

WHAT'S ON AT ST GEORGE'S

April 26th 2026

Gala Dinner

This year's ambitious Church Restoration Fund effort is centred around a June 4th Gala Dinner for 120 in the gardens of the cemetery. The evening's theme is West End musicals. We have six tables of 10 still available for a donation of €1500 each and a limited number of tickets available for individuals who wish to attend. Please contact David Tweed for further information: +34 680 13 26 34

Milk Fund Donations

Every month St George's contributes 350 Euros for a pallet of milk (360 litres) to be distributed to children and families in need by the Comedor Santa Domingo in Malaga. Please donate in the cow box in the entrance to the church. If you would like to make a one-off or regular donation.

Please contact Rosella Parmiter on +34 638 339 691 if you would like more information.

<https://comedorsantodomingo.org/>

Pre AGM Congregational Meeting – Sunday 10th May

- Learn about the finances of our Chaplaincy
- Discover more about what skills are needed on the Chaplaincy Council
- Learn about the different roles within our Church and how you can contribute



Annual Chaplaincy Meeting Sunday 31st May

“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain”.
Psalm 127:1

Volunteer at St George's – role of Sacristan

Would you be interested in helping to oversee the preparation of worship at St Georges? Setting up for the Sunday Eucharist and other services (as available); changing the altar frontal; caring for the sacred vessels and linen; preparing the credence table with everything need for the celebration of the Eucharist. Please speak to Caroline Warren or Fr Louis.

Scan the QR code to join our Community Whatsapp group and receive our What's On Guide



Scan the QR code to be taken to the Chaplaincy Website
www.stgeorgesmalaga.com



Birdwatching group at St George's?



We're exploring the possibility of starting a new birdwatching group. It doesn't matter what level of experience you have – its more about gentle exercise, exploring more of Andalucia in good company and learning something new. Please get in touch with Mother Doreen or Fr Louis if you want to know more.

Your Generosity Matters

St. George's Chaplaincy is self-supporting and is only able to continue because of generous donations from members past and present, visitors and supporters.



There should be a way to donate which suits everybody. But if you cannot find a way that works for you, please contact our Church Treasurer [here](#).

We are truly grateful to everyone who supports the Chaplaincy in any way – by prayer, by giving time or expertise and also through financial support.

Thank you!



Introducing the Reverend Liz McLean

I am the Rural Dean of Whalley in Lancashire, which encompasses the Ribble Valley & Hodder Valley and includes around 32 churches within the deanery. I have been the Vicar of St Peter's in the village of Salesbury, Lancashire since 2021 following my curacy training in Preston, Lancashire. My parish is very much a community church with lots of Life Eventministries: baptisms, weddings and,

owing to its extensive graveyard with views over Pendle Hill, funerals. We work closely with the church school and the committed choir enable us to offer a variety of traditional and contemporary worship.

I feel very blessed to be ministering here as my parish and deanery are nestled in areas of outstanding natural beauty, rich in farming life and fascinating history. I am

born and raised in Lancashire and except for some years in Birmingham as a student, I've spent my time in the hills and valleys of North West England. A beautiful place when the sun shines, but damp and cold when it's cloudy, which happens a lot! So drawn by the warmth of the Spanish sun, my husband, George, and I have made a second home near the town of Salinas in Malaga province. Soon after moving in, we were delighted to find an Anglican Congregation who have welcomed us in over the past 12 months. We love spending time in southern Spain, appreciating its unique culture and lifestyle, which is of course enhanced by the wonderful climate. I hope to meet you all soon as I take up my role as PTO.

An update on the financial projects currently underway at St George's Church

The church restoration project

2026 is witness to a flurry of activity at St George's Church and in the surrounding Cemetery area. If you visit regularly, you will be aware of the exciting plans that the Cemetery Foundation has for a new garden, currently under development, on the left side of the church as you look at it.

We hope that you will also have heard about the plans to restore the church to its former glory, and in many ways, to make it a better and more useful space than it ever was. This is our St George's Restoration project, which we've talked about at length since last year, and for which we are in the process of fundraising.

The fundraising campaign for the church's restoration will draw on two sources: public funding and private contributions.

An application for public funding is currently in progress, with a decision expected in May. If successful, this funding could cover more than half of the total project cost of €250,000.

The remaining balance will be raised through private donations and a series of church-led fundraising activities. As a community, we are setting ourselves a goal of 18 months to raise the required funds and bring this important project to completion.

Some may reasonably ask why the church community is undertaking the restoration of a building that is owned by the Cemetery Foundation: The answer lies in the shared value and purpose of the church. While the building is under the ownership of the Cemetery Foundation, it remains at the heart of our worship, our gatherings, and our community life. It is a place of deep spiritual, historical, and cultural significance for all who live here.

It is also worth noting that the original Statutes clearly state that the building is to be used as a church for as long as the church community wishes it to be so, and that responsibility for its upkeep rests with that same community.

This restoration project is therefore not simply about ownership, but about stewardship — caring for a cherished space that serves present and future

generations. By working together with the Cemetery Foundation, we are ensuring that the church remains a welcoming and well-maintained place for all.

The day to day running of the church

Independently of the restoration project, the Chaplaincy Council of St George's has a duty to keep the church going, year in year out.

In the five and a half years since Father Louis' arrival, which coincided with the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, St George's has worked hard under his guidance to rebuild and renew its life as a parish community.

Today, it is once again a thriving hub, holding services every Sunday as well as hosting regular musical and cultural events, with ambitions to grow even more in the years to come.

Its financial position has also improved. However, while it is no longer precarious, further progress is needed if St George's is to realise its full potential — including the important goal of providing its chaplain with a proper full-time stipend and giving more consistently to charitable causes.

To that end, the Chaplaincy Council has taken the important decision of selling the chaplaincy flat, situated close to the bullring on Paseo Reding. With property prices in Malaga at an all-time high, this is considered a timely and prudent moment to proceed with the sale.

The money realized from this sale will be invested in order to create an interest-bearing Endowment Fund, the income from which will help the church better meet its ongoing financial responsibilities. Under the guidance of an Endowment Oversight Committee, chosen from the existing Chaplaincy Council, the aim of the Endowment is two-fold.

It will enable the church to carry out its ministry more effectively and, over time, to grow in strength and resilience, so that St George's is better equipped to withstand the uncertainties of an economically turbulent world. Your generous donations and regular giving will, of course, continue to be both warmly welcomed and greatly needed as we move forward together.

The plan, drawn up by the Treasurer and the advisory team, is for the new income stream to allow for a housing allowance, enabling the current chaplain, Father Louis (but all future chaplains too) to live in rented accommodation of their choice, be it in central Malaga or further out. This is seen by all concerned as a very attractive proposition for the current incumbent and future prospective chaplains too.

Taken together, these two projects will not only secure the future of St George's Church, but will open a new chapter in its life — enabling it to flourish as a vibrant beacon of hope, hospitality, and community for all across the Costa del Sol.

If you'd like to know more about either of these initiatives, please visit our website www.stgeorgesmalaga.com (where there is detailed information about the Restoration project) and / or get in touch with Fr. Louis, Caroline Warren (Warden), David Tweed (Director of Fundraising), or Tristram Congreve (Hon. Treasurer).