

Chaplaincy Pew News

SOTOGRADE & SAN PEDRO Congregations

San Pedro Anglican Communion at 10:00 am. Sotograde Anglican Communion at 12 noon

“Christ – the Living Water”

Hymns

702 Through all the changing scenes - *tune Wiltshire*
37 As the deer pants for the water - *tune As the deer*
383 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts - *tune Maryton*
404 Let all the world - *tune Luckington.*

Reading

Exodus 17: 1-7
Romans 5: 1-11
John 4: 5-42

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SERVICES ON-LINE

ANGLICAN – We are no longer recording our own services; we can recommend the following:

[The Church of England - YouTube](#) for a choice of traditional Anglican services.

[HTB Church - YouTube](#) for those who want a more modern style Church of England service.

METHODIST - Join at 11am on www.methodist.org.gi/sunday-service/

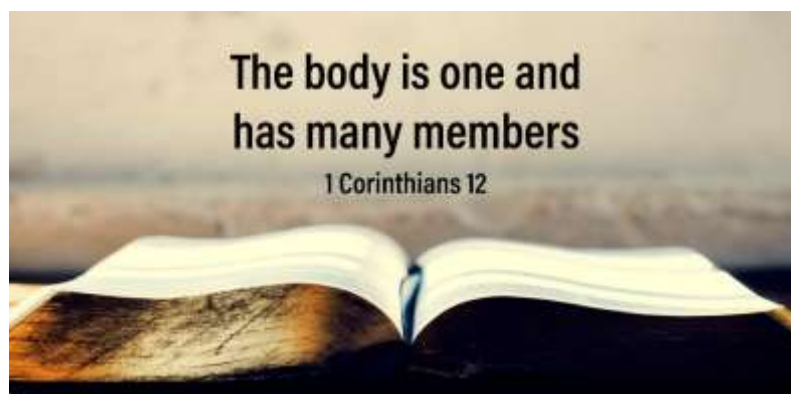
Advance Notice

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING – 28th May 2023

We will be holding our Annual Chaplaincy at the end of May at San Pedro. This is an important meeting and the first with our new Chaplain. Everyone is urged to try and attend if at all possible. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

There are a number of positions on the Church council which are up for election this year in addition to the annual re-election of Church Wardens. The post of assistant Treasurer is one we are keen to fill.

The smooth running of our Chaplaincy depends on members of the congregation being prepared to be involved. If you like to be more involved please speak to one of the existing members of the council – there details are on the noticeboards. Anyone who has been on the Chaplaincy Electoral roll for at least 6 months is eligible to stand for election.



SAFEGUARDING

In accordance with the Diocese of Europe Protocol and policy, this church has its own Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer (CSO) who is Jean Kerr-Hill. If you have any concerns or questions with regards to 'Safeguarding', please contact us on info.costachurch@gmail.com or Jean on sgojkh48@yahoo.com



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

DATE	SAN PEDRO	SOTOGRADE
12 th March	Anglican 10am (Alex Gordon)	Anglican 12 Noon (Alex Gordon)
19 th March	Anglican 10am (Alex Gordon)	Methodist 12 Noon (Graham Gibbens)
26 th March	Anglican 10am (Alex Gordon)	Anglican 12 Noon (Alex Gordon)
2 nd April	Anglican 10am (Alex Gordon)	Methodist 12 Noon (Graham Gibbens)
9 th April (Easter)	Anglican 10am (Alex Gordon)	Anglican 12 Noon (Alex Gordon)
16 th April	Anglican 10am (Service of the Word)	Methodist 12 Noon (TBC)
23 rd April	Anglican 10am (Chris Rushton)	Anglican 12 Noon (Chris Rushton)
30 th April	Anglican 10am (Service of the Word)	Methodist 12 Noon (TBC)

THE BIBLE PROJECT



Do you want to know more about the Bible, but unsure how to go about it? The Bible Project (www.bibleproject.com) is an excellent place to start to learn more, containing short and easy to follow videos on all the books of the Bible as well as many of the themes.

It is a great introduction to some of the lesser-known books as well as a great resource for exploring more complicated issues of our faith and understanding God's plan for us. It is definitely worth checking out.

THIS WEEKS RECOMMENDED BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO

This week we recommend you watch the overview of the 2nd part of John's Gospel.

