

## Services during February 2017

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret      February 5 & 19      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town      February 5,12,19,26      **12:30 PM**

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen      February 5,12,19,26      **5:00 PM**

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## Our Monthly Newsletter – February 2017



**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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## **A Message by the Rev Peter Ford**

There is a prayer I know from times past which begins “God of new beginnings”. For us February 2017 is a time of such beginnings. This is exciting as we work together to bring out God’s mission for all of us who live on Lanzarote.

The Hymn “New Every Morning” also reminds us that every day we are called to live the moment with that freshness of the Spring morning as we face new tasks and opportunities, trusting in the loving mercy and grace of God.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Candlemass) sees the end of the Christmas season and we begin to look forward to Lent, Passiontide and Easter. The Calendar of the Church’s year never leaves us without something to think about and to pray about. Prayer is the lifeblood of the Christian and we need to be regular in its use. The Lord’s Prayer is central, to which we can add our own favourite prayers and intercessions.

I commend to you this prayer:

*God of new beginnings, we pray that you will transform your church as you renew us by your love. Give us vision for the journey that we may travel light and live increasingly by faith. Inspire, enliven and empower us, so that along the way we may be sustained by the life of Christ in ourselves, in one another and in the world. Amen.*

Renewal, vision and inspiration, key words in this prayer. I hope that as I begin my ministry amongst you, they will become the key words of our ministry together on this wonderful island of Lanzarote.

**Peter**

## **News and Events in February 2017**

*The Institution of The Reverend Peter Ford OGS by The Venerable Geoffrey Johnston, Archdeacon in the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar, will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 12:30 pm in the Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Puerto del Carmen.*

### **New website**

Our website has lately been restructured and redesigned. We warmly invite you to visit the new website frequently while on the island or back in the U.K. You will find the Monthly Newsletter for download as well as a lot of additional information about our parish.

[www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com)

### **Lent Course**

Fr Peter is proposing to hold a six-week Lent course in the Chaplaincy house, based on material produced by Embrace (Bible Lands Society). The sessions will be held at midday and include a simple lunch. The day of the week and detailed arrangements will be announced at all services and on our website.

### **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.

### **Mothers Union**

The next Mothers' Union AGM meeting will take place on the 13th February at the home of Kath Harding in Playa Blanca at 2pm. Please call Kath Harding for more information on 928 517610.

### **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.