



7th January 2024

First Sunday of Epiphany

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Chaplaincy Pew News

SOTOGRADE & SAN PEDRO Congregations

“The Epiphany- Stars”

San Pedro Service of the Word at 10.00 am

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
327 Immortal Invisible	Isaiah 60: 1-6	748
740 We three Kings	Ephesians 3: 1-12	1174
503 O little town of Bethlehem	Matthew 2: 1-12	966
445 Shine, Jesus Shine		

Sotograde Methodist Covenant Service at 12 noon

<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Page</u>
142 Father, we love you	Exodus 24: 3-11	82
I will offer up my life	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	794
Come let us use the Grace Divine	Hebrews 12: 22-24	1211
435 Lord Jesus Christ	Mark 14: 22-24	1020
Jesus, be the centre		

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=sxYi1kgFEGl&list=PLUiVcTDyacFRklGoFv6qPt0kbEpx22kPo&si=FbiFpMfgUOJHsXl3>

[v=sxYi1kgFEGl&list=PLUiVcTDyacFRklGoFv6qPt0kbEpx22kPo&si=FbiFpMfgUOJHsXl3](https://youtube.com/watch?v=sxYi1kgFEGl&list=PLUiVcTDyacFRklGoFv6qPt0kbEpx22kPo&si=FbiFpMfgUOJHsXl3)

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

DATE	SAN PEDRO	SOTOGRADE
14th January	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
21st January	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
28th January	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
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)
25th February	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Anglican 12 Noon (Tony Carroll)
3rd March	Anglican 10am (Tony Carroll)	Methodist Service 12 Noon (Conrad Hicks)

New Year's Resolutions

Did you make any? did you think of your Church?

The start of a new year a time to reflect on the past year and look to the future.

What part do you play in Church life? Your Church needs you not just for money, we need active folk who will help in the weekly running of services, consider volunteering (if you don't already) there are a great many things you can do.

- Welcoming – this is a great way to meet and get to know everyone.
- Reading – we need two readers at most services.
- Intercessions – leading in prayer.
- Chalice bearing – helping Tony at the Eucharist.
- Sacristan – although there is usually a named sacristan who has duties apart from laying out the altar, checking on supplies making sure the silver and linen (including the altar cloth) are cleaned regularly. Volunteer to help, it will be greatly appreciated.
- Counting the number in the congregation each week, at Sotogrande.
- Helping with Sunday School, contact Margarita at Sotogrande and Andrea at San Pedro.
- Recording and uploading services at San Pedro, in the absence of Andrea, contact her for details.
- Pastoral care – join the teams, in keeping in touch with members of the congregation, a cheery voice on the phone can do wonders to help those, sick or lonely.

So, there are many things you can do to help in the running of the Church, speak to your warden if you would like to help.

Financial Contributions

We need regular income to keep going, in this New Year, think carefully and prayerfully about increasing your giving, and how you give. The best way for the church is for you to give regularly by standing order, this ensures a steady cash flow, and covers the times you may not be able to attend. Details of our bank account can be obtained from the Treasurer, or ask your warden who can help you.

Whatever you decide to do, thank you, and have a happy and peaceful New Year



Good News, Sunday School returns to

Sotogrande on 14th January, details from Margarita.

Note: there is Sunday School every week at San Pedro when children attend.

MESSY CHURCH IS **FREE**

Messy Church

The Hairy Lemon

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FORTY MINUTES OF GLUE, GUM, GLITTER, CRAFTS, COLOURING, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BIBLE STORIES, GAMES, FUN, AND MUSIC!

Hairy Lemon Sotogrande Port

NEXT MESSY CHURCH IS
Saturday 13th
January 2024
11am-12:30

ALL AGES WELCOME

WWW.COSTACHURCH.COM

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
WATCH OUT FOR MESSY CHURCH EVERY MONTH - USUALLY THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 11:00AM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Next Messy Church on **13th January**, put it in your diary now.

Fun for all, the young and the young at heart!

If you haven't been before come along and enjoy the fellowship.

NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN

A meeting for the election of churchwarden will be held in Sotogrande on 21st day of January 2024 following the midday service.

This meeting may be attended by:

- All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
- All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Note: nomination forms are available from the Chaplain.

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
O'Callaghan's Bar,
Calle Duquesa de Arcos 16, Sabinillas
The street behind the Paseo
Please call Sylvia on 620052 440 for more details



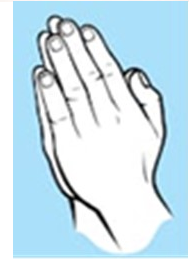
CAMEO - Come and Meet Each Other SAN PEDRO FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

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

Isaiah (part 2)

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/isaiah-40-66/>

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 Color Charity

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.

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

Sotogrande covering as Churchwarden:

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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



If people spray pesticides and fog for mosquitoes they also kill our dragonflies.

Think before you spray!

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](#)

**Wishing you all a New Year filled with good health,
of strengthened faith, of love & togetherness
and that the good Lord will watch over us all.
May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more,
and nothing but happiness come through your door!**

**If you have any items or photographs, for Pew News, suggestions for contents, or comments on our publication, please send them to: Jean:
kerrhillspain@yahoo.co.uk**