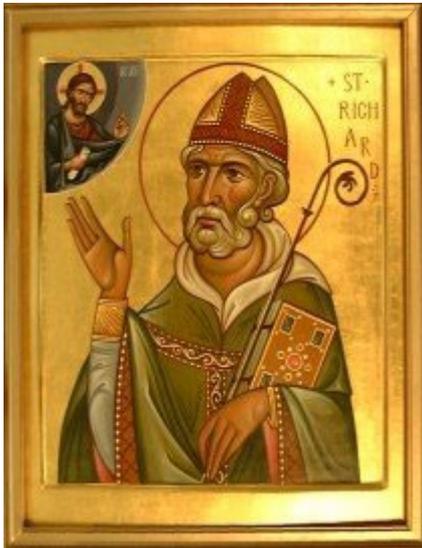




CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Archdeaconry Pilgrimages
in the Year of Prayer





*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 has 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 are inviting archdeaconries to undertake a special pilgrimage to the mother church of the Diocese.

Your pilgrimage

On arrival, you and your group of pilgrims are asked to assemble in the Bishop's Palace Gardens, adjacent to the Cathedral. Once everyone is together - having arrived by coach, car or by walking along the canal path from Hunston - Gathering Prayers will be said in the Gardens.

Then, as one, the group will walk to the Cathedral for a Pilgrimage Eucharist, entering by the West Doors. This act of all-age worship starts at the font and sees the pilgrims moving through different parts of the Cathedral during the service. It ends at the Shrine of St Richard, an ancient site of Pilgrimage.

Afterwards, pilgrims are invited to a 'bring and share' lunch /tea on the Paradise lawn, or in the Cloisters, if wet. Please remember to bring a packed lunch/tea for this purpose.

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

Transport

Pilgrims are encouraged to share cars wherever possible, or ideally to organise a shared coach to pick up along the route from your Archdeaconry. The fit and able could be dropped off at Hunston* and walk to the Cathedral along the canal path with brief prayer stations at

various points. Those unable to walk that far could be dropped off at the coach park on Avenue de Chartres and assemble in the Bishops Gardens where they would be joined by those coming from Hunston.

Booking your pilgrimage

Saturday 9th June: Archdeaconry of Chichester

Led by Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Douglas

Start Time: 10.30am from Hunston. Eucharist: 12 noon.

Register for the event online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chichester-archdeaconary-pilgrimage-tickets-43090796733

Saturday 14th July: Archdeaconry of Horsham

Led by Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Fiona

Start Time: 10.30am from Hunston. Eucharist: 12 noon.

Register for the event online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/horsham-archdeaconary-pilgrimage-tickets-43090856913

Saturday 21st July: Archdeaconry of Brighton and Lewes

Led by Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Martin

Start Time: 10.30am from Hunston. Eucharist: 12 noon

Register for the event online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-and-lewes-archdeaconary-pilgrimage-tickets-43090928126

Saturday 15th September: Archdeaconry of Hastings

Led by Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Edward

Start Time: 1.30pm from Hunston. Eucharist: 3pm

Register for the event online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hastings-archdeaconary-pilgrimage-tickets-43090961225

**Coaches can drop off at Hunston bus stop just north of St. Leodegars Way, off the B2145. Car parking is available in a small car park a little further north just past the Canoe Club on the left, or alternatively in Hunston Church Car park which will be a open for pilgrims.*

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