

Dear Friends of St Andrew's Church, Anglican church Port Pollensa .

Like a lot of other churches which were grown in Spain and the diocese of Europe, over the 19th and early 20th centuries to serve wealthy expats and over-winterers have long since dwindled in congregation numbers and financial support.

This church has survived, despite some very difficult times, because of its ministry to a much wider community. It is not just a church for "ex-pat" Brits. It welcomes people from many nations and continents who prefer to worship in English and in recent years it has established a distinctive ministry to the local community in offering a place of comfort, and support in times of need.

That ministry takes a lot of energy and commitment from the core members of the congregation, who have been unstintingly generous with their time, money and pastoral care, supporting those who are going through difficult times. And providing a welcoming place to worship for the many tourists who visit the area.

Most of this work is down to the personal generosity of church members and visitors. Our average congregation over this winter has been 20, in the summer last year average was 30- 40, two-thirds of whom are "visitors"

Our weekly income in recent months has dwindled to around €900 and €1500, Our outgoings currently average monthly 2250. The church's income is supposed to cover the rent on the church, the chaplain's expenses, the maintenance of our worship, care and utility bills for the chaplain's house, the upkeep and maintenance of church, house and car. Our donations being made to the UK account contribute to the running costs of the Diocese in Europe.

A lot of fundraising is required to meet these costs. Given the current global situation where all our events and services are cancelled and are expected to be for another few months our income is severely decreased.

As one of our churchwardens says, "God sees and provides", and what is being done here by way of pastoral care and nurturing people in Christian faith is little short of miraculous.

By this point you are probably expecting the pitch for a donation. Well, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I'm not telling this story in order to wring money out of you (though if anyone reading this is moved to make a donation to save our church, we certainly wouldn't refuse it!). I am telling it in the hope that the reader may be able to provide us with information about potential institutional donors, trusts, and grant-giving bodies with whom we could share our needs and our vision, or else put us in contact with others who have that information. Although we are a congregation of the Church of England, the fact that we are in Spain rules us out from applying to high-profile grant-givers such as the Heritage Lottery Fund and EIG. And, as you can imagine, an Anglican congregation comes a very long way down the queue for funding from Spanish sources

During 2019, our Priest of the past 5 years, has taken another appointment on Mainland Spain, , (which fortunately at this time, allows us only to fund a Priest on a house for duty basis due to financial constraints and the current global.)

Bank details for anyone who may be able to contribute a donation, no matter how small – Bank of Santander – Parroquia Anglican de san Felipe, Port Pollensa
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"please do pray for us, as we pray for you"

Sandra and Monica