

ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW, COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN



Sunday 26th October 2025 (Last Sunday after Trinity) Bible Sunday

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 45:22-25

²²Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' ²⁴Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. ²⁵In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

- 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
 - ¹³⁰The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments.

 ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.
- ¹³³Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

 ¹³⁴Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

 ¹³⁶My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law.

New Testament Reading—Romans 15:1-6

¹We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. ³For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Luke 4:16-24

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' ²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Scriptures for Sunday 2nd November 2025—All Saints' Day

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11–23
Luke 6:20–31

Charity of the Month for October, November and December 2025

Tearfund Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in Gaza is causing devastating humanitarian need and the region is more volatile than ever. Tearfund's partners in Gaza say they are seeing people starving to death while the supplies that could save them are piled up within walking distance. Your gift today means their partners can deliver life-saving aid to people the moment it's possible. Tearfund is calling for an immediate and sustained ceasefire, for Israel to allow safe humanitarian access to all of Gaza, and for Hamas to release all of the hostages.

Tearfund are currently working with local churches and partners across the Middle East.

- In Gaza, Tearfund's partners IHP and Anera are ready to provide life-saving medicine and desperately needed supplies as soon as aid can get through.
- In the West Bank, Tearfund are providing emergency funding to local hospitals and schools, and distributing food and essential supplies to those affected by the violence.
- In Lebanon, Tearfund are working through local churches to provide shelter and assistance to people forced from their homes by the fighting.

This is only possible with your support. Please, join us in prayer and give if you can to help Tearfund respond to the growing need.