

Services during October 2017

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret October 1 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **12:30 PM**

Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5:00 PM**

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Our Monthly Newsletter – October 2017



**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
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Monthly Message from our Chaplain

“We plough the fields and scatter”.

Thus begins one of the most favourite Harvest hymns.

But few of us could actually do it!

We have grown away from our agricultural roots and so have become totally dependant on others. All we eat has to be produced by others. So often we grumble not just about some item that is not on the shelves, but about a particular brand!

Whilst we have all grown up with Harvest Festival, it is a modern invention. We sing “all is safely gathered in before the winter storms begin” but we have seen in recent weeks the devastating storms in the Americas and in Asia. Recovery for many millions will be a long and slow process.

Before Harvest Festivals there was another festival – Lammas Day which is the 1st August when the farmers brought the ‘first fruits’ to be blessed. It is this festival which has become our modern festival.

Giving of the “first” to God begins in the Old Testament, acknowledging in our lives our dependance on God. There is a prayer “Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation, who of your goodness we have...” Blessing God is a good thing to do, from a simple grace before a meal or in the words of the General Thanks giving: “We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life.”

It is not enough to be one of those “thankful people” who come at Harvest, but to be thankful every moment of our life.

(Another take on this is John Betjamen’s poem – Diary of a Church Mouse)

Peter

News and Events in October 2017

Wednesday Eucharist and Coffee Morning

There is no Eucharist and Coffee Morning in October.

Visit of Bishop David Hamid

Bp David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop will be with us 4th -6th November. He will preside and preach in each of our services on the 5th November when we shall celebrate All Saints.

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

A monthly informal occasion to which all are welcome. In October will take place on Wednesday 11/10/17 at 1.30pm. The venue will be announced at all services.

For more details, please contact Freida Burke on 928 524347.

Mothers Union

Meetings of the Mothers' Union will resume in October. Details will be announced beforehand at all services.

Copper Collection

Our Copper Collection is doing well - 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 on this island.

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.