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# ST ANDREWS PUERTO POLLENSA

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## Chaplaincy profile



[www.standrewspuertopollensa.org](http://www.standrewspuertopollensa.org)

## Who are we?

### *Introduction*

We are St Andrew's, who with St Philip and James, Palma are the two churches which constitute the Anglican Chaplaincy for Mallorca. The Chaplaincy is part of the Church of England (Anglican) Diocese for Europe.

### *Location and environment*

We are situated in the north of Mallorca, in the attractive established and family friendly seaside resort of Port de Pollenca (you will see the name in different spellings). Originally a fishing village, the town has avoided high rise development and is situated on the spectacular Pollenca Bay. Its marina is home to an international yacht club and has moorings for several hundred yachts originating from all parts of Europe in addition to fishing boats including the traditional 'llauts' used by the Mallorquins for fishing.

From a centrally positioned roundabout a long length of sandy beach stretches in one direction and in the other a most attractive pedestrian promenade running under ancient pines flanked by restaurants, small hotels, and villas. Many of the town's cafes, restaurants and shops are aimed at the tourist market and are seasonal. However, at its close, there remains a sufficient permanent year-round selection to offer choice and cater for everyday needs.



Port de Pollenca's sister town of Pollenca lying just a few kilometers inland in a scenic valley setting has an atmosphere all of its own. A traditional Mallorquin rural town its old narrow streets are populated with craft shops, art galleries, good restaurants, and boutiques. There is an international music festival in the summer. There is a climb of 365 steps along the Stations of the Cross to a small pilgrimage chapel of Calvari. Just to one side you can catch a wonderful view towards Pollenca Bay and far over the surrounding countryside.

## St Andrew's



The church is situated in the heart of the Port in commercial premises allowing for a very practical and flexible space for the worship of God and for fellowship and social activities. There is a kitchen, small office, and patio area behind.

There are currently 30 church members on the electoral roll. The congregation fluctuates greatly in number over the course of a year. It comprises both residents (often retirees) and "swallows" people who have properties here and stay parts of the year or regularly visit on holiday. In the summer months we welcome an increased congregation due to the number of visitors. In the winter the Port is much quieter which brings its own blessings!





An annual Retreat is run at one of a number of beautiful monasteries in Mallorca. This gives an invaluable opportunity for congregation members and visitors to spend some time away in worship, reflection, and prayer.



There is an ecumenical group in Mallorca which meets during the year and hosts pilgrimages and oversees the week of Christian Unity. It includes many different denominations and nationalities (Lutheran, Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican/Swedish, British, German, Spanish, Romanian) and has the active support of the Catholic Bishop (Bp Sebastian).



## Our vision for the future

Undoubtedly post Brexit immigration and other restrictions have had a constraining effect on the number British citizens able to follow their dreams and move to Mallorca. Like others, such as the English-Speaking Residents Association, the All Island Walking Group and other organizations and associations the declining number of new arrivals is having a detrimental effect on memberships. However, the fact remains that there are hundreds of British residents in the area who do not enter the doors of the church. We, therefore, seek to grow as a church for our local community firmly founded within the Anglican tradition, offering a lively witness to an open and inclusive Christian Faith.

We also aim to develop our existing relationships with other Christian denominations especially the Roman Catholic Church.

We hope to expand our welcome and ministry to the wider community, including all age groups. We are a part of the Body of Christ in the Port and environs and seek to make people aware of what we have to offer in our spiritually fellowship.



The island is popular for wedding blessings and there are several venues in the north of the island such as the pretty Catholic Church chapel at La Victoria across the Bay of Pollenca. There is opportunity to offer in the increasing numbers of weddings which our Priest leads.



## What can we offer a new Chaplain?

We provide a modernish Church house, situated in a sought-after area..

The house has three bedrooms, three bathrooms, an expanded and renovated office, lounge/diner, kitchen and laundry room. To the rear of the property there is a pleasant garden with covered terrace to enjoy dining 'al fresco' in the shade during the hotter summer months, or on the warm days of winter that Mallorca often experiences.

(walk through video is available to view if you wish copy - contact [treasurer@standrewspuertopollensa.org](mailto:treasurer@standrewspuertopollensa.org) )

The front door of the house is a short walk to the end of the road, and you are on the seafront with beach and a stunning view of the Bay.



## What we would like from a priest

Briefly we would like someone who can bring new energy to vitalise the church. An outgoing person with skills to both unite and care for the members of the church, and reach out to the wider community and grow the ministry and spiritual life of St. Andrews

We work as much as possible as a team with Palma and a new Chaplain would be expected to play a positive part in this.



## Transport links

Airport - Palma airport 65km – 50 mins drive

Buses – good transport links - Easy access to Palma

## Brief description of the island



## Puerto Pollensa

<https://www.mallorca-now.com/pollensa-puerto-pollensa.html>



## Map of Mallorca

<https://www.mallorca.es/en/inici>



