



3rd December 2023
1st Sunday of Advent

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Chaplaincy Pew News

SOTOGRADE & SAN PEDRO Congregations

San Pedro Carol Service at 10:00 am.

CAROL SERVICE

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
539 Once in Royal David's City	Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7	694
345 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	Luke 1: 26-38	1025
644 The First Noel	Matthew 1: 18-25	965
597 Silent Night	Luke 2: 1-7	1027
337 In the bleak midwinter	Luke 2: 8-15	1027
211 Hark the Herald Angels	Luke 2: 16-20	1027
589 See him lying on a bed of straw	Matthew 2: 1-12	966
740 We Three Kings		
491 O Come All Ye Faithful		

Sotograde Methodist Communion at 12 noon

“God is faithful”

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
204 Hail to the Lord's Anointed	Isaiah 64 v1-9	752
210 Hark the glad sound!	1 Corinthians 1 v3-9	1144
--- And I will wait now (tune: Morning has broken)	Mark 13 v24-27	1019
--- Lord, we have come at your own invitation (tune: Brightest and best)		

SERVICES ON-LINE: If you would like to follow a service online try this one.

SAN PEDRO: Last Sundays Anglican service

https://youtube.com/watch?v=2CMVQN_gOGw&list=PLUiVcTDyacFTbkHrUrpT6C0AzHpXMDVdp



She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Christmas Fair



American Club of Estepona (ACE)
 C. San Roque, 69, 29680 Estepona,
 5 minutes walk from bullring, 10 metres
 from paseo, close to Mirador del Carmen
Saturday 2nd December 2023
from 11am to 5pm



Grand Prize Draw
 Yo! Cash prizes, hampers,
 Ho! coffee machine, meat
 Ho! voucher, and more.
**Note Raffle to be
 drawn at 3pm**

Stalls: crafts, cakes, jewellery, books, tombola and more



Or just come for coffee, cake and a good natter!

The Christmas Fair is
THIS SATURDAY!

What can YOU do to help?

Help sell as many Raffle tickets as possible.

Get items for the tombola. Stick something extra in your shopping basket each week. Bring to Church services for collection.

Help run a stall.

Bake items for the cake stall.

And of course, put it in your diary, and tell all your friends and neighbours to do the same.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 6th December: The Protestant German Church are holding an **Advent Concert** at 4pm on 6 December in El Angel Church Marbella/Nueva Andalucia. Followed by food and drink. 15 Euros entrance

Wednesday 20th December: **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at 7.30 pm** with Catholics in the main Church at **San Pedro**, this will include Christingle. The Wave and the German Protestant Church have been invited to take part. Don Manuel the Catholic Priest is also inviting the local school children. **For this Carol Service at San Pedro, can you please bring some traditional foods/drinks for the shared table in the patio of the church following the service. Each church will bring its own typical seasonal foods/drinks.**

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

DATE	SAN PEDRO	SOTOGRANDE
3 rd December	Anglican 10am (CAROL SERVICE)	Methodist Service 12 noon (Conrad Hicks)
10 th December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 noon (CAROL SERVICE)
17 th December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
20 th December	Carol Service @ 7:30pm	
24 th December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
25 th December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
31 st December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
7 th January	Service of the Word	Methodist Service 12 noon (Conrad Hicks)
14 th January	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
21 st January	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)

TRIP TO CADIZ – Visit the Cathedral & see the Christmas Lights **Saturday 16th December 2023**



We will be visiting Cadiz Cathedral where Rev. Tony Carroll will give a talk about the cathedral. There will be free time in the city until about 3:45pm after which we board the bus for a tour around Cadiz to see the city's Christmas Lights before returning home, aiming to be back in San Pedro around 6:30pm.



