



The Anglican Church in the Costa Brava

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St Marti, PAU

HOLY COMMUNION 11.00AM

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Today we celebrate:
1st Sunday of Advent

Opening hymn: 535

O come, O come, Emmanuel
v 1,3,4,5

Gradual hymn: 363

It came upon the midnight clear
v 1,3,4

Offertory hymn: 559

O Little town of Bethlehem

Final hymn: 289

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - (Spain) The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Give thanks and pray for our fellowship with the German Protestant Churches (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland) (Meissen Declaration).

Pray for the French Riviera chaplaincies joint Advent Carol service this evening.

Fellowship Groups

These groups are open to all. Please bring along a friend. It is a time for friendly, informal exploration of the scriptures.

6th December 3.00pm Caritas Hall, St Roma Church, Lloret De Mar

12th December 10.30am Tim Raine's House

Coffee & Chat

A time for a catch-up and to invite friends along to meet members of the chaplaincy with no strings attached! All welcome.

13th December

4.00pm Café N Crunch Lloret De Mar
There is no coffee and chat in Girona or Calonge this month due to Christmas.

Warm greetings to you all.

If you are new to the Costa Brava Chaplaincy we would love to meet you. Please come and introduce yourself to the chaplain, licensed minister or wardens.

Anyone who is a communicant member in their own church is welcome to take communion. Gluten free wafers are available.

If you would like one, please let one of the wardens know before the start of the service if possible. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come up to the altar with a book in your hand.

Introduction to the Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The Four Last Things - Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell - have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' - 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Purple is the traditional liturgical colour. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday').

COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th December 11.00am

St Ampelli, Penedes

Our youth groups meet during this service.

Saturday 15th December 5.00pm

Carol Service, Corça Church.

Sunday 16th December 5.00pm

Carol Service, Lloret De Mar

Sunday 23rd December 5.00pm

St Ampelli, Penedes

Christingle & Eucharist

Monday 24th December 5.00pm

Holy Communion (*Shortened*)

Church House

Tuesday 25th December 10.30am

Holy Communion (*Shortened*)

Church House

Sunday 30th December

St Stephen's, Madremanya

Morning Prayer led by Sharon Grant

There will be no children's groups this Sunday.

Please check the website calendar for locations and times or speak to Rachel or Sharon for further information.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

NOTICES

Advent Reflection

Please join Rachel at Church House for a short service of Advent Reflection. A time of quiet and space to reflect. Monday 3rd December, 10th December & 17th December 7.00pm. Come along to one or all of them. All welcome.

Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to this worthwhile cause last week. We raised €97 which will be forwarded to the Diocese.

Home Communion

If you are unable to make it to church, Rachel is very happy to bring communion to your home. Please get in touch.

Choir

Are you interested in joining Kevin in a choir for the Carol Service in Corça? If you are available for a practice on 8th December, please come along to Church House for 5.00pm (before the supper).

Great British Lunch

Saturday 19th January 2019. Please let Sharon know if you are interested in attending. It will be our popular Burns Night theme (in the day) with the all the traditional trimmings.

We are completely self-funded and if possible, would appreciate a donation towards the ministry in this chaplaincy. Please speak to the wardens.

Due to data protection, we cannot always insert telephone numbers and addresses on here. Please feel free to email/WhatsApp Rachel or Sharon for details of events.

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