[Watch: John 13-21 Bible Book Overview Video | BibleProject™](#)

Sabinillas Tuesday Coffee Mornings

We meet each Tuesday from 11am for coffee and a chat at

BELLACO, Estepona

Near China Homes and Aldi off the A7

Please call Sylvia on 620052 440 for more details

NOTE TEMPORARY CHANGE OF VENUE!



Café y Color Charity

This charity which we support is still accepting donations of clothing, and shoes especially for men. **PLEASE NOTE** that they are no longer allowed to cook for the homeless, they give out bags of food for people to cook/heat up themselves. So, single tins of beans, tuna, tinned fruit etc plus small **individual** sized toiletries are very much appreciated, not large size packs. Please bring any items to church where we can pass them on.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY FOODSTUFFS DONATED ARE IN DATE!

Thank You.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING TEAM

The pandemic put a halt to virtually all of our activities for some time – even church services were only available on Zoom. We are now back to a degree of ‘normacy’ and it is important that we restart with the other activities of the Chaplaincy that have been in abeyance for over two years.



The social activities are great for bringing us all together as well as something we can invite friends and neighbours to. Fund raising events are very important in making a financial contribution to to cover the costs of running the Chaplaincy.



We need people who are prepared to be involved in organising and running events or just helping out. If you have ideas for events or activities that will be very welcome!



In the first instance please have a word with your Church Warden – Andrea at San Pedro or Geoff at Sotogrande.

Sotogrande Congregation Sunday Lunch

We will be having a lunch together after the Church Service on **Sunday 26th March** at The Hairy Lemon in Sotogrande Port. It will be a roast main course with starter and desert plus a drink with the meal and tea/coffee after – all for 25 Euros.

If you want to join us then we will need a 10 Euro deposit per person and to know your selections for the meal. We need to confirm numbers and menu selections by Wednesday 22nd March - please speak to Clare Davidson OR Geoff Fabron after the service who will have a more readable version of the menu!



PRAYER COURSE – UNANSWERED PRAYER

We are continuing with the in-person prayer meetings on the theme "Unanswered prayer". The course will run alternate Mondays starting 27th February starting at 6:30 PM with the session (Video and discussion), prayer, and then supper.

It will be held at the home of Lorenzo & Margarita. Please contact Margarita if you need directions.

27th of February
13th of March
27th of March
10th of April
24th of April



On the Mondays in between, we will have the usual online zoom meeting at 8 PM with a discussion (about the previously sent video)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85967406449>

Meeting ID 859 6740 6449. Contact Margarita for the Access Code Margarita on margarita.wrann@gmail.com or via WhatsApp on +34 650965677

NEW WEBSITE NOW LIVE!

Our updated and new look Chaplaincy website has now gone live – please check it out. We are still working on expanding it and adding to the site. www.costachurch.com

If you have any item for Pew News, please send it to:

Churchwarden San Pedro - 2021andreabc@gmail.com
Churchwarden Sotogrande - sotograndechurchwarden@hotmail.com
San Pedro Pastoral Care Helpline - patricia.g2515@hotmail.co.uk
Family News (births, etc.) - lesley.fabron@hotmail.co.uk
Church ECO website: costaecogroup.wixsite.com/website-3
Church ECO group Facebook page: [Costa del Sol Eco group](#)



CAMEO - Come and Meet Each Other SAN PEDRO FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

We meet each Friday from 11:00 am for coffee and a chat at

La Tradicional, Calle Palencia 2

San Pedro (usual after church venue)

Call Jean on 609 256 274 for more details



UPDATED CHAPLAINCY HANDBOOK

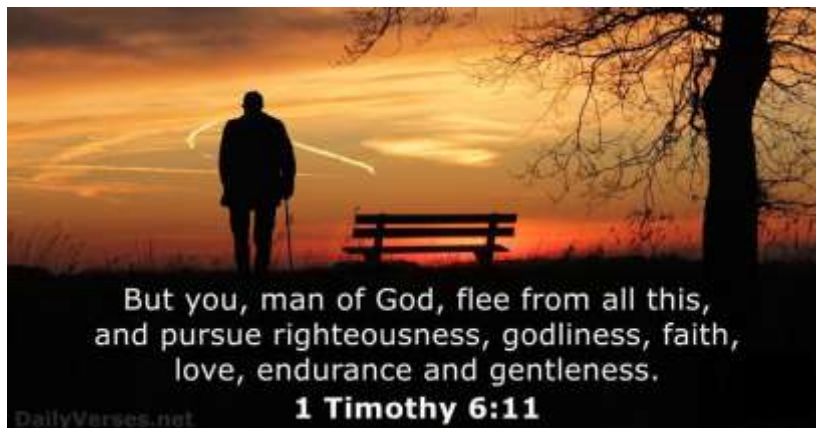
There have been some updates to the handbook to reflect changes over the past few months. If you want an updated copy, then please contact Jean Kerr-hill on sgojkh48@yahoo.com

