

Services during December 2017

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret	December 3, 10, 17 Dec. 25 Christmas Service	10:00 AM 11:00 AM
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Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town	December 3, 10, 17 Dec. 24 Christmas Service Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	All at 12:30 PM
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Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen	December 3, 10 Dec. 17 Carol Service Dec. 24 Christmas Service Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 PM 5:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM
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Our Monthly Newsletter – December 2017



**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 congregations and services
and visit our website on
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Monthly Message from our Chaplain

JOY TO THE WORLD

Thus begins the first line of the carol "Joy to the world! The Lord is come." You won't find it in the old hymn books like A&M. In fact, you may not have heard it in church, but in American Christmas films. It was composed by the great hymn writer Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and the music by Handel.

We all need to experience joy in our lives daily in a world which is weary and sad, a world of two thousand years of wrong (It came upon the mid-night clear). Nothing has really changed but as Christians we can have hope. By the incarnation of Our Lord, hope was born and where people have hope then the Christ child is 'born in us'. That is our potential, that is the world's future.

Of course we all get bogged down with things that don't really matter because we are conditioned to believe so. Since the 5th November, Christmas adverts are on the television encouraging us to buy lots of things we don't really need and even charities have latched onto this ploy – make a dog or cat, a child, a family - whatever is the good cause - happy by texting a donation.

But I believe Our Lord's birth is more radical than a text donation. For by the incarnation God becomes man to redeem men and women, to change the world, not by a text donation, but by changing each one of us to make a difference by our own lives, next by our families and finally by building communities of hope and service. There is a lot to do and small acts of hope do bring big changes. So come on all ye faithful, be joyful and triumphant and with shepherds, Magi and Angels, come let us adore the Infant King.

A Happy and joyful Christmas to you all.

Peter

News and Events in December 2017

After the Sunday Services you are invited to coffee (or any other beverage) and fellowship at Restaurante la Sirena in Puerto del Carmen and at Casa Jose in Playa Blanca, both of which are near the churches.

Apostles Lunch

in December will take place on Tuesday 12/12/17 at 1.30pm at Los Jameos Playa Hotel, Los Pocillos, Puerto del Carmen. For more details, please contact Freida Burke on 928524347.

Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union December meeting is a ticketed event. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies 5 Euros at 5 pm on the 11 December at the Villa of Marilyn and Roger Forder. Telephone 928513480 for more information. All proceeds to go to Mothers' Union.

Copper Collection

Our Copper Collection went to over 212 € in November - see the weekly notice sheet for the latest figure. Please leave your copper donations in the collecting cap at the end of the service and help to provide food through CARITAS for those in need.

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.

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