

Services during April 2016

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret April 3 & 17 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town April 3 – April 10 – April 17 – April 24 **12:30 PM**

Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen April 3 – April 10 – April 17 – April 24 **5:00 PM**

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Our Monthly Newsletter – April 2016



**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 churches and services and
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A Message from our Chaplain

People who succeed in life generally have clear priorities. The student burns the midnight oil to ensure a good exam result. No sacrifice is too great for the businessman to ensure his company thrives. The athlete trains, trains and trains to win the coveted medal.

Jesus was dominated by one central priority: His Death and Resurrection.

From the start His entire life pointed in this one direction - the wood of the cradle was destined to become the wood of the Cross. In the gospel story there is relentless pressure toward Jerusalem, with no deviation as Jesus talked about 'His hour' approaching. On several occasions as He told the disciples of the future they tried to dissuade Him.

"Get behind me, Satan" was the reply as Jesus unswervingly held to His purpose. In the Garden of Gethsemane He was even tempted to ask that the cup would pass from Him, but He knew that giving His life for the salvation of the world was the great priority that must triumph over everything.

In these post-Easter days we give thanks that the Risen Jesus is always with us, in life and in death.

At the same time in the months ahead we also need to recall Jesus not only insisted in holding fast to the Great Priority of His own life but continually insisted other people should get their priorities right. The Jews were reminded that when a man needs urgent healing it must be done even if this breaks Sabbath laws. The clever and important Nicodemus was told his priority was to be spiritually born again. The rich young ruler was told the personal priority for him was to give away all his worldly wealth.

As we continue on our post Easter Christian pilgrimage the question sounds loud and clear – what would Jesus put His finger on as our personal spiritual priority? How is our worship and prayer? How is our charitable giving? How much time do we give to helping others? Are there family or personal issues that need sorting?

Each of us will have a different priority, depending on the kind of person we are and on our particular circumstances. We need to identify this priority and take appropriate action.

The same question faces every parish church or community.

What is God's priority for it? What are the priorities which need addressing in the coming months and years?

Here in Lanzarote we all pray that a new priest will arrive before the year is much older to help the Chaplaincy Council with this central task. But whether that happens or not there is no dodging the issue that any local Church, like each one of us, must be clear about priorities.

No priorities always end in a future that is an aimless nothing!

Yours in Christ

Very Revd. Michael Higgins

Locum in March 2016

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This is our website.

Do please visit it if you are able to.

News and Events in April 2016

The Parish is currently in Interregnum.

We welcome as our Celebrant & Preacher The Revd. Tim Brooke who is our locum priest until 25th April.

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

There will be no Mothers' Union meeting in April.

Regular monthly meetings will begin again in the Autumn.

For more details please contact Sylvia Couchman on 928 5184 42.

The Apostles Lunch

The next Apostles lunch, which is a monthly informal social event to which all are welcome, will be held at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 13th April at La Barca restaurant on the promenade in Playa Honda.

If you would like to attend, please contact Freida Burke on 928 524347.

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.

Healing Tom

The Parish is praying for Tom Carver. He suffered a very aggressive virus which left him paralysed. With intense therapy, which had to be privately funded, he is slowly recovering. You can read Tom's story and make a donation on www.justgiving.com/HealingTom.

Before you leave

please take a look at the crafts and booklets at the back of the church, they are all hand made by Parishioners on Lanzarote.