Tithes and Offerings

We have re-introduced the offering bag during the services as part of our worship. We appreciate that some of you may still feel uncomfortable with this so for those who wish to make their offerings directly please contact our treasurer who will provide our bank details so you can make a transfer.

sarah.wall160@gmail.com

Remember that regular donations can be tax deductible - contact our treasurer for details.



But you, man of God, flee from all this,
and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,
love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

DailyVerses.net

LENT THEME & STUDY FOR 2023



Dust + Glory is the Church of England's Lent theme for 2023. This Lent we are invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life.

Dust + Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them.

Archbishops of Canterbury and York

We have received this information probably too late to order the booklets and get them in time for starting on 22nd February. However, there is a free on-line version, follow this link and you will be sent daily emails.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-lent-reflections>

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6th APRIL

There will be a short service at Chaplaincy House followed by a shared lunch on Maundy Thursday – more details shortly.

Do you live on your own?

We don't have to be elderly, sick or unstable to have a fall, it can happen to any of us. Although most of us now have a mobile phone it might not be to hand when you need it most.

We have recently had cases where fallen people have not been found for hours or even days, don't let that happen to you.



There are various types of panic buttons on the market, which you can hang around your neck, this is just one, and this is the link to find out about it:-

<https://alarmas-para-casa.com.es/accesorios/60-pulsador-emergencia-personas-mayores.html>

This comes up in Spanish but most computers will offer a translation. Panic buttons are no good if you don't wear them. Some phones include a panic button element, but of course you have to be able to reach it.

The Spanish social security do offer panic buttons to the over 80s, but require you to be registered with them and it can involve a lot of red tape.

What else can you do?

Team up with a friend or neighbour and have an arrangement to telephone or message each other every day, but don't forget to answer or unnecessary alarms will be raised.

The important thing is to plan in advance for an accident .





ECO NEWS

"The fact is that no species has ever had such wholesale control over everything on earth, living or dead, as we now have. That lays upon us, whether we like it or not, an awesome responsibility. In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the earth."

David Attenborough,
Life on Earth



San Pedro News



If you have anyone you would like included in the service prayers this week, let Patricia know at: patricia.g2515@hotmail.co.uk

Do you often think you wish, you could remember all of the sermon and have time to mull over the content? Well you can now go to the new church website www.costachurch.com and read through Alex's sermons at your leisure.

While there check out the other pages, it is a mine of information. We are constantly up-dating sections, so if you find anything that doesn't look quite right, do let Andrea or Jean know.

Unfortunately there are no prizes to be won for spotting errors!



Whilst we have done our best during the interregnum to have a priest and communion every week, there have been occasions when your worship leaders have taken services. After Alex leaves and before Tony arrives to be with us full time, we will have three Sundays without a minister. We have already planned for a service of the word on 16th April, following our normal pattern. And Chris Rushton is coming over from Gibraltar to take the service on 23rd April. But we are looking to do something different on 30th April and the 7th May.

Why are we telling you now? We want your help and input.

We would like to have a Songs of Praise type service on 7th May, the theme of the day is Jesus, the way, truth and life. So we are looking for inspirational readings, not necessarily from the bible, poems and testimonies that mean something special to you, along with a favourite hymn, if you would rather not read your piece yourself that doesn't matter, but we want to hear your ideas. So start to think **now**, don't put it off.

We can't promise to include everyone's hymns or readings as we will need a balanced programme and will also need to consider timing.

Andrea has some ideas for the service on the 30th April, if it is anything like her Sunday School projects we will be in for a treat!

Bags and books still available, buy your bags to carry home your books.

Please continue to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Keep supporting our local charities who are struggling to feed many families.

This weeks donations will go to Caritas here in San Pedro.

Items needed most for all the charities:-

Milk, cooking oil, potatoes, rice, tomato frito, lentils, pastas, tuna, chick peas, flour. All the essentials and perhaps some treats.



12/3/2023
