

Services during August 2017

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret August 6 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

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

Playa Blanca

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

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ANGLICAN PARISH
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Our Monthly Newsletter – August 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

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Making the Diocesan Strategy our Own

It is two years now since the Diocesan Strategy was endorsed by the Diocesan Synod. The journey to the Synod had included various consultations. Last year, reflection on the Strategy was undertaken by the Chaplaincy Council and an initial paper was presented to the Archdeaconry Synod. It is now time to 'bring it back' to be a working document in this Chaplaincy.

The overall view is:

“Walking Together in Faith – a Strategy for the Diocese in Europe”

We seek to build a common purpose throughout the Diocese by

- Knowing ourselves as beloved children of God
- Loving God and our neighbour and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Generating a shared sense of direction in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Providing a focus for all that we do

The Council met at the end of June and under the five headings made a number of targets (targets written in italic letters):

Building up the Body of Christ and fostering growth (within the Anglican Tradition) by *Deepening faith and practice in prayer and worship.*

Sharing with other churches and agencies the evangelisation of Europe by *valuing and promoting a culture of welcome, invitation and hospitality.*

Striving for the creation of a just society and a sustainable environment by *Defending the poor, the disadvantaged and those in need.*

Working for reconciliation *within the Church at all levels.*

Resourcing through *Stewardship of our gifts and talents.*

This is a challenging task. Some things are already taking place, but we can do more. We can all begin by using the Parish Prayer on a regular basis:

Father, you called St Laurence to serve you by love, and crowned his life with glorious martyrdom. Help us to live like him in loving you and doing your work. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

A 'How we are doing' report will be made at the Council's September meeting.

Peter

News and Events in August 2017

Wednesday Eucharist and Coffee Morning

Father Peter will be conducting a said Eucharist at 10 am every Wednesday in the Chaplaincy House, followed by coffee and fellowship (10.30 – 12.00 noon). All are warmly invited to either or both parts of the morning.

After the Services on a Sunday you are invited to Coffee

(*or any other beverage*) at Restaurante La Sirena in Puerto del Carmen & Cafe Jose in Playa Blanca.

Apostles Lunch

There is no Apostles Lunch in August.

Mothers Union

The Mothers Union resumes in October – details to follow.

Copper Collection

July 2nd saw the beginning of a new Collection.

We all have a mixed reaction to the amount of copper coins we collect, so here is an opportunity to put them to work. Leave them in the collecting cap at the end of the service and help to provide food for those in need on this island. This is done through CARITAS.

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.