

Services during October 2016

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret October 2, 16 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **12:30 PM**

Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5:00 PM**

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Our Monthly Newsletter – October 2016



**A very warm welcome
to everybody!**

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visitors – in Lanzarote.

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St Luke the Evangelist

October the 18th is the feast day of St Luke the writer of the 3rd Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, and who has given us so much historically accurate information about the life and work of the early church, but particularly the work of St Paul, his missionary journeys and what we would call today 'Church Planting'. He is the only gentile to be included in written books in the Bible.

Historical evidence suggests that Luke was born a Greek gentile in Antioch in Syria. He was trained as a physician, possibly as a slave, as it was not uncommon in his day, so that the family would have a resident physician. Luke's Christian ministry can be followed in the book of Acts. Much of Acts is written in the third person, much like any historian recording facts. It then changes for a time into the first person, probably at the time when he met Paul in Troas in AD51, where he writes, 'we' traveled together on Paul's first missionary journey to Europe. They were still together when Paul was a prisoner in Rome, near the end of his life. Luke stayed with him through thick and thin, presumably as his private doctor. Yet Paul suffered from something he called his 'thorn in the flesh,' a painful condition that stayed with him for the rest of his life. So, although Paul had great faith, and was cared for by a qualified medic, his prayers for healing were not answered. But Paul bless his saintly heart, turned the experience to his own advantage, saying that God gave him the illness to teach him humility, and to remind him that he was entirely dependent on the grace of God.

In David Ford's book, 'The Shape of Living' he writes; 'God is not a God of quick fixes, and easy instantaneous solutions,' and 'signs of hope are given', but what God is particularly concerned with is love and faithfulness, and 'healing hearts and minds in communities'. Reflecting on these quotations, no doubt Paul, and his 'beloved physician' Luke, would have agreed that we should encourage those who are sick, and those who love them, to pray with deep trust in God's love. Then we should leave God to decide what is best for us; whether it be a return to full physical strength, or death, which is the healing for all earth's ills, and takes us at once to a better life where there is no pain. There are many forms of sickness, physical or mental, and many forms of healing.

20 causes have Luke as their patron saint but, above all, he is recognized as the patron of physicians and surgeons.

Rev Richard Costin
Locum September / October 2016

News and Events in October 2016

The Parish is currently in Interregnum.

We welcome back the Rev Richard Costin, as our locum priest, and his wife Jill who will be with us until 25th October.

Our locum priest after that will be the Rev Robert Ellis.

Time and Talents needed

As important as our Financial giving is the use we make of the gifts and talents which God has entrusted to us. Are you able to offer of your time and talents in further supporting our church?

Some areas in which we are currently

looking for further help are: Publicity distribution, Congregational Worship Leader, Welcomer at Services, Sacristan duties, Musicians, and Parish Visitor.

If you can offer help in any of these areas, please contact either of our Churchwardens or other parish officers.

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 19th October.

If you would like to attend, please contact Freida Burke on 928 524347, or Polly Price on 629 959493.

The Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be celebrated at all services on 2nd October.

All gifts of non-perishable food items will be given to the Franciscan nuns in Tias for distribution to those in need.

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.