

## THE SAINT ANDREW MESSENGER

That in all things God may be glorified! (1. Peter 4.11)

#### How big is your God?

First of all, can I say thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve within the Chaplaincy again? Ruth and I have enjoyed our return after five years absence. Thank you for the warm welcome. It does feel as if we never left! We will be returning to our home in Longridge in Lancashire next month.

I would like to share with you one exciting experience I have enjoyed each year in our home parish.

How big is your God is the title of one of the full day confirmation sessions we use in our home parish of Longridge. It was always the session that I had to lead for our younger candidates and I was chosen to do this because of my scientific background (I read chemistry at King's College London and after graduation I spent five years in a research laboratory). Each year I arranged for us to go to the University of Central Lancashire to visit its observatory, where one of the lecturers told us about the vast size of the universe and in the planetarium told us how to identify the constellations and planets in the sky at night. The young candidates were fascinated by all of this.

After this I gave them an illustrated talk on how we as Christians believe that all of this is God's creation. The scientific understanding is that there was a big bang and everything came into being. Sceptics say this was a random chance but as a Christian I believe the hand of God had to be involved. The variety and beauty of creation and the regularity and order of it does not allow me to think otherwise.

We then went to visit our Cathedral of Blackburn. We explained that we are not isolated Christians in Longridge but part of something bigger – a diocese and a world-wide church. I shared with them a little of my experience of my ministry in the Diocese of Christchurch in New Zealand, the Church in the Solomon Islands which is part of the Province of Melanesia and of course here in Spain.

The aim of the day was to stress how big our God is. At the same time we were teaching them, that although God is big, he cares for us and each individual person is important to him. We are part of his family and part of his creation. Two hymns spring to mind. The first is There are hundreds of sparrows, in which one verse goes "There are hundreds of planets, thousands, millions... but God knows ev'ry one and God knows me" and another goes, "There are hundreds of children, thousands, millions.....but God knows ev'ry one and God knows me." The second hymn is How great thou art. It is worth reading the words. When we sing them we can so easily miss the meaning. They can be found in our hymn book (498 and 380). If you do not remember my words perhaps the hymns will prompt you!

As we approach Lent we begin to focus on the final days of Jesus before his crucifixion. God showed how big he is by giving his Son to die for us but never forget that **US includes YOU AND ME.** We are all individually important to a big God and he wants us to share his love. May God bless you as the Chaplaincy moves forward with a new Chaplain.

### John Ball - Locum



## News from The Council......

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father." John 15:14-15

#### New Chaplain

The Council are very pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Nigel Stimpson as Chaplain. Fr. Nigel will take up the position from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. His Licensing will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 11.00 am at St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches. You can read more about Fr. Nigel on page 4.

#### **Electoral Roll**

In accordance with Church Representation Rules, 2019 is the year in which a new Electoral Roll shall be prepared. A fresh application shall be required from each person who wishes to be included on the Electoral Roll. If you are eligible and would like to be included on the Electoral Roll, you will be required to read the Electoral Roll Privacy Notice (a copy will be made available) before completing an Electoral Registration Form.

#### Annual General Meeting – Date change

Please note the date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) has changed and will now take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019. It will start at 11.00 am with a short Eucharist, followed by the AGM which will be followed with a "Bring & Share" Lunch.

## We said goodbye...

The 4th of February, 2019 - a get together from the Chaplaincy of St Andrew's. Unfortunately, not much to celebrate but a day of sadness as we attended the funeral of our dear friend **Val Artacho**, long-standing member of the Chaplaincy and for many years, Secretary on the Council. We saw and we heard all the love that came from her family. Our prayers must go out to them at this time.



Dear Val, there are no words to express how much you will be missed here at Benalmadena and within the whole Chaplaincy. But, we can say, we are proud we knew you. Dear Lord, love her as we did and dearest Val, R.I.P. God bless - Sheila Allison Verger.

#### **Memorial Service for Val Artacho** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 6.00 pm at St Andrew's Church, Los Boliches.

# Burns Night 2019

Saint Andrew's Chaplaincy, under the guidance of Billy Dawson, hosted yet another successful Burns Night. Tickets sold out in advance for this very popular event and the evening did not disappoint, raising over €2700 for Chaplaincy funds.







