
El Corazón

From the Anglican Chaplaincy of St George, Malaga

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May is a month filled with blessings. It's a charmed month for some reason, possibly to do with the flowering and growing season on the European continent. Whatever the reason, the May calendar is choc a bloc with special days. 1 May is workers day in most countries around the world. It is recognized as a bank holiday and is celebrated with picnics, parties, parades, while also serving

as the occasion for demonstrations and rallies in support of workers' rights. In Spain, 1 May is the only recognized holiday in May which is celebrated throughout the country. France, famous for its secularism, nevertheless designates not only Workers' Day but Ascension Day (9May), Pentecost Monday (20 May), and (on occasional years) Easter Monday. Just for good measure they also throw in Victory in Europe Day (8 May) making May a month where nothing much gets done, except for partying. But official holidays are not the whole story. May also has many "International Observance Days" for special causes and interests. Just in the first week, hard on the heels of Workers' Day, we come to World Tuna Day (2 May), the mysterious sounding World Password Day (5 May), International No Diet Day (6 May) and my own personal favourite, World Naked Gardening Day (7 May) where we are encouraged to shed our clothes and tend our gardens naked, as nature intended. (I am not making this up). The United States is one of the few countries where 1 May is not a holiday. In the public schools of Pittsburgh in the 1950's 1 May was marked with a Maypole Dance and pageant. At St. Raphael's School and at other Catholic Schools, May was the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Instead of a Maypole, each teacher constructed a "May Altar" in the classroom. A statue of the Mary in her blue mantle was the centrepiece and we children were charged with keeping the altar adorned with vases of fresh flowers. We had a great lilac bush in our garden but, this being Pittsburgh, many was the May Day I shook the snow off the trembling blossoms and brought them to school to wilt on the May Altar.

John Gardner



ALL ARE WELCOME

St. George's is part of the Diocese in Europe within the Church of England.

Fr. Louis Darrant, Chaplain

AGM NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of St. George's Anglican Chaplaincy will be held on Sunday, 19 May at the Malaga church, following the Eucharist. As Fr. Louis is away on leave (see page 7) the meeting will be chaired by Churchwardens Caroline Warren and Tristram Congreve. Everyone is welcome to attend, although voting is restricted to those inscribed on the Electoral Roll.

You will find the announcement, the agenda and various forms related to the AGM in this document, beginning on page 9. We look forward to seeing you there.



SO NOW YOU KNOW

HISTORICAL JOTTINGS relating to St. George's Church, Malaga
The 19th in a serie prepared for your interest and enjoyment by
Michael Edwards

After our 56 day journey throughout much of India we, (my wife Cathie and myself both 85 years young) returned to Malaga physically and mentally exhausted but with copious memories of a place with people and places so, so different to our western scene and culture. Today I would like to take you to SHIMLA, a City we visited towards the end of our journey. For those who are not familiar with this place I can tell you that Shimla is in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh within the Himalayan foothills. Once the summer capital of British India and the place where in 1945 the Indian Independence and handover by the British was negotiated between Indian Prime Minister Nehru and Lord Louis Mountbatten, Viceroy of India. During our brief visit we



visited the imposing Christ Church, which is to be found in the centre of the City on what is called "The Ridge". Built in the neo-Gothic style in 1857 to serve the largely British Community in what was formerly called Simla, it is the second oldest church in North India. We of course called off and looked within this quite splendid Church and enquired if their Priest-In-Charge was at home to say hello and give greetings from our St. George's. We were in luck. Rev. Sohan lai, an Indian lady, was pleased to meet us. During our short chat and in response to my questions, she informed us that her Anglican Church had a congregation of 120 families, that she had no clerical assistance, that Services were in Hindi and English and Prayer Meetings were held each day. A busy lady indeed. She particularly wanted to know how we at St. George's were going to celebrate Easter and requested me to pass on her greetings to one and all at Malaga which I am pleased now to do. No visit to Shimla would be complete without a visit to their

railway station or better still to take a journey on what seemed to be called a "Toy Train". Why such a name I can't tell you as the locomotives were large diesels. However, these trains run on narrow gauge single tracks and have signals of the old original type. The railway, constructed under the direction of the British Engineer Herbert Septimus Harington was opened in 1903 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage establishment. We left Shimla on this amazing train on the first stage of our journey to New Delhi. The duration between Shimla and Kalka, 96 km, was 5 hours 40 minutes as our train had to cope with steep ravines, winding tracks, 103 tunnels, 988 bridges and 18 stations!



ILLUSTRATIONS: Photo. No..1, Christ Church, Shimla. Photo No. 2 Rev.Sohan lal, Presbyter-in-Charge Priest/ Father of Christ Church, Shimla with Cathie and myself, and Photo No 3, One of the "Toy Trains" travelling along the narrow gauge track in the Lower Himalayas between Shimla and Kalka.



SO NOW YOU KNOW. Michael Edwards

RECENTLY AT ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's was the scene of a wedding blessing for an American couple who had visited Malaga on a previous occasion. Todd and Zoe were recently married in the United States and came back all the way from California to have Fr. Louis bless their union. Congratulations and all blessings to them.



During the month of April we enjoyed the second concert in the series MUSIC AT ST. GEORGE'S. The quintet Astrea, performed the Quintet for Piano, Opus 16 by Percy Godfrey and the Vaughan Williams Quintet for Piano in C. The audience then was treated to a short work by Purcell offered as an encore. We hope to have this lovely group of young artists back with us again, as their performance was very much appreciated.



