

## Services during June 2016

<b>Nazaret</b> Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret	June 5 From June to September inclusive, there will only be one service each month, on the first Sunday.	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Puerto del Carmen</b> Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town	June 5 – June 12 – June 19 – June 26	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Playa Blanca</b> Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen	June 5 – June 12 – June 19 – June 26	<b>5:00 PM</b>

**Services on 5th June, when no locum priest is available, will be worship based on the first half of the Holy Communion liturgy.**

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## Our Monthly Newsletter – June 2016



**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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## **A Message from our Chaplaincy**

### **'Lord, teach us how to pray'**

The command of Jesus to pray the prayer which bears his name is, I guess, the most widely observed of all his commands. It is a prayer so well known and recited so frequently, that we may well end up praying it mindlessly.

So let me remind us all of the basic simplicity of the prayer which consists, happily of three hearty wishes and three humble requests.

People greeting one another the world over use expressions amounting to the wish that their friends may have what they want. We wish one another a good morning and good evening; we wish one another good health as we sip sherry or a tot of whisky. In fact we wish one another the divine protection when we part, for 'Goodbye' means simply that: 'God be with you'.

But how can we wish our heavenly Father anything without it seeming impertinent? Just what do you give the God who has everything?

Well, he is our common Father, so at least we can wish that his name may be honoured by each member of the family that bears it. And he is king of all, so we can wish that his kingdom, his kingly rule may prevail and be seen to prevail.

And his is a heart of love, full of loving purpose for all his creatures, all his creation: so we can wish that his purposes may take effect in us here on earth just as they do in heaven. Those are the things we may wish the creator of all things. And by wishing these things, we are giving our wills to God, which we can only do if we try fully to love him.

And then, because he loves us, we are bold to make our three requests – humble and basic. We ask for the provision of material need for all his vast family and it is the basic need we ask for, bread – not cake! We ask for the forgiveness of our sins for our service of so dear a Father is generally most grudging and unworthy. And, if it pleases him, we ask to be spared trials beyond our strength for fear we fall into the hands of his enemies and deny him.

And that's it. The Lord's Prayer, about which you can preach a whole course of sermons and still not get to the bottom of it. But, if you want simplicity, that's it. The real question is this: who can pray this prayer and mean it?

Well, remember – it is the Lord's Prayer. Jesus himself prays it, and to enter into that prayer is to enter into Christ and so enter the living God himself.

My love and prayers,  
Peter.

Rev. Peter Cavanagh  
Locum in May 2016

## **News and Events in June 2016**

The Parish is currently in interregnum.

We welcome the Revd Paul Skerrow as our locum priest from 9th to 28th June.

### **Tony Newman**

Tony, one of our Churchwardens, who was recently hospitalised in Barcelona with viral encephalitis, is now back in the UK with his family and making a slow but steady recovery. Please pray for him and his wife, Jean.

### **The Apostles Lunch**

During the Summer months, June to September, we plan to arrange an informal lunch on the second Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm. Details will be announced at each service beforehand, or can be obtained from Freida Burke on 928 52 43 47 or Polly Price on 636 83 24 58.

### **Mothers' Union**

There will be no Mothers' Union meeting in June.

Regular monthly meetings will begin again in the Autumn.

For more details please contact Sylvia Couchman on 928 5184 42.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Before you leave**

please take a look at the crafts and booklets at the back of the church, they are all hand made by Parishioners on Lanzarote.