Billy Dawson addressed the haggis that was piped in by Leslie Thompson. A traditional "toast to the lassies" was given by Colin Pollard and the clever reply came from Juliet Hird.



Huge thanks to Billy and the team of helpers, headed up by Debbie Geater and Sandy Wright, for their hard work in ensuring a very enjoyable and successful evening.

#### Forthcoming Chaplain Revd Nigel Stimpson writes...

#### Dear Friends,

I am absolutely delighted on my appointment and excited about moving to Costa del Sol East to begin my new ministry in the St Andrew's Chaplaincy, with it's four worship centres. After serving in Mallorca for 5 years with responsibility for St Andrew's, Puerto Pollença, I am looking forward to moving to the mainland and working together with new opportunities to serve our communities.

Originally from Cambridge, I have an older brother who lives on the Isle of Man with his family, while my mother still lives in Cambridge. I am not married. In my twenties I moved steadily northwards working for a brief time in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods, then for a number of years in various Cathedrals as a Verger. After studying at St Martin's College in Lancaster, followed by a summer season playing the organ at a local crematorium, I went to train for Ordination at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield in West Yorkshire.



I served two curacies in the Blackburn Diocese on the Fylde coast and returned to West Yorkshire to be Vicar of a new United Benefice of two parishes. After nearly 7 years I crossed the border back into Lancashire to be Team Rector of a large parish on the outskirts of Preston. Towards the end of my time there I was fortunate to be granted a period of sabbatical leave, which I was able to combine with spending time in the Diocese in Europe. This included spending Holy Week and Easter with one of the Chaplaincies on the Costa Blanca and a couple of short locum visits to Mallorca – which I thoroughly enjoyed.

After meeting your Chaplaincy Reps at the Archdeaconry Synod last week, I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone associated with the Chaplaincy congregations and making my new home in the area.

I look forward to meeting you.

#### Fr. Nigel

Licensing Service - Reverend Nigel Stimpson

#### as Chaplain of

The Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew, Costa del Sol East

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### 11.00 am

St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches, Fuengirola

#### officiated by:

Archdeacon of Gibraltar - The Venerable Geoffrey S. Johnston

#### **Buffet Lunch after the Service**

#### **Archdeaconry Synod of Gibraltar**

The annual Synod of the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar was held recently in Torrevieja with representatives from the Church in Morocco, Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal, Andorra in attendance.

This year's theme was "Building up the Body of Christ" and both the Right Revd Dr Robert Innes, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe and the Right Revd Dr David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop, shared their thoughts and vision through engaging presentations and sermons. Bishop David pictured on the right, with Joan Berry, who expertly coordinated the event.

A full programme of events included Bible Study, presentations, a

this year, a market place scenario where different chaplaincies displayed



various initiatives that could be shared and adopted by others. A great opportunity to mix and engage with others and be open to new ideas to take back to one's own chaplaincy.

Worship was an integral and very enjoyable part of Synod,









Synod Reps Caroline Macfarlane, Juliet Hird and Billy Dawson, met new colleagues and re-acquainted with old ones and together with Kate Foley, Churchwarden, who was also in attendance, had the opportunity to meet Revd Nigel Stimpson, the new Chaplain joining St. Andrew's in April.

Fr. Nigel (below centre) used the opportunity to also engage with his colleagues and future Chaplaincy



neighbours, Revd Paul Wignall, Malaga (left) and Revd Adrian Low, Costa del Sol West (right).

The perfect end to a week of intense concentration and hard work, was a Barn Dance which saw much fun and laughter for all who took part.

Juliet Hird

Synod Rep









# CINEMA AND TEA

## **Remains of the Day**

A Merchant/Ivory film starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson with James Fox, Christopher Reeves and Hugh Grant.

During the 1930s, James Stevens (Anthony Hopkins) serves as a proper English butler to the doltish Lord Darlington (James Fox).

Stevens is so dedicated that he forgoes visiting his father on his deathbed in order to serve, and overlooks Darlington's Nazi sympathies and growing anti-Semitism.

