

26th November 2023 Last Sunday before Advent

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Chaplaincy Pew News

SOTOGRANDE & SAN PEDRO Congregations

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

"The Lord and King"

HymnsReadingPage560 Praise my soul the king of heavenEzekiel 34:11-16, 20-2486620 All people that on earth do dwellEphesians 1: 15-231173449 Love divineMatthew 25: 31-469959 All glory laud and honour.

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

SAN PEDRO: Last Sundays Anglican service

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= CyKHLzM1G0&list=PLUiVcTDyacFSRoQWTYC Pr6bfSuOna9lIA



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! Ho! Ho! Cash prizes, hampers, coffee machine, meat 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!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair may seem a long way off now, but it is less than **TWO WEEKS** away!

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.

Offer to help run a stall.

Be ready to 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CHAPLAINCY FINANCES

The Council has been reviewing the finances of the Chaplaincy for the coming year and there is a <u>significant</u> shortfall of income over expenses forecast for 2024, Increased costs and a static level of donations mean that we need to take some important steps if the Chaplaincy is to continue beyond the next couple of years.

Remember that the Chaplaincy is self-financing and that we get **NO** financial support from the Church of England in the UK.

There is a letter attached to this week's Pew News with additional information which you are urged to read and give prayerful consideration to.

Wednesday 20th December: CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at 7.30 pm with Catholics in the main Church at <u>San Pedro</u>, 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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

DATE	SAN PEDRO	SOTOGRANDE
26 th November	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
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)
24th December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
25 th December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
31st December	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
7 th January	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Methodist Service 12 noon (Conrad Hicks)

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 <u>Karl & Delia</u> at San Pedro & <u>Geoff</u> at Sotogrande **Note that numbers are limited!**

CAROL SERVICES THIS DECEMBER



On Sunday 3rd December at San Pedro and 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 continues this Friday 24th November 4:00 – 5:30pm, at the home of **Geoff & Lesley Fabron**, **B10 Fuente de la Duquesa**, **Manilva**. Take the Puerto de la Duquesa turnoff from A7 and head up the hill. Contact Geoff (geoff.fabron@hotmail.co.uk) for detailed directions.

We plan to run a session each week until 1st Dec, God Willing, at different venues. 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. We are currently studying the New Testament book of 1 John.

Please contact Heather for more information

- Heather Moore 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 8:00pm Everyone is welcome to join to pray & share.

Please contact Margarita on <u>margarita.wrann@gmail.com</u> 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 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 weeks recommended Bible Project video is 2nd part of the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel from which this week's OT readings is taken. <u>Book of Ezekiel Summary | Watch an Overview</u> Video (Part 2) (bibleproject.com)

<u>Café y Color Charity</u> 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

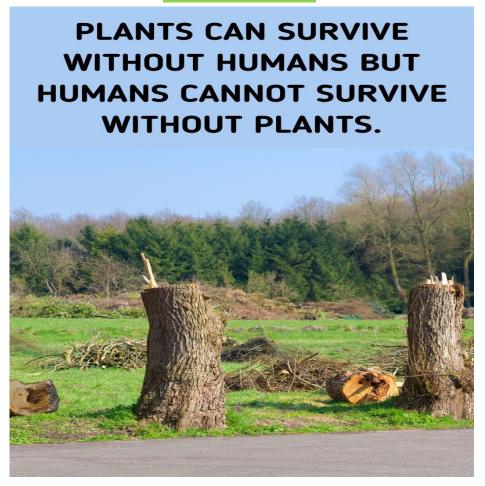




On a lighter note, from bulletins at other Churches

- Don't let worry kill you off let the church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing 'Break forth into joy'

ECO NEWS



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



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



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

Church Christmas Lunch on 3rd December at La Tradicional, after the Carol Service.

We have the menu prepared, and the price, details next Sunday.

Come along to recover from the Fair the day before, celebrate that it is behind us, no more raffle tickets to sell. Just fellowship with the Church and the start of Christmas.

(Although the shops started Christmas several months ago!)

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.

It will soon be time to start on the church duties rota, for January to March 2024.

If you are not already on our rotas, would like to join? You can read, welcome, take intersession (prayers), be a chalice bearer or assist in some other way.

Swallows welcome, we just need to know the dates you are in Spain and available.

The more we have the less often you are called upon.

If you would like more information, don't be shy just ask Andrea, Patrica or Jean.

You would be given help and guidance for any duty

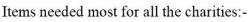
Christmas Fair raffle, we now have excellent prizes,
many thanks to all who contributed.

Now is the big push to sell tickets, please sell as many as you can.
Come to the fair to support the church
and pick up your raffle prize in person!

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.





Milk, cooking oil, potatoes, rice, tomate 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 Assistants **Patricia**:- patricia.g2515@hotmail .co.uk

Jean: - kerrhillspain@yahoo.co.uk

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