Pick up locations & approximate times:

- San Pedro (bus bay opposite the Church) 09:30
- Estepona (bus stop by H10 Hotel) 09:45
- Manilva (bus stop @ Eroski Roundabout) 10:00
- Sotogrande (Marysol centre, by Sotogrande Hotel) 10:15

There will be a coffee/comfort stop on the way to Cadiz around 11am

Cost per person **15 Euros** (plus 3 Euros entrance fee for the Cathedral if 65+ and you want to go in)

To book your place see [Karl & Delia](#) at San Pedro & [Geoff](#) at Sotogrande

Note that numbers are limited!

CAROL SERVICES THIS DECEMBER



This **Sunday 3rd December** at San Pedro and next Sunday 10th December at Sotogrande there will be a carol service in place of the usual Sunday service. It will follow the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols format made popular by the annual broadcast from Kings College chapel Cambridge.

These are excellent occasions to invite friends and neighbours to Church to join in the festive celebrations.

The Sotogrande event will include the Camerata choir as part of the service.

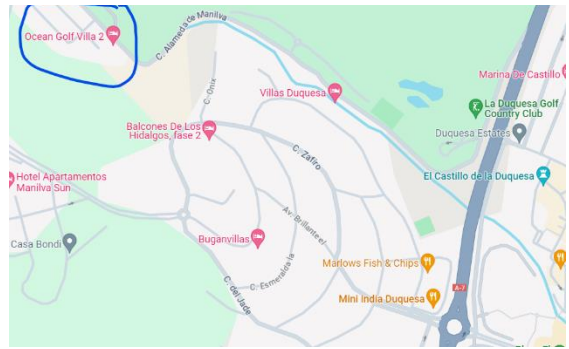


Frontline

The current session of Frontline studying the New Testament book of 1 John concludes this

Friday 1st December 4:00 – 5:30pm, at the home of **Margaret & Adrian Hall, 29, Ocean Golf Villas, Duquesa, Manilva**. Take the A7 and turn off at the Duquesa Golf Club then follow the road. Contact Heather for the gate code.

Members and friends are warmly welcome from both congregations. We can arrange lifts for those who need them. Equally, if you can drive and can offer a lift that would also be extremely helpful.



Please contact Heather for more information – heatherasmoore@gmail.com

Sabinillas Tuesday Coffee Mornings

We meet each Tuesday from **11am** for coffee and a chat at **The Cafe, American Bistro**,
At the eastern end of the Sabinillas Paseo.
Please call Sylvia on 620052 440 for more details



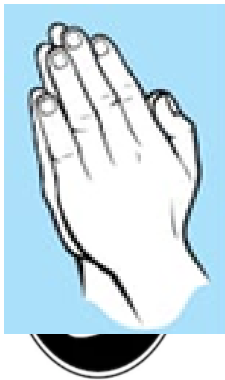
Tithes and Offerings

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.

stephen.wall673@gmail.com



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



PRAYER GROUP

Margarita hosts a Prayer meeting via Zoom every Monday at 7:30pm
Everyone is welcome to join to pray & share.
Please contact Margarita on margarita.wrann@gmail.com or via
WhatsApp on +34 650965677 for the date of the next meeting.