Twenty years after his employer's death, Stevens tries to reconnect with Miss Kenton (Emma Thompson), Darlington's head housekeeper, and begins to regret his loyalty to his former master.



## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 2.30 pm Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

The Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Andrew B A+++++C LB Costa del Sol East

**€5.00** Donation towards Chaplaincy funds

## Kate Foley - 658 235 268

# DIOCESE IN EUROPE

## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



The Bishop in Europe: **The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes** 

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2019

#### Mental Health and Livelihoods Support for the Vulnerable in Greece

I send you this appeal as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the beginning of Lent in three weeks' time.

Natural as well as man-made disasters in our world bring hurt and heartbreak to all those affected. They remind us of the fragility of our human existence, wherever we live. Where natural disaster has occurred, there is physical suffering: the tragedy of lives lost, or the pain of families, homes and livelihoods devastated. But the wounds are also psychological. And they frequently do not manifest themselves immediately, but later on. This is especially true for the vulnerable and applies particularly to children.

In July 2018, the resort village of Mati witnessed Greece's worst ever forest fires. The death toll reached 100, over 200 people injured, and over 700 evacuated from their homes. To these numbers, we should add the number suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other psychological after-effects.

An Athens-based organisation called Hestia Hellas is providing a vulnerable community with sustainable tools and a skill set necessary to participate in daily life and thrive in times of difficulties. Greece is facing multiple challenges including an economic crisis, an influx of refugees and migrants and the devastating fires that have deprived many families from housing and jobs. Hestia Hellas is dedicated to offering psycho-social support services, Child Friendly Space, jobs and life skills support, and food distribution to those in need.

In a video, our chaplain in Athens, Fr. Leonard Doolan and Lauraine Velez, Co-Founder and Director of Hestia Hellas speak about the project. This can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amsICtNva1s&feature=youtu.be

There will be an Appeal launch on the Diocesan website at <u>https://europe.anglican.org/bishops-appeals/bishops-appeals</u>, followed by regular updates on the website, and our social media. Do keep an eye out for these. And please do consider how you can support my appeal. As usual, you can give money to this appeal through your church treasurer, who will forward money to the diocesan office.

Hestia Hellas express in their own words why this cause is so important and how we can help:

"The Greeks, who were recent refugees themselves, know what it's like to be forced from their homes. They have a special word in their culture, Filoxenia, which the literal translation means "friend to the foreigner". Greeks, like the many refugees and migrants we see today need our help to regain parts of themselves that they've lost through devastating experiences. With the continued support of the Anglican Church, and their generosity, we can serve the Greek and refugee populations side by side."

I wish you a holy and spiritually fulfilling Lent.

With every blessing,

+ Robert Gibraltor in Europe

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#### **Copper Collection**

If you are one of those folk who kindly drops your spare coppers in the basket at the back of church you may wonder what happens to it.

In 2017 we had 600 Euros donated and the Church Council decided that this should be divided across the four Caritas branches each worship centre takes their weekly food donations to.

Some of the Caritas branches were happy for us to transfer the money to their account but in Alhaurin they requested food to be bought for the centre. We asked what was needed and they requested litre bottles of Girasol (cooking oil) as a bottle of this is placed in each bag they give





Raiding the local supermarket of many boxes of bottles, along with packets of rice and lentils, we were able to deliver these to the willing volunteers at Caritas. Their gratitude was humbling.

Next time you empty out your coppers be reassured that it is going to help someone in great need in your local area.





# Light Refreshments



# Friday 22nd March 2019

Commencing at **2:30pm** St Andrew's Community Centre, Los Boliches

## Admission by ticket only

available from Val Bales 669350779 / 952 445901

or Sheila Allison 677080067 / 952 571 488

**5**€ per person





## **Lenten Lunches**

Yet again we shall be having soup and bread lunches at Los Boliches on Wednesdays during Lent.

It has become customary on these days for someone to give a short 10 minute talk about part of their life journey. We have enjoyed some fascinating and sometimes very moving talks and we hope that this year will be the same.

