

## Services during September 2016

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### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret      September 4      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town      September 4, 11, 18, 25      **12:30 PM**

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen      September 4, 11, 18, 25      **5:00 PM**

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ANGLICAN PARISH  
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## Our Monthly Newsletter – September 2016



**A very warm welcome  
to everybody!**

Our mission is to serve the  
Anglican and English speaking  
people – both residents and  
visitors – in Lanzarote.

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## **Our Patron Saint – St Laurence**

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Last month we celebrated the feast day of St Laurence who was martyred in the year 258. He is believed to have been born in Huesca, a town in Aragon, near the foot of the Pyrenees. From there he was sent to Zaragoza to complete his humanistic and theological studies. It was in Zaragoza that he first met the future Pope Sixtus the second who was one of the most famous and highly respected of the teachers in what was then one of the most eminent centres of learning. Eventually, both Laurence and Sixtus left Zaragoza for Rome. When Sixtus was elevated to Patriarch in 257, he ordained Laurence deacon. Although Laurence was still young, Sixtus appointed him first among the seven deacons who served in the patriarchal church, which is why Laurence is called Archdeacon of Rome. This was a position of great trust, which included the care of the treasury and the riches of the church, and the distribution of alms among the poor.

According to St Cyprian of Carthage, the Romans had established a rule according to which all Christians who had been denounced must be executed and their goods confiscated by the Imperial treasury. At the beginning of August 258, the Emperor Valerian issued an edict commanding that all bishops, priests and deacons should immediately be put to death. Pope Sixtus was captured on August 6th at the cemetery of St Callixtus while celebrating the liturgy and immediately executed.

After the death of Sixtus, the prefect of Rome demanded that Laurence turn over the riches of the church. According to St Ambrose, Laurence asked for three days to gather together the wealth. Laurence worked swiftly to distribute as much church property to the poor as possible, so as to prevent it being seized by the prefect. On the third, at the head of a small delegation, he presented himself to the prefect and, when ordered to give up the treasures of the church, he presented the poor, the crippled, the blind and the suffering, with the words, "Behold in these poor persons the treasures which I promised to show you, to which I will add pearls and precious stones, those widows and consecrated virgins which are the church's crown." Another account records him declaring to the prefect, "The church is truly rich; far richer than your emperor". This act of defiance led directly to his martyrdom. On the 10th August, the prefect had a great gridiron prepared, with burning coals beneath it, and had Laurence placed upon it. He was the last of the seven deacons to die.

St Laurence understood deeply that Christ was setting us an example by laying down his life for us. He loved Christ in his life and he imitated him in his death.

Michael Norsworthy  
Lay Vice President

## **News and Events in September 2016**

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The Parish is currently in Interregnum.

We welcome back as our next locum priest the Rev Richard Costin. He and his wife, Jill, will be with us from the 5th September to 25th October.

### **Tony Newman.**

It was with great sadness that we were informed of Tony's death on 7th August at the Macmillan Hospice in Bournemouth, following a sudden and brief illness. Tony's funeral was conducted by the Rev Clive Jones in Bournemouth on the 17th August and a Service of Thanksgiving for Tony's life was held at the same time in our Chaplaincy House in Puerto del Carmen. Tony will be remembered with great gratitude in Lanzarote for his unstinting work for the parish as a Churchwarden, for his irrepressible good humour, and for his enjoyment of team and group activities ranging from amateur dramatics to cricket and carol singing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jean and all his family.

### **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 21 at Costa Sal, Calle Diagonal 6, Matagorda, 35510 Puerto Del Carmen.

The menu price of 18€ includes a glass of wine. If you would like to attend, please contact Freida Burke on 928 524347, or Polly Price on 629 959493.

### **Mothers' Union**

There will be no Mothers' Union meeting in September.

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.