

## Services during July 2017

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret July 2 **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

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

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen July 2, 9, \*, 23, 30 **5:00 PM**  
(see page 3 for July 16)

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## Our Monthly Newsletter – July 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  
and visit our website on  
**[www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com)**

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

**On Trinity Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 our former Bishop, the Rt Revd Geoffrey Rowell died aged 74 years. He was Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe from 2001 until his retirement in 2013. He was a great pastor and a highly recognised academic. He was a leading expert on the Orthodox Churches, and as relaxation wrote wonderful hymns which he shared with us at an Archdeaconry Synod a few years ago. We thank God for a faithful servant and pray that he may now rest in peace.**

I was pondering what to share with you for July and the obvious theme was Vocations to the Priesthood. It takes about 10 years from Selection, Training and Development to prepare a person to take on their own Parish/Chaplaincy.

Our Diocese and of course this Chaplaincy place great reliance on priests who are nearing the end of their Ministry and want an active retirement. We bring vast experience, and in many cases the means to help fund our ministry. As the years go by, due to the necessity to work longer and the call of family, less and less clergy are willing to serve in Europe. I am part-time. A full stipend post is beyond the reach of this Chaplaincy. I understand it costs some € 50,000 for a full time priest! (Stipend, Pension, Social Security, Housing).

In our Diocese, Ordinations will take place in the first week of July. On 1<sup>st</sup> July Bishop David will Ordain to the Priesthood The Revd Nicholas Razafindratsima who will continue to serve at St George's Paris and Bishop Robert will Ordain Deacon Guy Diakieses to serve at St John & St Philip, The Hague. Both men are not English, so it is a great step forward to have ordained local people. Please hold Nicholas and Guy in your prayers as they begin their Ministry but also pray for more vocations.

On a personal note I was Ordained Priest on 1st July 1979. What a great adventure it has been, and I guess will continue to be!

Peter

## **News and Events in July 2017**

### **Wednesday Eucharist and Coffee Morning**

Father Peter will be conducting a said Eucharist at 10 am every Wednesday in the Chaplaincy House, followed by coffee and fellowship (10.30 – 12.00 noon). All are warmly invited to either or both parts of the morning.

### **July services in Playa Blanca**

It is likely that there will be no service on the 16th due to the fiesta of Nuestra Senora del Carmen. The Ayuntamiento are currently unable to confirm this date, so please refer to the notice board and to announcements in services beforehand.

### **Apostles Lunch**

The date and location of our next Apostles Lunch, which is an informal monthly social event, will be announced at all services.

Please contact Freida Burke (928 52 43 47) or Polly Price (928 52 78 54) or consult our website for more details.

### **Mothers Union**

Mothers' Union meetings will resume in October.

New members who want to join the Lanzarote Branch of the Mothers' Union, please call either Sheila Lewis on 928 173835, Norma Smithson on 928 834347 or Marilyn Forder on 00 44 1202 292141. We would love to hear from 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.

### **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.