

As in previous years we are supporting the Bishop's Advent Appeal for our December Charity of the month. This year it's about supporting the Anglican Chaplaincy of St Andrew in Moscow. They are raising funds to install a kitchen in their church – much of their ministry is about reconciliation and the building of trust between peoples. The offering and sharing of hospitality is a key part in that work. *Full details are available at the back of Church. Retiring collection - please be generous!*

Fun Night with Beetle Drive, Mini Quiz & Bingo – plus supper! Monday 17 Dec. 7.30pm

Come and join us for our Wednesday Coffee Mornings 10.30am-1pm

Taizé Service for Advent -

Wednesday 19 December, 7pm

Short reflective service, with chants & readings from the Taizé Community.

Christmas at St Andrew's

Carol Service – Sunday 16 December, 6pm

Christmas Eve – An Early Midnight Mass with Crib Building ~ for all the family, 6pm

Christmas Day – Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

Christian Stewardship:

Our Giving on Sundays is always about our response to God's love for us, not just about paying the bills - 'Count your blessings,' as they say! Last Sunday's collection was 300€ with 171.77€ from recent social/fund-raising events. Thank you for your support. We also receive on average 776€ through monthly UK/Spanish standing order Offerings. It costs around 6,393€ each month to maintain our chaplaincy ministry (an increase of 1,092€ from 2017). Unlike other Diocese in the C/E, the Diocese of Europe does not provide Chaplaincies with any financial support for ministry.

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in Port de Pollença

Saint Andrew's

Sunday 9 December 2018

Welcome to our Sung Eucharist on 2nd Sunday of Advent

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten-free Altar bread – please have a word with one of the Welcomers.

Hymns: 265; 4; 406; (951); 438

Do join us for refreshments after the Service, which are served at the back of church

If you pay tax in the UK and are visiting – please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal. Please complete all the details required - Thank you!

Prayer Ministry is offered during Holy Communion:
Just make your way to the Quiet Room at the front of Church after receiving Holy Communion & someone will be there to pray with you or for you.

During the week:

Wed 12th 10.30am-1pm **Coffee Morning**
– please come and support us!

7.30pm Fellowship Groups meets in Church

Thurs 13th – No Service this week

Next Sunday: 16 December 2018

Advent 3

10.00am Sung Eucharist

To help you prepare for worship next Sunday why not look up the readings we will use at:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

During the week please pray for:

Those in need: see list over

Recently Departed: Sibylle Pieper

December Anniversaries: Audrey Marcola, Alice Augustus, Minnie Grimwood, Leslie Mayne, Jack Pacey, Leslie Stimpson, Ivan Highley

ADVENT 2

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray [that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy]

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING (Philippians 1: 3-6; 8-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 3: 1-6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader The people who walked in darkness

All have seen a great light.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness

All on them has light shone.

The second Advent Candle is lit:

Let us make the second candle, a candle of Peace

We sing: (tune - 'As with Gladness')

Light a candle bright and tall

For the Peace we wish to know.

Peace on Earth for great and small

God's Good News to us bestows.

Shine within our hearts today

Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, give us courage to speak and act according to your Way, so that this Christmas the world may hear the angels singing 'glory to you and peace on earth.' **Amen.**

Don't forget to sign up if you would like to take part in Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inns"), when we welcome Mary & Joseph into our homes. A Mexican Advent celebration soon adopted in Spain, revolving around the concept of hospitality. It was traditional to hold Posadas from 16th to 24th December. But the small figures of Mary & Joseph begin their journey in Puerto Pollença a bit earlier than is traditional, so that everyone can have chance to take part – as we realise many go away at this time!

The Posadas symbolizes Mary and Joseph's long search for a place to stay where Jesus could be born. The tradition re-enacts the story told in Luke 2:1-7. We learn from the Posadas that by welcoming the poor and the needy, we are welcoming Jesus in our midst. (See Matthew 25:40).

COMMUNION ANTIPHON and THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from the God (*Baruch 4:36*)

Praying for one another during the week:

For the worship, work & witness of this Chaplaincy.

Our keeping of the Advent Season

Damian Walker, the Burns family, Marcus, Joseph, Sam, Clive L, Ken, Sarah Benelli, Dermot, Theo, Dene, Robert, Angela Ingham, Robert Wright, Sussana Barford, Sarah Feeney, Jonathan Navarro & family, Ian Cochran, Jesus Robert, Georgeann Tisdale, Linda Bell, David, Farin Marvich, James, Eli, Chris, Brian, Mary Pacey, Joyce Baugh, Tim Wykes, Maryrose, Malcolm Gallagher, Grace, Danny, Mark, Luke, Ellie, Stuart & family, Sharon, Alison, David, Penny, Lucie, Jo Fluff & family, Robyn & family, Stephen, Sue & family, Eddie, Beth, Ronald, Margaret & Brian, Liz & Albert, Mel & Matthew, Tanya, Luke, Lesley Parkes, Michelle, Tony, Ann Rudd, Derek Strathan, Jaques Toneman. The recently bereaved.

