



17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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# Chaplaincy Pew News

**SOTOGRADE & SAN PEDRO Congregations**

**The Priesthood of Christ**

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

**(with Tony Carroll)**

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
160 Forty Days and Forty Nights	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	794
411 Let there be Love	Hebrews 5: 5-10	1204
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563 Praise to the Holiest		

## PASSIONTIDE

Don't forget Sotograde are now having refreshments after services.  
Bring and take home your own mug, but have it filled with tea or coffee and stay for shared fellowship after the service.

**Also note: Sotograde Tuesday Coffee Mornings now back to American Bistro, Paseo still closed, so using the side passage.**

Sunday School at both churches, contact -  
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and Margarita on [margarita.wrann@gmail.com](mailto: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?v=tdi8ArgWxW0&list=PLUiVcTDyacFQJzEfTwpDMvEoVZcHEo55m>

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

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

SAN PEDRO	Every Sunday Anglican 10 am with Tony Carroll
SOTOGRADE	First Sunday of the month 12 noon Methodist Service
SOTOGRADE	All other Sunday's Anglican 12 noon with Tony Carroll
EXTRA SERVICES	
28th March	Maundy Thursday service 12 noon at Chaplaincy House, followed by shared lunch
29th March	Good Friday, Way of the Cross, with German Protestant Church (see page 3)

# Do you want the good news or the bad news?

We often say that don't we?

Well for the next few weeks Page Two of Pew News will address that question.



**San Pedro's little choir, small but well balanced is rehearsing to give us some music magic on Easter Day**

**That's the good news!**

**Now to the bad news.**

**The Chaplaincy Council who met on Saturday 9th March, continue to be very concerned about our finances.**

Some churchgoers are very unhappy when we talk about money, I don't know why, if you are one of them please let me know why you consider it a taboo subject for the church.

Each week for a while you will be given some facts about our finances, the starting point is always that we are completely self sufficient, and the truth is that we are not paying our way.

**FACT** for this week, it cost us at San Pedro €125 to hire the chapel for our Sunday service.

Many weeks our collection doesn't amount to €200.

Do the maths, how do we continue to pay our share of all the other expenses?

Andrea is going to start giving the weekly collection and attendance figures in the notices.



Note from Mary Willard

**"SOLD-OUT"** but.....

.....if you were unable to purchase a jar of

**"Mary's Home-made Lemon Curd"**

last Sunday @ Sotogrande all is not lost!

Mary will be back on 17th March with a new supply, all proceeds to the Costa-West Anglican Church, so find Mary, opposite the Coffee table.

Please bring coins – no notes – Thank-you – Mary



**Advance notice of the Chaplaincy Away Day**

**4th May at the home of Michael and Vivian Harvey**

**Cortijo El Papudo, San Martin del Tesorillo**

**Meantime please put this date in your diaries now!**

**Numbers will be limited if you are wanting to go please let your warden know asap.**

There will be a **Good Friday** Way of the Cross Service with the German Protestant Church at the *Iglesia Calvario* in Marbella at 4 pm on 29th March.

The way of the cross will follow a path up the Calvary Hill behind the church.

(Address C de Calvario s/n 29601 Marbella)

This is the web address:

[Parroquia Sto. Cristo del Calvario en Marbella \(parroquiacalvariomarbella.es\)](http://Parroquia Sto. Cristo del Calvario en Marbella (parroquiacalvariomarbella.es))

*Easter Reflections*



Tuesday 26th March at 19:00 hrs

Excerpts from Mozart,  
Bach & Jenkins

Nuestra Señora de la Merced Church  
Sotogrande



- Donations Welcome in Support of -

- COLLECTIVE CALLING - Keeping poverty-stricken family units together
- ADANA - Providing shelter and care for abandoned, sick and injured dogs
- ST. GEORGE'S CHARITY - Supporting the needy in the local community
- AGE CONCERN ESTERONA - Working for the benefit of older people

By kind permission of the Parish

Don't forget to put the concert in your diary, an event not to be missed



## LENT COURSE 2024

### Session 4: The Value of Families

At Angie Newman's in Guadalmina on 14th March

### Session 5: The Nature of True Freedom

Will be next week on Thursday 21st March

Venue details from Angie or Jean

Course papers and chapter 5 of Galatians will be included with this newsletter.

Last Thursday I hosted this week's lent course at my apartment in Guadalmina Baja. Although it was a rainy afternoon we had 8 people who turned out. Malcolm took the lead and we thanked God for the rain which we so badly need. He went on to talk about the history of the book of Galatians which many of us have struggled to understand. It certainly made a difference to have someone who knew much more information for us all to make sense of it. We read several passages and discussed them as we went along. The theme being Slavery in modern life was talked about and I think we all felt frustration at how little we could do with the situation in Spain. A few suggestions were made and a few stories told. I came away with many different thoughts but feeling I had got to know my fellow worshippers a little bit better and I look forward to next week. Thank you Malcolm, you certainly helped us all with this very difficult subject. Angie Newman.

**Note:** Malcolm, is Malcolm France, friend, swallow and locum.

# The Chaplaincy has regular weekly events, open to all.

## Sabinillas Tuesday Coffee Mornings

We meet each Tuesday from **11am** for coffee and a chat at  
**The Café, American Bistro,**  
at the eastern end of the Sabinillas Paseo

**Note back to usual venue**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

**Jeremiah** <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/jeremiah/>

## 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](mailto:info.costachurch@gmail.com) or Jean on [sgojkh48@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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World Water Day is an annual United Nations observance day held on 22 March that highlights the importance of fresh water. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

## Key messages for World Water Day 2024

- **Water can create peace or spark conflict.** When water is scarce or polluted, or when people struggle for access, tensions can rise. By cooperating on water, we can balance everyone's water needs and help stabilize the world.
- **Prosperity and peace rely on water.** As nations manage climate change, mass migration and political unrest, they must put water cooperation at the heart of their plans.
- **Water can lead us out of crisis.** We can foster harmony between communities and countries by uniting around the fair and sustainable use of water – from United Nations conventions at the international level, to actions at the local level.

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