

## Services during September 2018

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora      September 9      **10:00 AM**

de Nazaret

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora      September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30      **12:30 PM**

in the harbour, Old Town

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del      September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30      **5:00 PM**

Carmen

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The Parish is currently in Interregnum.



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## Our Monthly Newsletter – September 2018



**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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## Monthly Message by Fr. Derek Akker

One of the things that stand out for me about Christianity is the place of story. I remember well stories from the Old Testament I heard as a child and reading for myself the wonderful story of Jesus. As I look back over my life, I realise how packed it is with stories, covering all aspects of my life. Some interesting, other boring but nonetheless stories. Faith is one such group of stories.

I read recently "...true life is not a string of truths or a complex philosophy or a system of rules and moral codes. No, our faith is best represented by a phrase such as, "In the beginning ... a story always goes somewhere, in a story there is motion and drama." Our lives, therefore, can be seen as a life of many mini-stories.

I have been privileged to hear people tell me their stories, we have laughed, we sat with moments of silence, there were tears, anger and disappointment was openly spoken about. A whole range of emotions were expressed. When we came to the subject of faith, there was often a moment of stillness and then a recognition that God had always been part of their story, even in the hardest and bleakest of moments. They could not always find words to express their feelings, but I could see it in their eyes and the expression on their faces. They knew of God's love, peace, power, wisdom, and grace and how it had embraced their lives, even in those dark moments. They had often experienced God in encounters with friends, strangers, the bible, worship and in still, quiet moments. Their story was, in fact, a series of sacred mini-stories, lovely, grace-filled stories.

Our lives, therefore, can be seen as a series of mini-stories, with each day having its own plot, characters, encounters and experiences. During each day as our story unfolds so it is possible for us to see God entering into our story, sometimes in an unexpected way.

Have a good day and God bless.  
Derek

**PS**  
How about reviewing the day by walking through your day, noting its joys and delights? Focus on the day's gifts, the people you met. What did you receive from these people? What did you give them? Paying attention to small things of the day. Give thanks to God for all that was good in the day and acknowledge those things that did not go well and offer them to God.

## News and Events in September 2018

**After the Sunday Services you are invited to coffee** (or any other beverage) and fellowship at Restaurante El Asador in Puerto del Carmen.

**Helpers needed October 13** - We are having 2 tables at the Tahiche Sale the 2nd Saturday in October and need volunteer helpers. Please contact Bill Mowbray if you can help. The Church needs your support.

**Table Top Sale** - Wednesday 26th September 10.30 -1pm there will be a Table Top Sale at the Chaplaincy House, Calle Los Sabandenos 37, Puerto del Carmen. 3 Euro entry to include tea or coffee and home made cake. Lots of bargains and good company. All funds raised to support the Church.

### **Apostles Lunch**

Our next Apostles Lunch will take place on September 11, 2018. Please contact Freida Burke (freida.burke@gmail.com) for further information or to sign up. The venue will be announced at all services.

### **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.