#### We are looking for individuals to sign up to for this year's talks.

You do not have to be an expert in public speaking, these are very relaxed occasions and we all have a story to share so why not think about it?

If you would be willing to give a short talk and make soup (or persuade a friend to make the soup for you) please speak to Caroline Macfarlane.

The dates of the lunches are :-

13<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> March 27<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10<sup>th</sup> April



## **Lent Course Inland**



During Lent the Inland congregation at Alhaurin el Grande shall be following a study course on the film 'I Daniel Blake'.

We shall be meeting at the home of Marjorie Arthurs on Thursdays at 3.00pm.

We begin on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March with a full showing of the film followed by a 5 week course where we shall look at clips of the film and read some relevant bible passages related to the issues raised.

These courses always promote a lot of thought and discussion which continues over the tea and cake that follows. Everyone is welcome.

If you are planning to join us please could you contact either Marjorie or myself.

Caroline Macfarlane Licensed Reader



# **FUTURE EVENTS**

Sun 17 February 1.30 pm Restaurant La Esquinita, Los Boliches: SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Fri 22 February 7.30 pm at Giorgio's Restaurant, Benalmadena: CHAPLAINCY SUPPER Fri 1 March 4.30 pm at St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Tues 5 March 7.00 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: PANCAKE SUPPER Thurs 7 March 3.00 pm at the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande: LENT STUDY COURSE Fri 8 March TBA at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: A TOUCH OF CLASS - FUNDRAISER Wed 13 March 1.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: LENTEN LUNCH Thurs 14 March 3.00 pm at the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande: LENT STUDY COURSE Sat 16 March 2.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: CINEMA & TEA Wed 20 March 1.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: LENTEN LUNCH Thurs 21 March 3.00 pm at the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande: LENT STUDY COURSE Fri 22 March 2.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: BEETLE DRIVE Sat 23 March 3 -4.30 pm at Cemetery Chapel, Alhaurin el Grande: MUSTARD SEED GANG Wed 27 March 1.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: LENTEN LUNCH Thurs 28 March 3.00 pm at the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande: LENT STUDY COURSE Sun 31 March 11.30 am at St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches: JOINT HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE and Sun 31 March 1.30 pm Restaurant Dominique's, Los Boliches: JOINT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Wed 3 April 1.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: LENTEN LUNCH Thurs 4 April 3.00 pm at the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande: LENT STUDY COURSE Mon 8 April 11.00 am St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches: LICENSING OF FR. NIGEL STIMPSON by **ARCHDEACON THE VEN. GEOFFREY JOHNSTON, followed by BUFFET LUNCH** Wed 10 April 1.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: LENTEN LUNCH Sat 13 April 2.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: CINEMA & TEA Sun 21 April 1.30 pm Restaurant La Esquinita, Los Boliches: SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Thurs 25 April 11.00 am at St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches: SHORT EUCHARIST FOLLOWED BY THE AGM Sat 4 May 11.00 - 2.00 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: SPRING FAYRE Sat 18 May 2.30 pm at Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches: CINEMA & TEA Sun 19 May 1.30 pm Restaurant La Esquinita, Los Boliches: SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Sun 19 May 6.00 pm Cemetery Chapel, Alhaurin el Grande: PRAISE SERVICE Sat 1 June 3 -4.30 pm at Cemetery Chapel, Alhaurin el Grande: MUSTARD SEED GANG

## Pancake Supper





Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

7.00 PM

All welcome. Please bring a variety of savoury and sweet toppings!



## Chaplaincy

#### FEBRUARY 2019

**Sunday 17/2 1:30 pm** Sunday Lunch Club, Restaurant La Esquinita, Los Boliches

**Tuesday 19/2 10:30 am** Calahonda Coffee Morning, Los Olivos Cafe, Calahonda

Wednesday 20/2 10:30 am Chaplaincy Coffee Morning and Bazaar, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

Friday 22/2 11:00 am Benalmadena Coffee Morning, Shannon's Bar, Benalmadena

**Friday 22/2 7.30 pm** Chaplaincy Supper, Giorgio's Restaurant, Benalmadena

**Tuesday 26/2 10:00 am** Calahonda Breakfast Morning, Los Olivos Cafe, Calahonda

**Wednesday 27/2 10:30 am** Chaplaincy Coffee Morning and Bazaar, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

#### **MARCH**

**Friday 1/3 11:00 am** Benalmadena Coffee Morning, Shannon's Bar, Benalmadena

**Friday 1/3 4:30 pm** World Day of Prayer, St. Andrew's Church, Los Boliches

**Monday 4/3 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Chaplaincy Craft Group, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Tuesday 5/3 10:30 am** Calahonda Coffee Morning, Los Olivos Cafe, Calahonda

**Tuesday 5/3 7:00 pm** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Thursday 7/3 3:00 pm** Lent Study Course, the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande

**Friday 8/3 8:00 pm** Chaplaincy Fundraiser – A Touch of Class, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

## Diary

#### MARCH

**Tuesday 12/3 10:30 am** Calahonda Coffee Morning, Los Olivos Cafe, Calahonda

Wednesday 13/3 10:30 am Chaplaincy Coffee Morning and Bazaar, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

Wednesday 13/3 13:30 pm Lenten Lunch, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Thursday 14/3 3:00 pm** Lent Study Course, the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande

**Friday 15/3 11:00 am** Benalmadena Coffee Morning, Shannon's Bar, Benalmadena

**Saturday 16/3 2:30 pm** Cinema & Tea, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Monday 18/3 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Chaplaincy Craft Group, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Tuesday 19/3 10:30 am** Calahonda Coffee Morning, Los Olivos Cafe, Calahonda

Wednesday 20/3 10:30 am Chaplaincy Coffee Morning and Bazaar, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

Wednesday 20/3 13:30 pm Lenten Lunch, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Thursday 21/3 3:00 pm** Lent Study Course, the home of Marjorie Arthur, Alhaurin el Grande

**Friday 22/3 11:00 am** Benalmadena Coffee Morning, Shannon's Bar, Benalmadena

**Friday 22/3 2:30 pm** Beetle Drive, Saint Andrew Community Centre, Los Boliches

**Saturday 23/3 3:00 – 4.30 pm** Mustard Seed Gang, Cemetery Chapel, Alhaurin el Grande

#### WEEKLY

Alhaurín el Grande 17/2 11:30 Holy Communion

24/2 11:30 Holy Communion

3/3 11:30 All Age Service

10/3 11:30 Holy Communion

17/3 11:30 Morning Prayer

## Benalmádena

17/2 9:30 Holy Communion

24/2 9:30 Morning Prayer

3/3 9:30 Holy Communion

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17/3 9:30 Holy Communion

Calahonda

9:30 Morning Prayer

24/2 9:30 Holy Communion

#### SERVICES Calahonda

3/3 9:30 Morning Prayer

10/3 9:30 Holy Communion

17/3 9:30 Morning Prayer

Los Boliches 17/2 11:30 Holy Communion

20/2 9:30 Holy Communion

24/2 11:30 Morning Prayer

27/2 9:30 Holy Communion

3/3 11:30 Holy Communion

6/3 9:30 Holy Communion

10/3 11:30 Morning Prayer

13/3 9:30 Holy Communion

17/3 11:30 Holy Communion

\*\*\*Matins every Monday, Tuesday Thursday at 9:30 Los Boliches

#### SUNDAY READINGS

<u>17/2/19</u> <u>6th Sunday after</u> <u>the Epiphany</u> Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

24/2/19 7th Sunday after the Epiphany Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38

3/3/19 Transfiguration Sunday Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

<u>10/3/19</u> <u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

<u>17/3/19</u> 2nd Sunday in Lent Genesis 15:1-12, 17-

18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)



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#### **Prayer Chain**

If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, St Andrew's has a team of dedicated people who will pray for your needs. For information please contact Mike and Wendy Edwards at cdsolprayer@gmail.com

Saint Andrew's is entirely self-supporting. Please be generous when you give so that we can continue to offer the various spiritual and social programmes that we do, as well as keep up our continued commitment to the poor. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider donating through Gift Aid. If yo would like more information, please contact our stewardship director, Billy Dawson at billy@cancuca.com