



**4th May 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
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**Sunday School available at San Pedro**

## **Chaplaincy Pew News**

**San Pedro Anglican Service of the Word 10.00 am**  
**With Worship Leaders – Circles and the Sea**

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
359 Jesus call us; o’er the tumult	Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)	1102
760 When we walk with the Lord	Revelation 5: 11-14	1237
496 O for a thousand tongues to sing Do you really love me?	John 21: 1-19	1090
857 I the Lord of sea and sky		
506 O Lord my God (How great Thou art)		

**Sotogrande Methodist Service 12 noon**

**With Rev. Stephen Lindridge - Encountering Christ**

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
76 Christ the Lord is risen today	Acts 9: 1-20	1102
478 My song is love unknown	John 21: 1-19	1090
988 How deep the Father’s love for us		
1072 In Christ alone my hope is found		

SAN PEDRO	<b>Every Sunday Anglican Service 10 am with Tony Carroll</b> In the annexe of the Church of Virgen del Rocío
SOTOGRANDE	<b>Every Sunday Anglican Service at 12 noon with Tony Carroll, at</b> Iglesia de Sotogrande Nuestra Sra de La Merced , <b>except first of the month.</b>
SOTOGRANDE	<b>First Sunday of the month 12 noon Methodist Service</b>

**SERVICES ON-LINE - to see last Sunday’s service at San Pedro, [Click Here](#)**  
**If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Gibraltar Methodist Church monthly Newsletter, please ask Graham Gibbens: [grahamkgibbens@gmail.com](mailto:grahamkgibbens@gmail.com)**

**SAFEGUARDING** In accordance with the Diocese of Europe Protocol and policy, this church has its own Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer (CSO) Jean Kerr-Hill.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions please contact  
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## PEW NEWS

Following the recent feedback, we are looking at refreshing Pew News. Your views, suggestions and opinions are very important to us, so that we can make our Pew News the best it can be. Please take 2 minutes to complete this form [Click Here](#)

## FREE Activity Morning

Saturday 3rd May 11.00 – 12.30

Hairy Lemon – Bistro room, Sotogrande Port



This is a Christian multid denominational event for all ages based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Join in with activities or pop in for a drink and a chat. Everyone is welcome.



Using UK Messy Church guidelines adapted for our international community  
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Join Andrea and the gang, if you can, for activities or a coffee and chat. Everyone welcome



### Report on Easter Events

- Maundy Thursday, feet washing and lunch at Chaplaincy House, only a small gathering but very enjoyable
- Good Friday, Stations of the Cross in Marbella, again only a small group
- Holy Saturday a few of us attended the catholic service in San Pedro and were made very welcome by Don Manuel.
- Both churches had good attendances on Easter Sunday.



## Financial Performance Update - Figures for April 2025

Total amount from donations was €4,175, marginally below €4,200 monthly break-even. Significantly above April last year +31%, partially due to the timing of Easter but March/April period combined is also higher vs. 2024, +7%.

### Number of attendees:

Total: 292 attendees across both churches during April. +39% vs same period last year.

San Pedro: 146 attendees for the month, +40% (+42 attendees) vs last year.

Sotogrande: 146 attendees for the month, +38% (+40 attendees) vs last year.

### Average revenue by attendee:

€8.36 for both churches. A solid increase (+12%) vs. April 2024.

During April, desired €10 average contribution was achieved during two services at San Pedro.

### Summary

#### April 2025

Total donations: €4175, -€25 vs monthly break even  
+€985 +31%) vs April 2024

#### **Year to Date April 2025:**

Total donations: €16 134  
€666 short break even

A solid increase +12% (€1801) vs. same period in 2024.

The positive underlying trend so far in 2025 is driven by solid increases in both attendance and average donations.

**Thank you all for your continued support.**

COLLECTIONS 2025			April		
	San Pedro			Sotogrande	
Date	number	euros		number	euros
06-Apr	33	370	Methodist		
13-Apr	35	330		34	245
20-Apr	49	355		66	525
27-Apr	29	340		46	275
<b>Totals</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1395</b>		<b>146</b>	<b>1045</b>

It should be noted that on Methodists services at Sotogrande 100€ from their collection is given to us to pay for the rent of the church.

Please note the monthly total of €4,175 includes standing orders of €1,500 Sotogrande and €235 San Pedro added to the above figures

**Dedication of a Memorial to the fallen and to the services of the  
Royal British Legion.**

**At Plaza los Naranjos, Sabinillas, on Thursday 8 May 2025 at Midday.**

**Note: Plaza los Naranjos is set behind the old premises of  
St George's Charity Shop**



RBL remembrance memorial dedication  
**VE Day 80th anniversary**  
Venue: Plaza Los Naranjos • Sabinillas  
Thursday 8th May 11:30hrs  
Ticket price 5€  
Finger buffet at O'Callaghans bar

Background to the event: The Mayor of Manilva has allowed the Duquesa Branch of the Royal British Legion to erect a stone memorial in Plaza Naranja, Sabinillas to commemorate both the sacrifice of the fallen and to recognise the on-going work of the Royal British Legion in the area. VE Day has been chosen for the installation and dedication of the stone, although there will be a further enhancement of the memorial added later (when it has been completed).

In the absence of Tony Carroll, Geoff Fabron has been nominated to conduct the dedication of the stone in a brief ceremony that will include messages from local Councillor Dean Sheldon and by a senior member of the Duquesa Branch of the RBL. It is hoped that the Mayor will also be able to attend and say a few words. Following the formalities, there will be music by Daniella and food and drinks through the two neighbouring pubs, the O'Callaghan's and the Monaghan's. There will also be market stalls.

**With the Anglican Church central to this dedication,  
the congregations of both**

**San Pedro and Sotogrande churches are very welcome to attend.**

**VE Day 8th May 2025—80th anniversary**

**Coffee mornings every week at 11 am**

**Sotogrande**, held Tuesday in Sabinillas Contact Sylvia on 620 052 440

**The Café, American Bistro**, at the eastern end of the Sabinillas Paseo

**San Pedro**, held Friday Contact Jean on 609 256 274

**La Tradicional**, Calle Palencia 2 San Pedro (usual after Church venue)

**Charities that we support weekly**

Sotogrande - Café y Calor Charity.



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



**PRAYER GROUP - is held on Mondays, Margarita will send out details on the WhatsApp prayer group. All welcome.**



### THE BIBLE PROJECT

THIS WEEKS RECOMMENDED BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO.

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### Tithes and Offerings

Your contributions to the offertory bag at each service are a major part of our worship. However, you can also donate, or set up a regular monthly or quarterly standing order. These can all be tax-deductible. Our treasurer Ian Angus, can provide our bank details and further advice [ianangus@mac.com](mailto:ianangus@mac.com)



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