

## Services during April 2018

### Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret      April 1, 15      **10:00 AM**

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town      April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29      **12:30 PM**

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen      April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29      **5:00 PM**

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ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

## Our Monthly Newsletter – April 2018



**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 from our locum

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Christian Baptism has become a very emotive, and sometimes divisive issue between Christians and the Churches to which they belong. The Church of England has traditionally offered infant baptism, other churches, particularly independent churches, prefer to offer only adult baptism, and seem to frown upon the idea that an infant should or could be baptised.

Interestingly, Francis and Judith Macnutt wrote a revolutionary book in 1988, the title was 'Praying for your unborn child'. Around that time it became recognised that the unborn child was aware and could be influenced by external sounds and movements. The unborn child could hear music and at the other end of the spectrum, was aware of shouting and arguments raging without. Francis and Judith speculated that, as the unborn child developed in a recognised cycle, limbs, hair and finger nails etc. then if the parents began praying together for their unborn child and the prayers were linked to target the cycle of foetal development. So as the limbs developed, the prayer would target limbs. As the fingers and toes developed, their prayers would target the development of their unborn child's fingers and toes.

They went on to say from their research : "If parents prayed together in this way, linked to the child's development cycle, then a quiet revolution would take place with such children being born having a pre-disposition to God".

I have gifted this book to many mothers as early as possible in their pregnancy and found it beneficial to both parents and child. Please read this book if you ever have the opportunity.

The position of those opposed to infant baptism, that the infant is unable to understand or to speak for itself and therefore can't be baptised. But where would that leave those with learning difficulties, dementia or a multitude of other difficulties, who find it hard or impossible to think things through, or speak for themselves. Are they to remain unbaptised or without God's Kingdom. In reality, when such groups of people or the infants are baptised, then what we are doing is simply ratifying that which is already is. That God as their creator is already their spiritual Father, and in their innocence they are already in His family and heirs to his kingdom.

**Father Rodney (locum March 2018)**

## News and Events in April 2018

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCHWARDENS

**We regret to inform you** that from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 we will be entering a period of Interregnum, because Father Peter Ford OGS has resigned from his post of Chaplain of The Anglican Parish of St Laurence in Lanzarote. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his ministry during his time with us.

We the Churchwardens, would value your prayers, help and support, during this period of Interregnum.

**Robert Good & Bill Mowbray**  
**Churchwardens**

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**After the Sunday Services you are invited to coffee** (or any other beverage) and fellowship at Restaurante la Sirena in Puerto del Carmen.

### Apostles Lunch

Everybody's welcome. Our Apostles lunch this month will take place on April 10. For more details, please contact Freida Burke.

### Copper Collection

Copper Collection - Please leave your copper donations in the collecting cap at the end of the service and help to provide food through CARITIS for those in need.

### 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.