

## Services during February 2018

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora  
de Nazaret                      February 4, 18                      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora  
in the harbour, Old Town                      February 4, 11, 18, 25  
**Ash Wednesday (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>)**                      **12:30 PM**  
**with Imposition of Ashes**

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora  
del Carmen                      February 4, 11, 18, 25                      **5:00 PM**

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## Our Monthly Newsletter – February 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  
and visit our website on  
**[www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com)**

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## Monthly Message from our Chaplain

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The 14<sup>th</sup> February sees the beginning of Lent. Historically, it is a season of abstinence and fasting, of study and prayer. A time to prepare ourselves for the great Feast of Easter.

So what are we going to do about it? Sometimes people say I am going to give up this and that, which usually means that they should be doing it anyway! I am slightly amused about all the talk on the media about dieting. In fact, the Book of Common Prayer recommends two fast days a week -Wednesdays and Fridays - and these days became 'fish days'. (Isn't there a diet called 5+2?) Of course there are many more.

But I think we all could live and eat more simply at times and Lent is a time we can experiment. What can we really do without? The question is to all, but the answer is personal. A word of caution: If you are supposed to take medication after food, then you must have food!

Lent is a time to re-engage our relationship with Our Lord. What is our personal prayer life like at the moment? We now have instant communication with the social media, why not regular and often communication with Our Lord? The good thing is that you don't need an iPad or such like. Reopen your lines of communication with Him. He is waiting for your call.

So I hope we all can have a positive Lent.

**Peter**

### **Alan Burke – Rest in Peace**

*On New Years Day Alan died in hospital.*

*His funeral was well attended on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January.*

*Alan was our Chaplaincy's "back room guy" - doing all the heavy work such as moving chairs and tables for events for many years. At Puerto del Carmen, he helped week by week to tidy and lock up the church.*

*We are very thankful for his contribution to the life of the Chaplaincy and will miss Alan deeply. But we must also think about Freida and family at this difficult time. Their loss is even greater and we pray that God will provide the comfort they need. May Alan rest in peace.*

## News and Events in February 2018

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**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 February will take place on February 13th at 1:30pm at L'Opera in Playa Honda. For more details, please contact Freida Burke.

### **Lent**

Lent Group will meet at the Chaplaincy House on Mondays 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 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 (AGM) is on February 12, 2018 at 2pm at the home of Marilyn and Roger Forder in Puerto del Carmen. All members welcome. Please call Marilyn Forder for directions on 928513480.

### **PCC**

The next meeting of the Chaplaincy Council is Thursday 8th February at 3.30pm in the Chaplaincy House

### **Copper Collection**

By Sunday, 7th January, the amount raised to help providing a hot meal for those in need reached the fantastic sum of 541 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.

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