

Services during March 2018

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora
de Nazaret March 11, 25 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora
in the harbour, Old Town March 4, 11, 18, 25, 28 **12:30 PM**

Playa Blanca

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

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Our Monthly Newsletter – March 2018



**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
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Monthly Message from our locum

It's lovely travelling from country to country, church to church and meeting new people, and such a joy to know that in Christ Jesus we are not strangers. Because we are simply friends who have yet to meet.

Lent, as you know, spans a 40 day period and is a time of reflection, self examination and prayer, which can be seen as a mirror image of the 40 days Jesus Himself spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan.

The word 'Lent' comes from a root word meaning 'Spring' which was originally a forty day fast, (excluding Sunday's which are not fasting days, including Sunday's 46 days).

This year as we approach Lent, my mind is drawn frequently to the saying of JF Kennedy when president of the United States, he made a famous speech in which he said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather, what you can do for your country"

Taking encouragement from this, we could ask ourselves: "Ask not what the Church of God can do for you, but rather, what you can do for the Church of God". You know, we can so easily become so comfortable in our life, that the 'urgency' of the Gospel message is forgotten or marginalized. What the Church of God needs, is people to work steadily for God's Kingdom. Working together to gather new people, not merely to fill our pews but more importantly to find their salvation through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My personal prayers and devotion during this Lentern period, is that God will give me a renewed spiritual energy, empowered by His Holy Spirit, to be more pro active in seeking the 'lost' and to help and enable new comers to know the wonderful life saving truth of the Gospel message.

Throughout the year, prayer should underwrite all our actions and especially so at Lent, and one important facet of prayer is silence. Because in prayer, it's perhaps more important to 'Listen' than to 'speak'. You know, our worship is often so full of liturgy, readings, sermons, hymns and music that we leave little room for silence and actually 'Listening' to God'.

And so I urge you to develop and observe more silence in your prayers and devotions, so we might hear better that precious whisper from God.

Rodney Fereday
(locum March 2018)

News and Events in March 2018

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

Everybody's welcome. Our Apostles lunch this month will take place on March 13. For more details, please contact Polly Price (contact details on back of Newsletter).

Lent

Lent Group will meet at the Chaplaincy House on Mondays 19th and 26th March from 5pm - 6pm. This year, we shall begin with a short Evening Prayer followed by a discussion on the Readings.

Mothers Union

The meeting for Mothers' Union is on March 12, 2018 at the home of Aileen Stenlake at 2pm and then a talk at 3pm by Richard Stenlake on Faith in the Royal Navy. All members welcome. Please call Marilyn Forder for directions on 928513480.

Copper Collection

By Sunday, 11th February, the amount raised to help providing a hot meal for those in need reached the fantastic sum of 648 Euros. 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.

Additional info

Good Friday: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 11am (PdC)
Easter Day April 1st: Eucharists at Nazaret 10am | Puerto Carmen 12.30 | Playa Blanca 5pm