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Sunday next before Lent

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Chaplaincy Pew News

SOTOGRADE & SAN PEDRO Congregations

Jesus and the Transfiguration of Israel

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

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
249 How Lovely on the Mountains	2 Kings 2: 1-12	367
51 Be Thou my Vision	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	1161
414 Let us Break Bread together	Mark 9: 2-9	1012
207 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus		

Sunday School at both churches, contact -
 Andrea on 2021andreabc@gmail.com for San Pedro
 and Margarita on margarita.wrann@gmail.com for Sotograde

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=PLUiVcTDyacFTsLy3jhAg1nBK2fpbocV50&v=unAJonwBv6U>

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
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) Mothering Sunday
17th March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
24th March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll) Palm Sunday
28th March	Maundy Thursday service 12	noon Chaplaincy House, followed by shared lunch
29th March	Good Friday, Way of the Cross,	German Protestant Church, details next week
31st March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll) Easter Day
7th April	Service of the Word	Methodist Service 12 Noon (Conrad Hicks)



Messy Church

again this Saturday, don't they come around quickly!

If you have never been before,
why not give it a go.

You don't have to have the excuse of taking a child.

There is plenty to occupy adults.

Everyone very welcome

Archdeaconry of Gibraltar Synod 30 Jan – 2 Feb in Calpe

Patricia, Lorenzo and Tony (our three chaplaincy representatives) attended the yearly Archdeaconry Synod which took place in Calpe on the theme of "Walking together in faith" from Tuesday 30 January until Friday 2 February. The synod is a yearly opportunity for the chaplaincies of the archdeaconry (Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Gibraltar and Morocco) to meet and to discuss the life and mission of our church. It was a particularly special meeting this year as our assistant (suffragan) bishop, David Hamid, was retiring after over twenty years of service in the post. The atmosphere was friendly and the meeting enabled an exchange of both the challenges and the opportunities facing our chaplaincies to be shared in a spirit of trust and faithful prayer. Through a series of inputs from speakers on matters relating to the life and mission of the archdeaconry, guided prayer sessions, reports from chaplaincies, small group work and liturgies, the synod was led to encounter the Spirit of the Lord living amongst us in our chaplaincies. On the final evening, Bishop David Hamid was presented with a leaving gift and he spoke movingly of how blessed he has been during his time of episcopal service in our diocese. The synod next year will take place from 28 – 29 January and it will be online.

Tony Carroll

Note: A full report of Synod will be presented at the Annual Meeting

Calling all Swallows...

If you pop backwards and forwards to the Costa del Sol and sometimes join the church services at San Pedro or Sotogrande, then welcome to our new monthly space here in Pew News.

Rev. Tony suggested it would be a good idea if we can build our swallow community across the two churches, to get to know each other a bit better and share some of our faith journey. We are Jeremy and Marguerite Aspinall (in the pic below) and have been coming to Estepona regularly for almost 20 years. We enjoy joining the services at San Pedro when we can and have been made very welcome by the lovely congregation and clergy.

Back in the UK, we used to live in London and then moved to Torquay in Devon about 6 years ago and feel very blessed to enjoy two such beautiful places as Estepona and Torquay. In the past I helped run an advertising agency in London for 30 years and then worked for Church Urban Fund, running their communications and marketing for nearly 7 years before retiring. Marguerite was a chartered accountant and we have 3 grown up children. At home we go to St. Matthias church, which is quite lively and has a congregation of around 100 people.

A verse that is very meaningful to me is Proverbs 3, 5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path"

I've also found a great Bible app that helps me on a daily basis which is the YouVersion Bible App, (free on Play Store or Apple equivalent). It has a verse for the day and then a short video of someone explaining it. People range from larger-than-life Americans to the Archbishop of Canterbury, so they always provide a different and interesting perspective to get you thinking.

It would be great to hear from more swallows and ideally encourage others to share something about themselves. Please feel free to email me at jeremy.aspinall@live.co.uk and we can schedule a slot.



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

1 & 2 Kings

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/kings/>

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

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ECO NEWS



If you come across any interesting Eco facts, posters or pictures,
please send them in for this page.

The Diocese has asked us to do an **energy audit** on our properties (Church House) Rosalind will be arranging this with the diocesan Environmental Officer Dr. Christopher Shiell.

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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