

### **Travelling to the Cathedral**

*By Coach:* Coaches should approach from the West side of the City and head for West Street where there is a drop off point for coaches adjacent to the Cathedral precinct with its impressive statue of St Richard.

*By Train:* Leaving the Railway Station on foot, turn left into Southgate. Walk straight ahead into South Street and follow the road to the Market Cross. Turn left into West Street and continue to the far end of the Cathedral for the main West door entrance.

*By Car:* Approach from the M27 (A27) and turn Northwards at one of the bypass roundabouts following signs for the City centre. The Cathedral's postcode is PO19 1RP. Vehicular access and on street parking is restricted in Chichester and visitors arriving by car should aim for one of the many public car parks around the City.

### **Refreshments**

Our Cloisters Café offers delicious homemade food all year round from 9am - 5pm (Mon - Fri) and 10am - 4pm (Sun). Parishes that wish to reserve tables for lunch/afternoon tea need to organise this with the Café directly, by emailing [bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk)