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NEWSLETTER

Christian Unity Service at the Cathedral



Ecumenical priests from German, Norwegian and Swedish Churches

Christians from many different denominations gathered in Palma Cathedral on the evening of Sunday, 21st January to celebrate Christian Unity Week.

Ministers from different churches shared the liturgy and the Anglican contribution included saying a part of the welcome in English and then a reading from Isaiah later on.

Clergy from Catholic, Lutheran and Orthodox national churches took part and we heard contributions in Catalan, Spanish, German, English, French, Swedish, Russian, Romanian and several other languages.

The service was led by the new Bishop of Mallorca, Mons. Sebastià Taltavull i Anglada.

Gibraltar Archdeaconry Synod



Reps from Mallorca at one of the Synod sessions

The annual Gibraltar Archdeaconry Synod meeting took place over the week beginning, 29th January of this year.

As is our practice we gathered from all over Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Andorra and Gibraltar, at Torriaveja on the Mediterranean coast and stayed at the Hotel La Zenia as in recent previous years.

The theme for this year's Synod was 'Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land' and our speakers told us about work with refugees in parts of Greece, within this diocese.

We also took part in some memorable acts of worship including a trip to the local Catholic parish church, used by the Torriaveja Chaplaincy, for one of these occasions.



The reps from Palma enjoying the Beetle Drive on the closing evening

ACDC Presents

'Murdered to Death'



ACDC cast members from a previous performance

The Anglican Church Drama Club presents a new venture in the play written by Peter Gordon with the above title.

Set in an English country house, a number of the guests come to a grisly end before we finally find out who really benefits from the Last Will and Testament of the late Ms Mildred Bogshot!

Light humour and only slightly risqué! (Just a tiny bit).

Tickets from the Palma Church office at €10. Dates, 20th, 21st and 27th April. Coleman Hall, Palma.

A Mindfulness Workshop



On Saturday, 17th March in the Coleman Hall at the Anglican Church in Palma.

Welcome at 9.30am, workshop begins at 10am and closes at 2pm.

Please bring a light packed lunch with you.

- Do you often find yourself caught up in events that have happened in the past?
- Or worrying about the future?
- Your mind seems to be in constant overload?

In the meantime life seems to pass you by, you may feel stressed or unhappy, or simply not 'at peace'.

Mindfulness practice is one natural way to bring us back to the present moment. We learn, through meditation how to notice our surroundings and how we really feel in any given moment.

The therapeutic nature of living in the moment helps us to experience reduced stress and anxiety and develops our overall sense of well-being.

Workshop €25 per person.

To take part contact Julie Waller through the Mindfulness Mallorca website or by e mail on juliewaller@mindfullivingmallorca.com

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018



A part of the 'jungle' refugee camp at Calais

The Anglican Chaplaincy for Mallorca is supporting the Bishop's Lent Charity;

'Sustaining a Ministry of Hope for Refugees in the Calais area of France'

Funds raised will be shared between 2 projects:

1. A safe house & outreach ministry to child migrants, run by a member of the Chaplaincy congregation in Calais.
2. In partnership with Canterbury Diocese & USPG, our Diocese is recruiting a priest who will serve as a Chaplain in that area and who will also be a Refugee Project Officer, giving pastoral support and liaising with the various NGO's and other agencies working with refugees in that area.

More details at the back of church and also updates on the Diocesan website
www.europe.anglican.org

Please be generous....

Chrism Eucharist Renewing our Vows Together



~ Chrism Eucharists in the Diocese ~

Bishop David writes: Every year during Holy Week the oils that are used throughout the following year for ministry to the sick, for Christian initiation, and for ordination are solemnly blessed in an episcopal service. This is also the occasion at which the Clergy and Readers of the diocese are invited to reaffirm the promises and commitments they have made in their ministry, before the Bishop.

This year, in order to include more Clergy and Readers in this significant event, three such celebrations will be held in different centres in the diocese.

The laity play an important role in representing the whole body of the faithful of the diocese in praying for God's gifts of faithfulness, zeal and commitment for all ministers, lay and ordained. We encourage members of your Chaplaincies to attend these services where this is logistically possible to support their Clergy and Readers.

*Fr Nigel & Fr David are planning on attending the Chrism Eucharist at St George's Church, Madrid on Tuesday 27 March at 12noon and invite members of our Chaplaincy to join us. It is possible to make it a day trip (leaving around 7am and returning around 6pm). **Have a word with one of the clergy soon if you're interested!***



Some dates for your diary.

Dates FROM ST ANDREW'S

Monday 19th Feb.

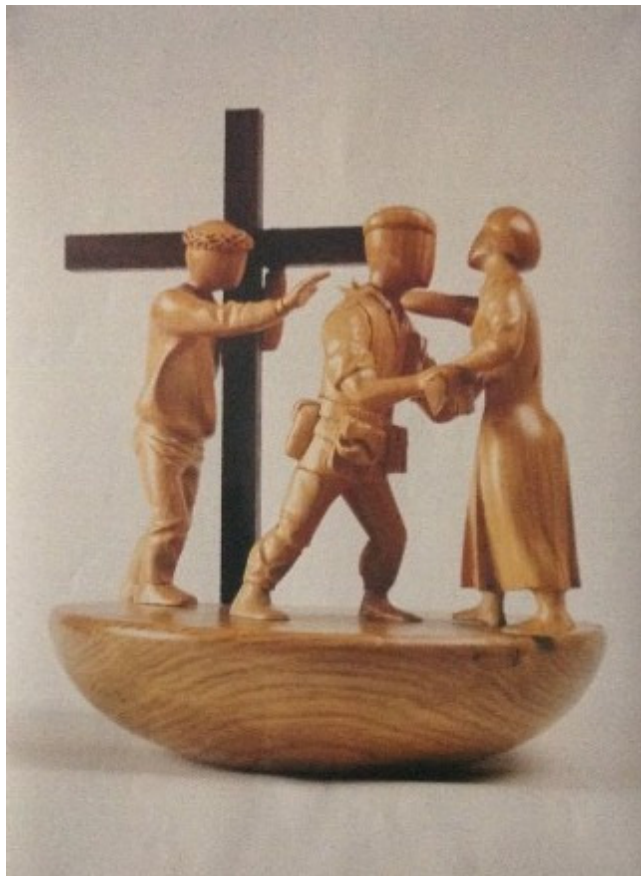
7.30pm Beetle Drive and Mini Quiz Evening at St. Andrew's, Puerto Pollenca

Monday 6th March

7.30pm Quiz & Supper Evening at St. Andrew's, Puerto Pollenca

Saturday, 24th March – Level Two Safeguarding Training at Ss.Philip&James, Palma.
9.45am till 2pm

Keeping a Good Lent



At St Andrew's, Puerto Pollenca

As well as running a Lent Course we are also following the *Way of the Cross* in different ways each Thursday as part of our usual Eucharist at 12.30pm. We are using a set of posters (see above), produced from the imaginative wood carvings by Chris Shawcross of the Stations of the Cross he created for Christ Church, Steyning.

At Ss.Philip & James, Palma

We are running a Lent Bible study group on a Tuesday evening entitle 'Ephesians and Hot Supper'. It starts at 7.30pm and concludes at 9pm. we will enjoy some discussion on several different passages of the Letter to the Ephesians and share some hot food together.

Lent Evening Prayer - this will occur on 28th Feb, 7th, 14th and 21st March. A gentle service of palms and readings to end the day. Begins at 5.30pm.

Bye for now.....



See you for the next newsletter in March !

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