

Services during April 2017

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret April 2, 9, 16 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

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

Playa Blanca

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

Additional services: Maundy Thursday, 13th April: Holy Communion with washing of feet at Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm

Good Friday, 14th April: Ecumenical Service in Puerto del Carmen

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Our Monthly Newsletter – April 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
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A Message by the Rev Peter Ford

The 16th April is Easter Day when we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Death and sin have not won, the love of God triumphs. An historical event, not perhaps as we see historical events but in God's purpose the ultimate historical event.

We have to look at this form of history through the eyes of the Old Testament. The Old Testament sees God's historical intervention through the history of His Chosen People, when God saves his people, and that has to be the Exodus, the bringing the people out of Egypt, through the Red Sea into the promised land. To the Jews and therefore us, this is generally called *Salvation History*.

Easter Day is the Festival of Hope, hope that even in our confused and dysfunctional world, we can work for justice and peace. In our lives, God gives us hope, that as St Peter says: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are nothing compared to the glory that awaits us." So by faith and faithfulness we change the world!!

The Risen Christ meets the disciples in a variety of places, Mary Magdalene in the Garden, some of the disciples at the tomb, in the upper room, on the Emmaus Road, by the lake side. So it is true to say that He can meet us in our daily lives, but above all in the Eucharist in so many different ways, in the reading of the scriptures, in our intercessions, in the sharing of the peace, but above all in the sharing of the Eucharist.

Come Risen Christ and make yourself known to us, your faithful people and enkindle in us the fire of your love.

So with the whole Church, we sing "Alleluia, Christ is Risen".

Now to a domestic matter: On Saturday 22nd April is our Annual Parish Meeting. This is important as at it significant elections are made – Church Wardens – Archdeaconry Synod Representatives, and Council members. Please hold this meeting in your prayers, that as in all things the will of God may be done.

Peter

News and Events in April 2017

Lent Course

Fr Peter is holding a six-week Lent course in the Chaplaincy house, based on material produced by Embrace (Bible Lands Society). Sessions are being held each Wednesday in Lent at 1pm and conclude with a simple lunch.

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

Mothers' Union Lanzarote Branch would love to know names and Branch addresses of any members who are attending the churches in Lanzarote. Please give your name to the church wardens or any Lanzarote Mothers' Union member to compile a list of attendees from around the world.

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.

Apostles Lunch

There will not be an Apostles Lunch in April.

The next Apostles Lunch will take place in May 2017.