

## Services during January 2020

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town	January 5, 12, 19, 26	12.30 PM
	January 23 (ecumenical service)	7.00 PM

*After the Sunday Service you are invited to join us for a beverage and fellowship at the Asian restaurant opposite the church in Puerto del Carmen.*

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen	January 5, 12, 19, 26	5.00 PM
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ANGLICAN PARISH  
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## Our monthly Newsletter – January 2020



### *Welcome to the Anglican Parish of St Laurence's Lanzarote!*

Our mission is to serve the English speaking residents and also the many visitors to this beautiful island. Our local congregations work hard to ensure that those who visit and share in our worship return to their home churches refreshed and renewed.

### **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.

Please visit our website – [www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com) – and follow us on Facebook for the very latest news: *Lanzarote Church of England Parish of St Laurence*.

For those planning their wedding: We would be delighted to welcome you to the island and help in arranging that very special Blessing of your Marriage in these idyllic surroundings.

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## **From our Chaplain Fr Stan Evans**

Firstly, may I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2020. I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. As I write this message I look forward to a new beginning here for the Anglican Church of St Laurence on Lanzarote.

We are in a unique position. We enjoy the most wonderful ecumenical experience as we gather week by week in Puerto del Carmen and Playa Blanca – sharing the church building with our Catholic neighbours. But far more important than the buildings, we share our whole faith journey with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Catholic, German Lutheran and Norwegian churches – all called to celebrate our oneness in Christ as our Lord asked of us. There is no better witness. This unity will be shared in an Ecumenical Service within the week of Christian Unity on 23rd January at 7.00pm. Please do come and join us for this Christian gathering.

We are truly blessed by the commitment of those folk who help in so many ways to further the Church here in this place. Many quietly working away to make a difference to our welcoming of those who visit our churches.

This new year will see the benefits of our Mission Opportunities strategic plan across the island. New literature, advertising, and a wide range of initiatives that will inform those who so desperately need leading to the love and joy of having Jesus Christ in their lives. So often we hide our talents, but we do have a commitment and responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in a new and exciting way.

As a priest in the Anglican Communion then it is my privilege to do all that I can to welcome those of all denominations, and none, to join us. Our visitors bring a freshness to our community as they share with us week by week.

As a Chaplaincy we need to be alert and alive to the many challenges and possibilities which today's world presents to communicate the Christian life and faith in a lively and vibrant way. It is a message of hope for us all as we enter this new year and decade.

Let our Church be 'spirit-filled, spirit guided and spirit led'.....a Church characterised by the gifts of the spirit so self-evident that as the Acts of the Apostles informs us 'day by day the Lord added to their number'. What a joy! Come and join us on the journey.....we have much to share and be thankful for.

Happy new year !!

*Fr Stan Evans, Chaplain*

## **News and Events in January 2020**

### **New Dean of Gibraltar appointed**

Our Bishops are delighted to share the good news that the next Dean of the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Gibraltar is to be The Reverend Canon Ian Tarrant - currently Rector of St Mary's, Woodford, in the Diocese of Chelmsford. He will be installed on 2nd April 2020. We hold Ian and his wife Sally in our prayers as they prepare to take up this important role within our Diocese.

### **Apostles Lunch**

Our first Apostles lunch this year will be on Tuesday, 21/01/20 at 1.30 pm in Playa Blanca. Everybody is welcome for fellowship and a nice lunch. Please let Polly Price (polly@apafin.com) know if you are able to attend by Friday 10/01/20. The venue will be announced in all services.

### **Ecumenical Service**

To celebrate the Week of Christian Unity, there will be an ecumenical service in Puerto del Carmen, together with the Catholic, Anglican, German Lutheran and Norwegian churches, at 7.00 pm on 23 January.

### **Mothers Union**

14th January at 2.30 pm: Talk by Reverend Canon Stan Evans.

Subject 'Making a Difference'

11th February at 2.30 pm: Prayers and discussion on the Mothers' Union future on Lanzarote.

11th March at 2.30pm: AGM.

### **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.

### **Friends of St Laurence**

To receive our Monthly Newsletter by email throughout the year, simply leave your contact details at the end of our service with our team at the back of the church.

### **Support Tom**

Our support and fundraising for Tom is unbroken – Please help this lad to regain the life he deserves and support his therapy. There is a special donation box for Tom at the back of the church.

### **Leaflets**

We now have great leaflets on our Chaplaincy which we want to display in hotels, restaurants and other locations. Please let us know if you can help us!