

Services during April 2019

Nazaret

Church of Nuestra Señora de Nazaret April 14, 21 **10:00 AM**

Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora in the harbour, Old Town April 7, 14, 21, 28 **12:30 PM**

After the Sunday Service you are invited to coffee (or any other beverage) and fellowship at Restaurante El Asador in Puerto del Carmen.

Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen April 7, 14, 21, 28 **5:00 PM**

For services in Holy Week and Easter, please see page 3.

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Our Monthly Newsletter – April 2019



A very warm welcome to everybody!

Our mission is to serve the Anglican and English speaking people – both residents and visitors – in Lanzarote.



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Monthly message from Fr Stan Evans, our new Chaplain

Firstly, may I say how excited I am to have been appointed as your new Chaplain.

Rosemary and I look forward to being with you in early April.

By the time you read this, the Brexit decision may well have been made on the 29th March. As a British citizen who has lived in Ireland for over 25 years, I share with all of those of you who live in Lanzarote the uncertainties and concerns as to how we may be affected. However, nothing whatsoever will detract from the joy of joining you. I am an optimist and do not intend to look back to the past. Commonsense will prevail and there will be life beyond Brexit. We will remain as the Diocese IN Europe – and we will get on with proclaiming the Gospel no matter what!

I come to the Chaplaincy at a wonderful time of the year. My first celebration will be on April 7th – the Sunday prior to my Licensing on Wednesday 10th. We then move to Palm Sunday and walk with our Lord to the foot of the cross on Good Friday. We bring our concerns and our earthly hurts and woes right there – to the foot of the cross. This will allow us to move forward to a glorious Easter morning when we will celebrate the risen Christ in our midst who offers us a new beginning both in our own lives and the life of the Chaplaincy.

The Licensing Service includes the following reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

“if there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing of the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus....”

This must be our vision and our goal as we support each other for whatever lies before us in the coming years. If we do, then we will have 'life, and life in abundance'....for it is by doing this as we meet each other and those whom we welcome to our churches that we will be known as His disciples. I ask for your patience over the first weeks with you as it is important that I take time to listen and share with as many as possible of you, your concerns and aspirations, not looking back but forward to the joys that lie ahead for all of us on this incredible island.

Finally, I wish to thank all of those who have served the parish during the interregnum – especially the Locums, and of course Bill and Angela Mowbray without whose constant support I would have found the move very difficult. I am sure the parish are greatly appreciative of all that they have done to steer the ship through choppy waters.

Every blessing

Stan

News and Events in April 2019

A warm welcome to all our congregations, visitors and friends!

We warmly welcome Revd Stan Evans, our new Chaplain, and his wife Rosie to St Laurence. Fr Stan's first Sunday in charge will be on 7th April.

Fr Stan has had a long and varied ministry, including responsibilities with the Church of England Children's Society, as Director of Funding for the Archbishop of York, and as Director of an ecumenical Trust improving resource management in churches throughout the UK and Ireland. Most recently, Fr Stan was priest in charge of the Omey Group of Parishes in Connemara, as well as Provost of Tuam.

The Service for the Institution of Fr Stan will be celebrated by the Archdeacon of Gibraltar at 11.30am on Wednesday 10th April in the church of Nuestra Senora del Carmen in Puerto del Carmen. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Laurence will be held in the Chaplaincy House at 11am on Friday 12th April, followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

Apostles Lunch - There will be no Apostles Lunch in April.

Our services in Holy Week and Easter will be as follows:

14th April - Palm Sunday:

10.00 am Nazaret (Holy Communion)

12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen (Holy Communion)

5.00 pm Playa Blanca (Holy Communion)

18th April - Maundy Thursday

4.30 pm Playa Blanca (HC with washing of feet)

19th April - Good Friday

11.00 am Puerto d. Carmen (Ecumenical Service with the Stations of the Cross)

21st April – Easter Sunday

10.00 am Nazaret (Holy Communion)

12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen (Holy Communion)

5.00 pm Playa Blanca (Holy Communion)