

Services during November 2016

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret November 6 & 20 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town November 6,13,20,27 **12:30 PM**

Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen November 6,13,20,27 **5:00 PM**

Our service in Playa Blanca on the 13th November will be a formal Remembrance Sunday service. There will be no Eucharist on that evening.

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Our Monthly Newsletter – November 2016



**A very warm welcome
to everybody!**

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Anglican and English speaking
people – both residents and
visitors – in Lanzarote.

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our churches and services and
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A Message by Rev Richard Costin (locum Oct 16)

The Feast of Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, and came in with the Revised Common Lectionary, and with the advent of Common Worship. It is celebrated now by most of the western churches. Its significance is that it is on the last Sunday of the church year (this year the 20th of November). The gospel reminds of the scene of the crucifixion and the sign on the cross, 'King of the Jews'. While hanging there in agony, the compassion of Christ is clear when one of the thieves crucified with him asks for forgiveness for his sins with, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom', and Jesus tells him, 'today you will be in paradise with me.' If a criminal can seek forgiveness and receive it, then there is an opportunity for all who are truly contrite and seek God's mercy to find entry into Christ's Kingdom. The feast reminds us that the world needs to see Jesus and can only do so by the love and care we show to each other and the poor and neglected in particular. In effect we are being prepared for the new church year and the penitential season of Advent where we prepare, not only for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, but for his second coming when Christ will be Lord of all and his kingdom will be revealed.

Since the Reformation, the last Sunday of the church year, and starting with the Book of Common Prayer of 1549 became known as 'Stir-up Sunday' with the same invocation to prepare for Jesus coming. The informal name came from the collect for the day: 'Stir up we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plentifully bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plentifully rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.' In keeping with its title the tradition of making Christmas puddings and cakes by stirring the mixture on that day, but its liturgical significance was the same.

Remembrance Sunday

This year, our remembrance in church of all those, from which ever country, who gave their lives in two world wars, and subsequent conflicts will be on the 13th of November. 'Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends', may be seen to be taken out of context, but is significant for the way we are able to live our lives do today. Through their sacrifice we should do our best to ensure a peaceful world for coming generations.

News and Events in November 2016

The Parish is currently in Interregnum.

We welcome back as our locum in November the Rev Robert Ellis. He and his wife will be with us from 26th October to end of November.

Time and Talents needed

As important as our Financial giving is the use we make of the gifts and talents which God has entrusted to us. Are you able to offer of your time and talents in further supporting our church?

Some areas in which we are currently

looking for further help are: Publicity distribution, Congregational Worship Leader, Welcomer at Services, Sacristan duties, Musicians, and Parish Visitor.

If you can offer help in any of these areas, please contact either of our Churchwardens or other parish officers.

The Apostles Lunch

The Apostles Lunch in November, which is a monthly informal social occasion to which all are welcome, will be on Wednesday 16th November.

Details of the venue will be announced at all services.

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

The Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who contributed gifts at our Harvest Festival.

These were gratefully received by the Franciscan Sisters in Tias who have distributed them to those in need.

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.