

## Services during July 2018

### Nazaret

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

### Puerto del Carmen

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

### Playa Blanca

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

**After the 12:30 Sunday service, you are invited to coffee** (or any other beverage) and fellowship at Restaurante la Sirena in Puerto del Carmen.

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ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

## Our Monthly Newsletter – July 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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## Tribute to Linda Davis

The sudden death in hospital on 3<sup>rd</sup> June of Linda Davis has taken from us a tireless contributor to the British Community in Lanzarote, and especially to the Anglican Parish of St Laurence, for over a quarter of a century. After emigrating to the island in the 1980s, with her husband Syd, Linda rapidly acquired fluency in Spanish, and a deep knowledge of local customs, regulations, and sources of expertise, whilst raising her children, Anthony and Diane. In this way, having set up as a consultant and interpreter, over the years she assisted countless individuals and families in settling on the island, in obtaining necessary permits and certificates, in moments of crisis and illness, and in repatriation. Even when off the island, Linda would respond to urgent calls for help, for example from undertakers needing to liaise with the Chaplain and family. Beyond that, Linda devoted her time to the needs of her family, and to the development and running of the Parish of St Laurence in many capacities: for over 20 years, right up to the time of her passing, as Parish Secretary and as an Archdeaconry Synod representative; as a Churchwarden in the early years of this century, and most recently as Assistant Treasurer as well.

Linda was possessed of a remarkable staying power remaining, unassumingly but always effectively, at the core of the Parish through all the years of its growing pains, its vicissitudes, and its achievements. Her integrity and her discretion were unshakeable. However much she disliked or disagreed with the decisions of others, having said her piece, her loyalty and humility would not allow her feelings to distract her from what she considered to be her duty. Whatever tasks she undertook, she always wanted to complete them to the best of her ability, even on occasions denying herself her prescribed medication because the side-effects might prevent her from completing the task to her satisfaction. It was nigh impossible to persuade Linda to put her own health needs first before the needs of others.

David, her fellow Synod Rep for many years, recalls the efficiency with which she arranged year after year the flights to Synod venues on the mainland and any overnight stays, always seeking to keep the costs to the Parish as low as possible, even in the year that Spanair ceased to operate three days before they were due to fly. In recent years, when her health and mobility deteriorated, she soldiered on without complaint, even when travel to the annual Synod required wheelchair assistance. Her assumption of the assistant treasurership of St Laurence two years ago during an interregnum, despite increasing frailty, and in addition to her duties as Parish Secretary, was a supreme example of her self-sacrificial attitude towards her faith.

## News and Events in July 2018

There was also a lighter side to this serious lady. Deirdre recalls them both making Rock and Roll fluorescent polka-dot costumes and Ninja Turtle outfits for successive Carnivals, then dancing with their children through the streets of Puerto del Carmen to the beat of the Batucadas and the Salsa Verde band. More recently, all the fun of a mini Olympic Games at her home in Guime raised significant funds for the Parish. Less well-known were her talents as a musician (in the early days she played at services in Teguisse and Puerto del Carmen), as a needlewoman and as a cook.

The Parish and Lanzarote are poorer for the passing of this enduring and 'faith-full' lady.



LINDA DAVIS

### Apostles Lunch

Our Apostles' Lunch is a monthly, informal, social occasion to which everyone is welcome. In July, it takes place on July 06, 2018 at 2:00 pm at TREAT Café & Bar in Playa Blanca (CC Punta Limones). Please contact Polly Price ([polly@apafin.com](mailto:polly@apafin.com)).

### 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.

### Sale in aid of church funds

We are planning to hold another sale in aid of Church funds at Tahiche and anyone who has anything to donate to contact Bill Mowbray (contact details overleaf).

### 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.