THE BIBLE PROJECT

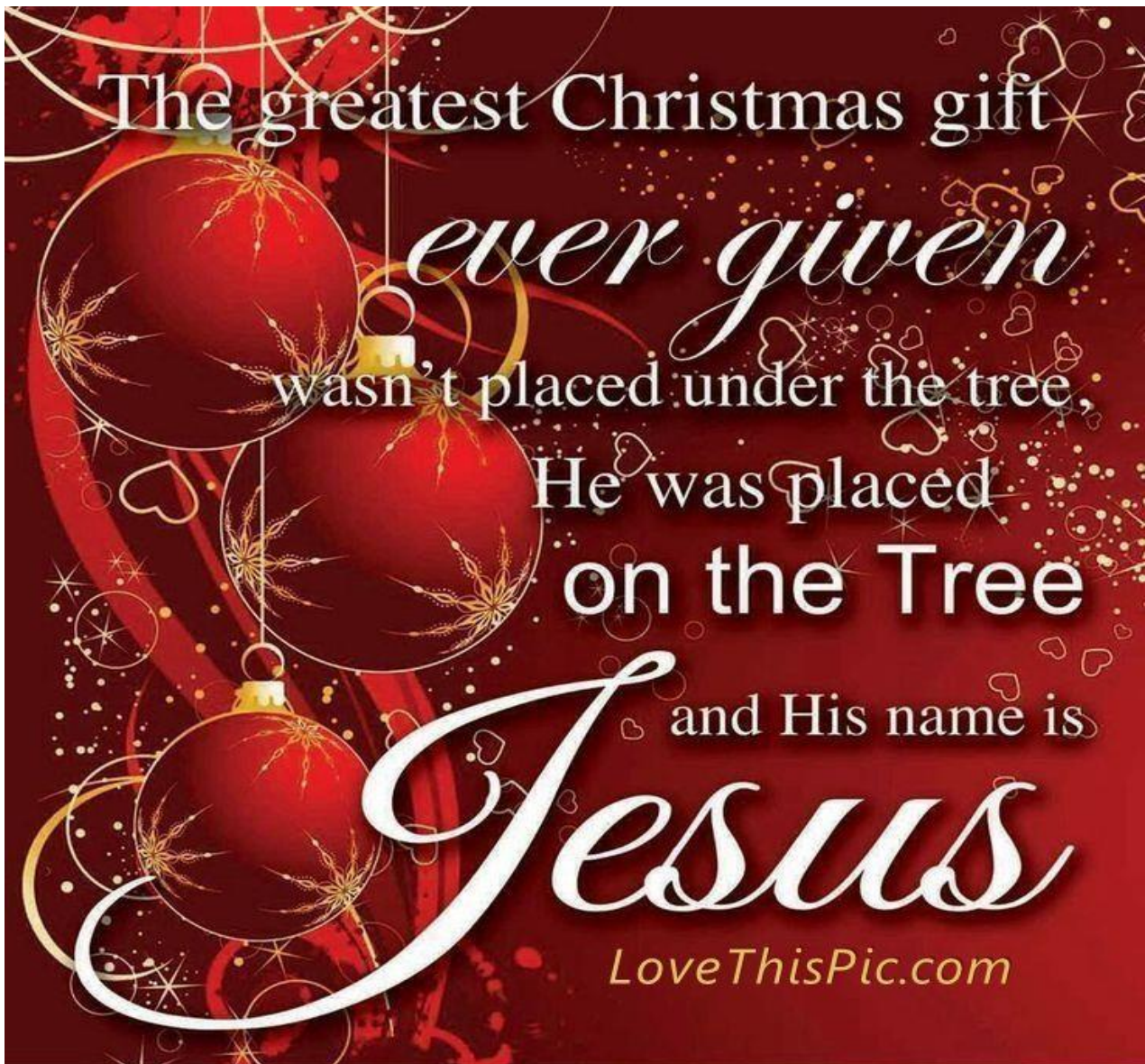


Do you want to know more about the Bible, but unsure how to go about it? The Bible Project (www.bibleproject.com) is an excellent place to start to learn more, containing short and easy to follow videos on all the books of the Bible as well as many of the themes. It also has articles, podcasts etc. on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

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 weeks recommended Bible Project video is 1st part of the Gospel of Matthew. [Gospel of Matthew Summary | Watch an Overview Video \(Part 1\) \(bibleproject.com\)](#)



Café y Color Charity *Please note new needs!*

This charity which we support does **NOT NEED** any more donations of clothing or shoes. **They still are collecting** 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!

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



POPPY APPEAL 2023

The Royal British Legion has expressed their thanks to the chaplaincy for their donations and support of this year's appeal.



