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

15th November 2026 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Old Testament Reading – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' 13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'

[4]For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.

[5]You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.

[6]In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[7]For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

[8]You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[9]When you are angry, all our days are gone; our years come to an end like a sigh.

[10]The days of our life are three score years and ten, or if our strength endures, even four score; yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they soon pass away and we are gone.

[11]Who regards the power of your wrath and your indignation like those who fear you?

[12]So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

All: Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

14 ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five
talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one
who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I
have made five more talents.” 21 His master said to him, “Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge
of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 22 And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have
made two more talents.” 23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.” 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.” 26 But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I
reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one
with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will
have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be
taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen

Scriptures for Sunday 22nd November 2026 – Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7; Ephesians 1:15–22; Matthew 25:31–46

Charity of the Month during November 2026
Age Concern – Fuengirola, Mijas, Benalmádena

Age Concern Fuengirola Mijas & Benalmádena is an independent local charity run solely by volunteers and governed by an Executive Committee.
They provide a variety of services and offer a wide range of activities and opportunities to English speaking people over the age of 50 every week, including those who may be vulnerable or socially isolated.
As a charity they strive to improve the quality of their services and to develop strong relationships in the community in an environment where funding is scarce, and collaboration and integration of services are key.

Age Concern exists to care for and work with older adults and their carers in and around the Fuengirola, Mijas & Benalmádena community to improve their quality of life through the promotion of choice, opportunity and independence by implementing their core values:

- Listening : Being approachable, accessible and responsible. Caring about what older adults think, taking account of their views; Caring about what older adults need, asking what is important to them.
- Enabling : Offering people as little or as much support as they need to help themselves.
- Influencing : Ensuring that the voice of older adults is heard on matters which concern them.
- Empowering : Providing people with choices based on reliable up to date information.
- Effectiveness : Ensuring good standards in all their services, focussing on the outcomes for older adults. Working in a way which places people in the centre of their planning.