

## Services during September 2017

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret      September 3      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town      September 3, 10, 17, 24      **12:30 PM**

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen      September 3, 10, 17, 24      **5:00 PM**

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## Our Monthly Newsletter – September 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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## Monthly Message

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For me, September is always a special time. I loved the beginning of a new school year. Looking down from the stage at the first assembly of the New Year was fascinating. First years in the new school uniform, perhaps a little too big, but by the end of the year and in some cases, that term it would be a different story. Then there were new exercise books, pristine and how did youngsters try their best to keep it that way, perfect. In the summer term, I would order new text books and loved to bring them into use! I still do, I love new books, they smell so fresh, unused and exciting, full of potential.

But what of ourselves? Do we wake up excited at a new day? Do we see potential in what lies before us? Sometimes we all wake up with a heavy heart, jobs left undone, emails to be answered and sent. I often tell myself off for leaving last night's washing up to next morning. How lazy can one get! I set myself a simple challenge - That the house is ready for visitors by 10 am!

Into all this comes our Spiritual life. How often do we read our bibles? Or even the Sunday Readings which are given out at our services? Take the readings home, read them, mull them over. Let the Holy Spirit inspire you. Then there are our prayers. Are we people who only pray when we are in crisis? Again, the notice sheet gives you little things to pray about – the Archdeaconry and the Diocese, those recently married and other things which are taking place. Of course, we have dry times, so it is important to set your time for God and keep it like you would keep a doctor's appointment. If you feel that you have nothing to pray about, then silence before God is of special value and if you really want to say something, then the Lord's Prayer cannot be beaten.

**Peter**

## News and Events in September 2017

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### **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 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.

### **Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival will be celebrated at all services on **1st October**. All gifts of non-perishable food items will be given to the Franciscan nuns in Tias for distribution to those in need.

### **Apostles Lunch**

in September will take place on Tuesday 19/09/17 at 1.30pm, Los Hervideros Restaurant, Calle Entidad 9, Playa Blanca. Please contact Polly Price.

### **Mothers Union**

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

### **Copper 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. Please leave them 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.