

## Services during March 2017

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret      March 5, 12, 19, 26      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town      March 12,19,26  
(no service on March 5!)      **12:30 PM**

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen      March 5,12,19  
(no service on March 26!)      **5:00 PM**

**Additional service: March 1st (Ash Wednesday) Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Playa Blanca at 12.30 pm**

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## Our Monthly Newsletter – March 2017



**A very warm welcome  
to everybody!**

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

Please spread the word about  
our congregations and services  
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**[www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com)**

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## **A Message by the Rev Peter Ford**

The month of March covers most of Lent. Lent has at its root “lengthening”, that is, the days are getting longer and Spring begins. The Church has had in its history different lengths for the period of Lent, and it has become a time for fasting and abstinence. Wednesday and Friday were the traditional days for fasting outside Lent, and this practice has now hit our modern world as a dietary regime! I smile when people tell me what they are giving up for Lent. Sometimes it is the non-essentials which are given up, thus making it a fairly easy task. I have come to see Lent as a time for spiritual growth. We prune what needs to be pruned in order to allow spiritual gifts to flourish. When I had an English Vicarage garden I used to ‘dead head’ the roses as I walked down the path. One year the professional gardener I employed pruned them, or one of his staff did, and, much to his horror overdid it. Panic followed; he would replace them immediately. I said “No, let’s wait and see”. As the weeks went by we watched the roses grow again, and that year they produced the most magnificent display of flowers.

As we go into Lent, in your prayers invite the Holy Spirit to show you where you need a light prune or drastic prune in your life. You will then be transformed into what God wants you to be. You are beautiful to God already, but sin mars all of us.

One last thought on Lent. It comes from the Diocesan Environmental Officers address to the recent Archdeaconry Synod – ‘Live simply that others may simply live’.

Have a joyful Lent.

**Peter**

## **News and Events in March 2017**

### **Lent Course**

Fr Peter is holding a six-week Lent course in the Chaplaincy house, based on material produced by Embrace (Bible Lands Society). Sessions will be held each Wednesday in Lent, beginning on 8th March. Each session will start at 1pm and conclude with a simple lunch.

### **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.

### **Mothers Union**

The next Mothers' Union meeting will take place on 13th March at 2pm at the home of Kath Harding in Playa Blanca. All Mothers' Union members are welcome from any branch. If you are thinking of joining the Mothers' Union come along to this meeting to find out more. We welcome new members. Please call Kath Harding for more information on 928 517610.

### **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.

### **Apostles Lunch**

Our Apostles lunch in March will be held at on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at: Zest Restaurant | Costa Sal Suites | Calle Agonal 16 | Matagorda | Puerto del Carmen. The price for a 3-course menu (options to choose) is 18€ including a glass of wine. Please contact either Polly Price ([polly@apafin.com](mailto:polly@apafin.com)) or Freida Burke ([freida.burke@gmail.com](mailto:freida.burke@gmail.com)) for details of the menu and to send your numbers and choices.