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Candlemas

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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Chaplaincy Pew News

SOTOGRADE & SAN PEDRO Congregations

A Light to the Gentiles and Glory to Israel

San Pedro Anglican Service at 10.00 am Sotogrande Anglican Service at 12 noon

Hymns

327 Immortal, invisible
641 The day thou gavest
564 Praise to the Lord
640 The church's one foundation

Reading

Malachi 3: 1-5
Hebrews 2: 14-18
Luke 2: 22-40

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Sunday School is available at both churches contact
Andrea on 2021andreabc@gmail.com for San Pedro and
Margarita on margarita.wrann@gmail.com for Sotogrande

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?list=PLUiVcTDyacFS6eC552yGNhQj1UoH7jAJb&v=Y0rbF1gRSSg>

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Gibraltar Methodist Church monthly Newsletter, please ask Graham Gibbens: grahamgibbens@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

DATE	SAN PEDRO	SOTOGRADE
4th February	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Methodist Service 12 Noon (Conrad Hicks)
11th February	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
18th February	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll) 1st Sunday of Lent
25th February	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
3rd March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Methodist Service 12 Noon (Conrad Hicks)
10th March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
17th March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
24th March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)

Would you like to take part in a Lent Course this year?

TRUE FREEDOM

A NEW GLOBAL COURSE FOR LENT 2024

“The Clewer Initiative, on behalf of the Church of England, has worked with the World Council of Churches to produce a global Lent course to help Christians learn about the challenges of modern slavery and human trafficking. Based upon Paul’s letter to the Galatians with its great theme of bondage and freedom, the course offers an opportunity for people to prayerfully consider how best they can make a creative contribution”.
Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Modern slavery affects people of all ages, ethnicities and social status

Many factors drive modern slavery worldwide:

- * an increasing number of vulnerable people
- * the desire in all of us for cheap goods and services
- * the globalisation of indifference
- * an increasing distance between employers and those who work for them
- * the increasing sophistication of criminal gangs
- * the climate crisis and mass migration

Shrove Tuesday is on 13th February

So courses could start that week or the following week to get six sessions in before Easter Day on 31st March. Let your churchwarden know if you are interested, and what time and day suits you. Also, could you offer to host a session or sessions?

How the course works. Each session consists of the following elements:

- An opening paragraph, sharing the theme of the week and introductory information about modern slavery
- A modern slavery fact file, helping you understand the scale of the issue
- One or two case studies telling the story of a victim of modern slavery – some of these have been filmed and can be watched during or after the session
- The bible reading – a chapter from Galatians
- A reflection, written by Revd Dr Kenneth Mtata and Bishop Alastair Redfern, drawing on themes from a chapter in the book of Galatians
- A set of questions to encourage discussion and reflection
- An opportunity to look at two contemporary illustrations and consider how they add to your understanding of the theme
- A prayer
- A story of hope
- Some action points

If you want to know more about this course go to

[file:///C:/Users/User/Desktop/The+Clewer+True+Freedom+Document+FINAL+-+ENGLISH%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/User/Desktop/The+Clewer+True+Freedom+Document+FINAL+-+ENGLISH%20(1).pdf)

It is a big document 49 pages, to make life easier we will download each week separately, so week one will be sent attached to this weeks, Pew News.

In the meantime, to prepare, why not start reading Galatians now.

1% LEGACIES

It is natural that we struggle to think about our own mortality and eventual death. However, as Christians, we understand that we are made of ‘dust and unto dust we shall return’, as the blessing of Ash Wednesday reminds us each year.

Preparing for our death is practical as well as spiritual; there are family and friends for whom we might like to make some financial provision, to hand on valued possessions to those whom we love.

Whilst we all make a valuable contribution to the Church during our lives, it is fitting that we should consider making some financial provision for the continuation of its mission after we have gone. 1% is a small amount of your overall estate, but it can make a significant difference to the continuing work of God’s Church here.

I commend this 1% legacy scheme to you and ask that you consider making a legacy to help continue the work of the Anglican Chaplaincy of the Costa del Sol West in the future, a place where you may already be involved. If you, for example, have no surviving relatives and have not made a will it is only the state that benefits from what you leave behind.

As you may know, our chaplaincy is totally self-financing and its work is only possible because of the generosity of many people – its worshippers and benefactors.

Should you wish to extend your generosity beyond the boundaries of your earthly life and arrange a 1% legacy for the Anglican Chaplaincy of the Costa del Sol West, I suggest that you use the following wording when making or updating a U.K. will:

“I give to the Diocese in Europe whose registered office is situated at 14 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QZ, the sum of 1% of my estate to be applied for the mission and extension of the Anglican Chaplaincy of the Costa del Sol (West) in Marbella with Estepona and Algeciras and I declare that a receipt from the Diocesan secretary for the time being of the Diocese in Europe will be sufficient receipt for my executors for the same.”