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



On a lighter note, some typo's from bulletins at other Churches

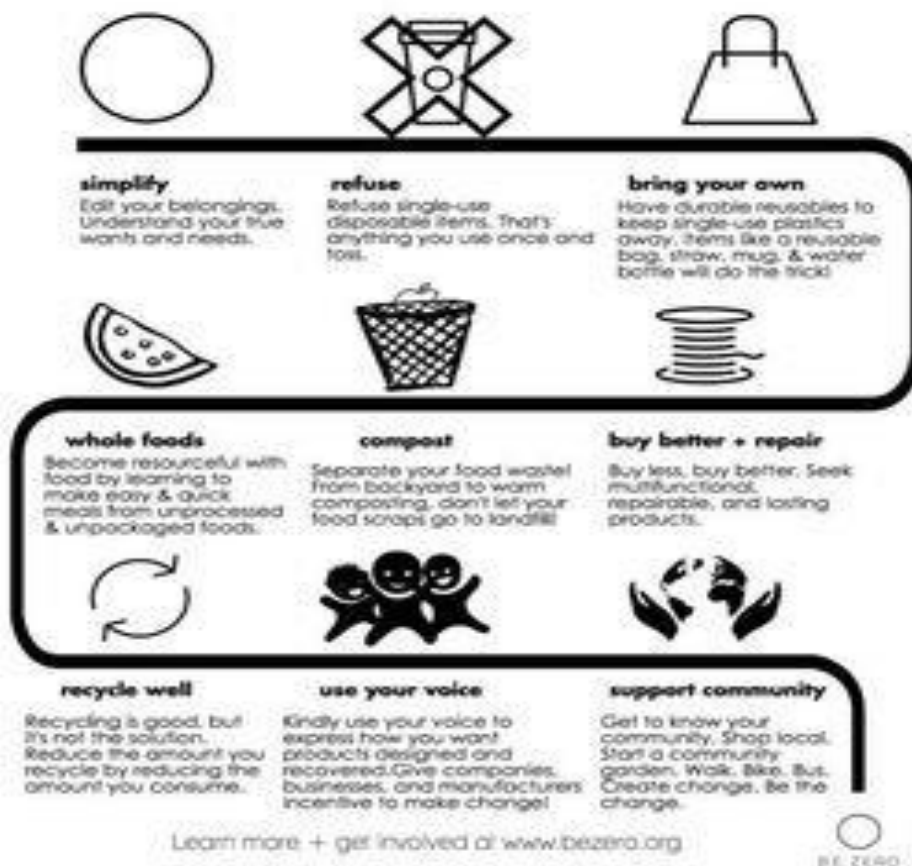
- *Potluck Supper next Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.*
 - *The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.*
 - *This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*
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ECO NEWS

HOW TO MAKE LESS TRASH

www.bezero.org

the simple way



ECO REP - Rosalind Scott-Gibb - rosalind.scott.gibb@gmail.com

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

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Churchwarden Sotogrande

- sotograndechurchwarden@hotmail.com

San Pedro Pastoral Care Helpline

- patricia.g2515@hotmail.co.uk

Church ECO website: costaecogroup.wixsite.com/website-3

Church ECO group Facebook page: [Costa del Sol Eco group](#)

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

**Big day today!
Our Carol service,
come prepared to sing your heart out,
then come to our Christmas Lunch at La Tradicional,
so you can sooth your dry throats and
fill your tummies!**



We trust that you all read the letter about finance sent out with last week's Pew News, if we don't manage to increase our income substantially, in a very few years we will be bankrupt and no longer able to function as a Chaplaincy.

Please do your best, within your means, to increase your weekly giving.

If you want to know more about our finances, please ask Andrea, Patricia or Jean.

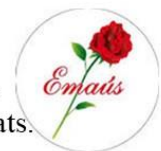
Trip to Cadiz on 16th December, to see the Cathedral and Christmas lights, details elsewhere in Pew News.
If you wish to go let Delia know asap numbers are limited.
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**Please continue to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.
Keep supporting our local charities who are struggling to feed many families.**

This weeks donations will go to Emaus in Estepona.

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.



Your wardens team here in San Pedro, **Churchwarden Andrea**:- 2021andreabc@gmail.com
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