

Services during May 2016

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora
de Nazaret May 1 & 15 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora
in the harbour, Old Town May 1 – May 8 –
May 15 – May 22 **12:30 PM**
– May 29

Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del
Carmen May 1 – May 8 –
May 15 – May 22 **5:00 PM**
– May 29

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ANGLICAN PARISH
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Our Monthly Newsletter – May 2016



**A very warm welcome
to everybody!**

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visitors – in Lanzarote.

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Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual meeting, held on 23rd April in the Chaplaincy House, was chaired by Canon Medhat Sabry, our Area Dean.

He opened the meeting with a short address on “Giving of our best; not of what is left over”, and Fr Tim Brooke led us in prayer.

Jens Alro, our Treasurer presented the 2015 accounts which showed a deficit of €2500 due to a fall in income from gift aided and other donations, and an increase in expenditure on repairs to the chaplaincy house.

It was clear from the reports that followed from the Lay Vice President, the Churchwarden, the Sunday School Leader and the Mothers’ Union that, despite the disappointment of the absence of any response to our advertisements for a new chaplain, the main priorities of the Parish had been fulfilled, namely a full programme of regular weekly and special services, 38 wedding blessings, funerals, pastoral visits and home communions, monthly Apostles lunches, some fund-raising, and maintenance of the website.

However, much more remained to be undertaken, including the revival of bible study sessions, more fund-raising and fellowship events, and greater publicity to raise our profile.

In the ensuing discussions, repeated emphasis was laid on the need to attract more core volunteers, to bring younger members into our worship, to encourage teamwork and greater unity between our three congregations, and on the importance of tithing.

In the annual elections in both the APCM and the subsequent Council meeting, new members were elected to the following positions: Ashley Price – Auditor; Robert Good – Deputy Churchwarden; Michael Norsworthy – Synod Representative; Anita Good – Electoral Roll Officer; Polly Price, Anita Good and Ashley Price - PCC members.

Following the annual meeting, members enjoyed an excellent bring-and-share lunch.

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Michael Norsworthy
Lay Vice President

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News and Events in May 2016

The Parish is currently in Interregnum.

We welcome as our Celebrant & Preacher The Rev Peter Cavanagh who is our locum priest from 26th April to 31st May.

Tony Newman

Tony, one of our Churchwardens, was recently hospitalised in intensive care suffering from viral encephalitis, while on holiday in Barcelona. As of the last week in April, he is making a slow but steady recovery and may be allowed to return to be with his family in the UK in early May. Please pray for a complete and rapid recovery for Tony, and for rest and recuperation for his wife, Jean.

The Apostles Lunch

The next Apostles lunch, which is a monthly informal social event to which all are welcome, will be held at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 11th May at restaurant Balcón de Femés, Calle San Marcial Rubicon, 35570 Femés. If you would like to attend, please contact Freida Burke on 928 524347 or Polly Price on 636 832458 before May 8th.

Mothers’ Union

There will be no Mothers’ Union meeting in May.

Regular monthly meetings will begin again in the Autumn.

For more details please contact Sylvia Couchman on 928 5184 42.

Gift Aid Scheme

As a Parish we are self-sufficient and do not receive any grants or help from the Diocese. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider giving your collection in one of the Gift Aid envelopes available at the door at each service. This increases your gift to us by some 25% at no cost to you. Thank you.

Safeguarding

The protection from harm of children and adults who may be vulnerable is of paramount importance to us. We will not tolerate abuse in any form. As a chaplaincy within the Diocese in Europe, we comply fully with the requirements of the Diocese's Safeguarding Policy.

Before you leave

please take a look at the crafts and booklets at the back of the church, they are all hand made by Parishioners on Lanzarote.