

## Services during February 2019

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret      February 3, 17      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

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

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

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen      February 3, 10, 17, 24      **5:00 PM**

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The Parish is currently in Interregnum.



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## Our Monthly Newsletter – February 2019



**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 Canon Peter Cavanagh

### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Sunday in church, and a baptism is about to take place. The family are gathered round the font ready for me to begin the service. From the back doors comes an old man and, without a word of warning, stalks to the front of our church, takes the baby in his arms, and starts praying out loud. 'I'm ready to go now God – I don't care what happens to me. I've seen it all – I can die a happy man'. Not wanting to seem rude, I say to him: 'Now, now, my good fellow, what's all this about?'

Mum says: 'Get off my baby!' Grandma says: 'Call a policeman – there are laws about people like you!'

Now it's an unlikely scene I admit – not many of us in our generation expect old gentlemen to be inspired and prompted by the Holy Spirit to pray out loud. We rarely, if ever, expect the Holy Spirit to intrude in the routine of our lives. The Church, and our Christian lives, are expected to run along straight lines and on well-oiled wheels.

From the very beginning – his birth – the epiphany – the presentation – Jesus' life was lived in the open. He was to live and work and die in the public eye. Not for him the life of a religious routine within the claustrophobic walls of the temple. Simeon in the temple symbolises the whole of human life – just as outside the temple the shepherds and the wise men had acted and spoken for the whole world. Here was public property – the Son of God.

Most of us have gone through the ritual and sacraments of baptism and confirmation. On each occasion it has either been said for us or we have said ourselves, that we belong to a wider, a greater family – the Body of Christ– the Church in the world.

In the presentation of Jesus, God has set an example and a pattern for us. He offers us a way of living which completes and fulfils earthly family, congregation, parish, nation and race. We are offered to him. We are presented to him. He sees us as his own.

But how do we relate to him? How do we relate to one another? Are we a royal priesthood and a dedicated people in giving and forgiving. In caring and sharing. In loving and allowing ourselves to be loved.

As this festival brings the season of Christmas to its close, let it be a reminder that we too are built in Christ, and so into one another.

**Fr. Peter**

## News and Events in February 2019

### **A warm welcome to all our congregations, visitors and friends!**

Our locum in February and March is the Venerable Geoffrey Arrand.

### **Apostles Lunch**

Our February apostles lunch, to which everyone is welcome, will be at 1.30 pm on 05.02.2019. The venue will be announced at all services. Please contact Polly Price (polly@apafin.com) for further information or to sign up.

**Mothers' Union** meets on 11th February at 2.30pm.

Please contact Marilyn Forder for further information at 928 513480.

The March meeting / AGM is on the 11th March at 2.30 pm at the home of Marilyn Forder.

There are no meetings from April until September.

Mothers' Union will recommence in October 2019.

### **Ash Wednesday**

A service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes will be held on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, at 12.30 pm in the church in Puerto del Carmen.

### **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. 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.