By using the foregoing wording, you should ensure U.K. Inheritance Tax is not applied to your gift.

Likewise, when making or updating a will in Spain, the following wording, translated into Spanish by your lawyer, should be used:

*“I give to the *Comunión Anglicana Costa del Sol (Oeste) en Marbella con Estepona y Algeciras, NIF: R2900260G, Domicilio: Calle Juan de Fuca 27, Urb. Beverly Hills, 29680, Estepona, Málaga and registered with the Federación de Entidades Religiosas Evangelicas de Espana, Numero 016345, the sum of 1% of my estate to be applied for the mission and extension of the *Comunión Anglicana Costa del Sol (Oeste) en Marbella con Estepona y Algeciras and declare that a receipt from the treasurer for the time being of the *Comunión Anglicana Costa del Sol Oeste will be sufficient for my executors for the same.*”***

By using the foregoing wording, you should ensure that Spanish Inheritance Tax is not applied to your gift.

Your gift will help future generations to worship and carry out God’s mission here in the Anglican Chaplaincy of the Costa del Sol West.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Revd Dr Tony Carroll,
Chaplain Costa del Sol West.

The Chaplaincy has regular weekly events, open to all.
NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE WHILST BUILDING WORK ON PASEO

Sabinillas Tuesday Coffee Mornings

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

On Sabinillas Paseo, on the corner next to The Lucky Bar
(no sign for the actual café)

Please call Sylvia on 620052 440 for more details



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

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

La Tradicional, Calle Palencia 2

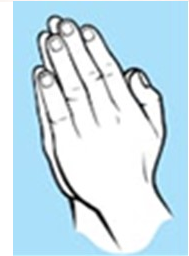
San Pedro (usual after Church venue)
Call Jean on 609 256 274 for more details



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 margarita.wrann@gmail.com or via
WhatsApp on +34 650965677 for the date of the next meeting.



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



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

Book of Malachi Summary | Watch an Overview Video (bibleproject.com) Book of Malachi Summary | Watch an Overview Video (bibleproject.com)

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



Our Chaplaincy supports in a practical way the following local charities weekly,
please try to put a little something extra in your shopping basket, to bring to Church each Sunday

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY FOODSTUFFS DONATED ARE IN DATE!

Sotogrande - Café y Calor Charity they now have a basic Day Centre where they can offer breakfast items and snacks; 8am to 3pm. So they are asking us to consider providing items like: sponge cakes and biscuits, milk, sugar, coffee, microwave porridge, other cereals, baked beans, anything that can be warmed up in a microwave, as there are no real cooking facilities available.

Please pop an item or 2 in the blue box for them each Sunday if you can remember.

Thank you.

San Pedro - Caritas (in San Pedro) and Emaus (in Estepona) - on alternating weeks.

Items needed most for all charities:-

Milk, cooking oil, potatoes, rice, tomate frito, lentils, pastas, tuna, chick peas, flour.

All the essentials and perhaps some treats.



Please continue to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.
Keep supporting our local charities who are struggling to feed many families.



Tithes and Offerings

Remember we are completely self-financing, and your offerings are our lifeline.

At both churches we pass around the offertory bag during the service as part of our worship, but there are other ways to give.

Why not set up a standing order and give regularly monthly, quarterly, whatever works best for you to make your 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.



Who is who in the Chaplaincy and how to contact them

Churchwarden Sotogrande : (elected unanimously last Sunday)

Christine Sabio - sotograndechurchwarden@hotmail.com

Team members: **Kevin Metcalf** - kev1965metcalf@gmail.com

Lorenzo Wilkendorf - wilkendorf@hotmail.com

Churchwarden San Pedro: **Andrea Bennett** - 2021andreabc@gmail.com

Team members : **Patricia Gommersall** - patricia.g2515@hotmail.co.uk

Jean Kerr-Hill: - kerrhillspain@yahoo.co.uk

San Pedro Pastoral Care Helpline - patricia.g2515@hotmail.co.uk

ECO NEWS

Alarming insect decline



98% decline in biomass of insects in the rainforests of Puerto Rico, since the 1970s



Beetle populations in a patch of protected forest in NH, USA have fallen 80% since the 1970s



Germany has lost 3/4 of the flying insects in its nature reserves and protected areas



One in four bumblebee species in North America is in decline or threatened with extinction



Denmark has had a 97% decline in insects since the 1990s



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

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

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

If you have any items or photographs, for Pew News, suggestions for contents, or comments on our publication, please send them to: Jean:

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