Mark your calendars as the next concert will be Saturday 4 May, this time in the Cemetery Garden, weather permitting. Something totally different...Zarzuela!



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A Word in Time

Fr. Louis Darrant

Dear friends,

I'm writing to let you know that Archdeacon David has given me a period of compassionate leave until the end of May at the earliest. My recuperation is taking more time than hoped for and I realise that I cannot give of my best to you unless I now step back for a short while and give myself the chance of a full recovery.

I have met with our Churchwardens, Caroline and Tris, to make sure the contingency arrangements run as smoothly as possible. They will be supported well by Archdeacon David and our clergy team. If you need to get in touch with St George's please do contact Caroline or Tris and they will reply to you as soon they can. Caroline can be contacted on woodhatch14@hotmail.com and Tris on tristram@congreve.fr.

We have a very good team across our community and I'm confident that everyone will be supportive of each other. In the absence of the Chaplain, the responsibility for 'holding the fort' lies with the Churchwardens working in tandem with the Bishop and Archdeacon. If you feel stirred to make an offer of help to Caroline and Tris I know they will be very glad to hear from you.

There are many encouraging signs of growth which require gentle steer; not least taking forward the fruits of conversation from our recent vision day in the Montes de Malaga and how you too can be included in the discernment of our future. It will all happen in God's good time.

Until then I thank most sincerely for travelling with us. I look forward to being back with you and serving you with my best powers. Please pray for Caroline, Tris, clergy and all the team and know I'm still praying for you.

Much love,

Fr Louis

MAY NOTABLES Josephine Butler - Social Reformer 1828 – 1906



Josephine Grey was born in 1828 to an old Northumberland family (her father was cousin to Earl Grey, Prime Minister 1830-34) In 1852 she married the Reverend George Butler, a writer on education and later a Canon of Winchester. After the birth of four children in five years the couple moved from Oxford to Cheltenham, then again to Liverpool in 1866 when George became head of Liverpool College. It was in the busy sea port city that Josephine first encountered the problem of prostitution. Instead of adopting the normal Victorian attitude of ignoring the problem, Josephine, with her husband's support, opened her home as a refuge for prostitutes. Quickly becoming aware that they were the victims rather than the enemies of society, and began to campaign on their behalf.

In Victorian England it was considered unseemly for a lady to be aware of such matters let alone to hold opinions and to air them in public. Josephine thus encountered much opposition to her work. But her strong dislike of injustice perpetuated by the strong on the weak was underpinned by her faith – she was a devout Anglican and even found time to write a biography of Catherine of Siena.

A particular injustice was the Contagious Diseases Acts passed by Parliament in the 1860s in order to protect military and naval personnel from sexually transmitted diseases. The Acts criminalised the prostitutes rather than their clients and imposed police surveillance, arrest on suspicion, and compulsory medical examination of women suspected of being prostitutes. Inevitably there were cases of “respectable women” who were in the wrong place at the wrong time being forcibly subjected to painful and degrading medical examination with no right of appeal. Josephine objected strongly on the grounds that women were being denied their constitutional rights. She won the support of other influential women such as Florence Nightingale and Harriet Martineau and after a prolonged campaign succeeded in influencing Parliament to repeal the Acts in 1886.

Josephine also campaigned against the white slave traffic and, in spite of the flamboyant involvement of the press, stuck to the real issues and succeeded in getting legislation on the statute book which, among other things raised the legal age of consent in Britain from 13 to 16. She wrote a number of books promoting education and equality for women and was involved in putting pressure on Cambridge University to improve educational opportunities for women. This eventually led to the foundation of Newnham College. She died in 1906.

Josephine Butler is commemorated in the CofE Common Worship lectionary on May 30th.

Adapted from “Saints on Earth” a biographical companion to Common Worship (Darch and Burns) published by Church House Publishing

Major Feasts this month: May 1st St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

May 14th St. Matthias the Apostle

May 31st The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

The Annual General Meeting of St. George's Anglican Chaplaincy will be held on Sunday, 19 May after the Eucharist at the Malaga Church. Address is 1 Av de Pries, Malaga. The official notice follows on the next page. All are welcome. Voting is reserved for Electoral Roll Members.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St. George's, Malaga

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Malaga, St. George's Church, 1 Av de Pries, Malaga 29016 on the 19th day of May 2024.

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting

Election of two Churchwardens

¹To the Deanery Synod 1 representative.

To the Parochial Church Council 10 representatives

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

(a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR ² a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;

(b) an Annual Report from the Churchwarden's covering Church Council Activities and Fabric.

(c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December 2023

(d) Confirmation of Approved Safeguarding policy

(e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and

(f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

(g) first meeting of chaplaincy council

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed 

Churchwarden, Tristram Congreve

Nomination for Lay Council Representative, St George's Chaplaincy, Malaga



	Full Name	Signature
Nominee		
Proposer		
Seconder		

In signing the above, I declare that I am a communicant of 16 years or over and not disqualified, and that if elected I consent to serve.

Signature Date

Malaga



St George's Church,
Av.de Priés 1, Malaga

Sundays, 11.00 AM

<https://www.achurchnear-you.com/church/8530/>

Velez-Malaga



La Antigua Capilla de San José,
7 Calle Linares, Velez-Malaga

Sundays, 10.30 AM

<https://www.achurchnear-you.com/church/8549/>

Salinas



Church of the Sagrado Corazon
de Maria, Salinas, Archidona

Saturdays, 11.30 AM

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month

<https://www.achurchnear-you.com/church/8488/>

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