



St Andrew's Chaplaincy

Newsletter October 2021

Welcome

Welcome to our Newsletter

It has been so encouraging to see our social and fund raising programme expand as the weeks of September and October have passed. As soon as the restrictions were lifted about using our Church Centre at Los Boliches for social events, our Coffee Mornings started and have grown steadily in number ever since.

The four regional lunch gatherings were a real success and a big thank you to everyone who supported them, and especially to Diane, Billy, Caroline and Sheila for organising



them. We also made just over 400€ for Chaplaincy Funds!

Plans for the Christmas Fair on 20th November are now well under way and A Touch of Class are putting on two Shows for us in early November – please watch out for the posters for further details.

Earlier in September, I announced that I would be leaving the Chaplaincy to return to parish ministry back in the UK. Sadly Covid and Brexit have not helped with our finances. Full time ministry may not be viable at the moment, but a period of recovery will help us bounce back with renewed commitment to face the new challenges of ministry here.

I have very much enjoyed my time here and leave with many happy memories, for which I am most grateful. Change is never easy – but this is a time of new

beginnings, new challenges and new opportunities for ministry in the Chaplaincy, and as I begin new ministry in two parishes in what is now the Diocese of Leeds. I commend this prayer to you as we support one another in the weeks ahead:

God of new beginnings
we pray that you will transform our chaplaincy
as you renew us by your love.
Give us vision for the journey
that we may travel light
and live increasingly by faith.
Inspire, enliven and empower us
so that along the way
we may be sustained by the life of Christ
in ourselves
in one another
and in the world. Amen

Fr Nigel

All Saints

Sunday 31 October 2021 - All Saints Sunday

11.00am Joint Chaplaincy Eucharist at Los Boliches - followed by drinks & nibbles!

*As in previous years, we are cancelling the 11.30am Service at Alhaurin on this Sunday nearest to All Souls Day, as the traffic with the high numbers visiting the cemetery, has caused some problems. This year it was suggested that we should meet for a Joint Chaplaincy Eucharist. **Please note the time for this service is 11.00am***



All Souls



All Souls-tide 2021

At these special services we remember by name, our departed loved ones & friends.

All Souls Day – Tuesday 2nd November 2021

10.00am Requiem Eucharist with hymns at St Andrew's, Los Boliches

Thursday 4 November 2021

4.00pm A Service of Remembrance at the Cemetery Chapel, Alhaurin

(Lists for names of people you would like remembered are available in all three Church Centres ~ for the Service you plan to attend)

Work together and respect everyone.....

Caroline writes...

On the 12th October I was privileged to be invited, by Jo Taylor Chairman of the Coin RBL, to join her at a service in honour of the 'Virgen del Pilar' who is the Patron Saint of the Guardia Civil.

It was a wonderful occasion with lots of pomp and ceremony but also some touching down to earth moments. At one point a grandma wheeled a toddler in her buggy up to our seats at the front to see the choir. Nobody batted an eyelid at this even when the little one clapped her appreciation at the end.

The choir, lead by three guitarists, were amazing and evidently enjoying every moment. I can not claim to have understood every word of the Priest's sermon, but I got the gist of his message of working together and respecting everyone - not just those in uniform.

Chatting with one of the dignitaries after the service I was surprised but pleased, when I introduced myself, that he knew that our church held weekly services in Alhaurin. It was a wonderful experience and a feeling of being part of and welcomed into our local community. If you look very carefully you can see two grey heads at the front on the left. Jo has kindly said I can go again next year!



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Fund-raising Events

Remember the days

A celebration of songs from the war years, presented by a Touch of Class.

There are two performances:
Friday 12th November at 7pm,
and Saturday 13th at 4pm,
both at St Andrews Church Hall, Los Boliches.

There will be a bar, and a raffle. Tickets are 10€. To book please call 684 395 018 or email touchofclasstickets@gmail.com

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An illustration of three gingerbread men in various poses, one in the foreground and two behind it.

German style Christmas Market

Sat 20th Nov
10am - 2pm

St Andrew's Church, Los Boliches

Bacon butties ★ Bradwurst
Mulled wine ★ Tea/coffee ★ Drinks
Cake stall ★ Preserves ★ Gingerbread
Bottle stall ★ Gifts ★ Crafts
Books ★ Tombola ★ Raffle
Guess the number of sweets

Everyone's welcome

An illustration of a reindeer with a red bow around its neck, looking towards the left.

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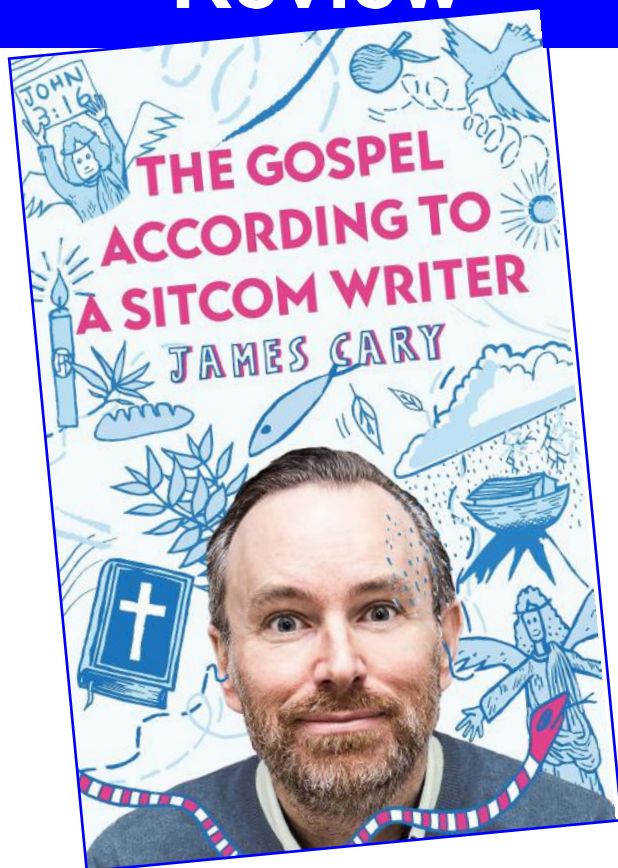
Saturday 20th November 2021
10am – 2pm at St Andrew's Church Hall, Los Boliches

Bacon butties, Bradwurst, Crafts, Cakes and Preserves, Gifts, Drinks, Raffle, Bottle Stall, Guess the number of sweets, Books, Tombola, Mulled wine and ginger bread.

Everyone welcome.

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Autumn Book Review



Thank you for the positive feedback following Frank Skinner's book review, I offer this 'lighter' approach for your Autumn reading...

The Gospel According to a Sitcom Writer by James Cary

This book could be an ideal Christmas present for someone you know who would appreciate an attempt to make the Gospel and the Christian message more accessible by a more light-hearted approach. James Cary is a committed Anglican and he describes himself as a Christian with a capital C. With a deeply evangelistic Faith and a wide knowledge of the Bible, he employs his professional skill as a sitcom writer at the service of the spread of the gospel.

The book has over twenty Gospel stories which are retold, and to which James Cary has imaginatively developed possible conversations that might have stood behind the Gospel, narrative. Again, this is with a deep desire to draw the reader in from being a casual reader to being more fully engaged.

It's not really a book to read through from cover to cover, but rather to be 'dipped into'. But it could easily make a very useful aid to prayer and reflection, both individually, or within a group, or with the family. Enjoy!

The Gospel According to a Sitcom Writer by James Cary (SPCK) @ £10.99

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