

## Services during February 2020

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora  
in the harbour, Old Town February 2, 9, 16, 23 **12.30 PM**

*After the Sunday Service you are invited to join us for a beverage and fellowship at the Asian restaurant opposite the church in Puerto del Carmen.*

### Playa Blanca

Church of Nuestra Señora  
del Carmen February 2, 9, 16, 23 **5.00 PM**

Scan the QR code to directly access our website  
[www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com)



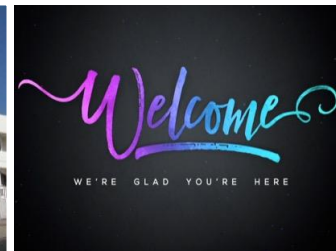
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ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

## Our monthly Newsletter – February 2020



### **Welcome to the Anglican Parish of St Laurence's Lanzarote!**

Our mission is to serve the English speaking residents and also the many visitors to this beautiful island. Our local congregations work hard to ensure that those who visit and share in our worship return to their home churches refreshed and renewed.

### **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. We comply fully with the requirements of the Diocese's Safeguarding Policy.

Please visit our website – [www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com) – and follow us on Facebook for the very latest news: *Lanzarote Church of England Parish of St Laurence*.

For those planning their wedding: We would be delighted to welcome you to the island and help in arranging that very special Blessing of your Marriage in these idyllic surroundings.

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## “Growing Together”

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It is so encouraging to hear from so many who are appreciative of our worship and want to be part of all that is happening at St Laurence’s, both in Puerto del Carmen and Playa Blanca.

During these coming weeks I want to engage with **YOU** to look at our worship - to keep it fresh and uplifting. I will be taking a collaborative approach as I have done on other matters. Each of you has a part to play.

Each of us has God given gifts which are waiting to be unlocked for the benefit of the Church here in this place. **Would you be happy to read, lead intercessions or be involved in a multiplicity of other tasks?**

Confidentiality is important in ministry – but what I can share with you is that there are so many who are struggling with anxiety, loneliness and health issues.

As we approach Lent I think it would be of enormous benefit for us to come together weekly, in homes across the island, to share and pray for each other.

**Would you want to be a part of it?**

On Ash Wednesday I propose we have a special service as we begin our walk with our Lord to the foot of the cross. **Are you joining?**

I was also thinking about a Service of Healing on a regular basis - giving space and time for those who are bruised with the pressures of life.

What is also very important is our prayer life – all that we do must be rooted in prayer. So many who visit us inform me as they leave that they will hold us in their prayers in their home Churches. How wonderful is that? Let us reciprocate and develop an international prayer chain which will overcome the miles which physically separate us ... I would be delighted to establish a ‘Prayer Team’ –

**Would you be able to head up this initiative?**

So there is much to do for me and – on a voluntary basis – for you. What a responsibility & opportunity. What a privilege. But most of all what a joy!

I want to ask you for your personal feedback and thoughts on these ideas, no matter whether you’re a regular visitor, resident or remote friend of St Laurence.

Feel free to share other ideas with me, too. Please take a couple of minutes to speak to me today or get in touch over the phone or by email within the month of February. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you.

*Every Blessing.*

*Fr Stan Evans, Chaplain*

## News and Events in February 2020

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### **Apostles Lunch**

Our Apostles lunch this month will be on Tuesday, 11/02/20 at 1.30 pm at La Opera Restaurant in Playa Honda. Everybody is welcome for fellowship and a nice lunch. Please let Polly Price (polly@apafin.com) know if you are able to attend by Thursday, February 6.

### **Mothers Union**

5th February at 2.30 pm at Villa Jazmin:

Prayers and discussion on the Mothers’ Union future on Lanzarote.

11th March at 2.30pm: AGM. Please get in touch with Marilyn Forder ([marilynfordorder@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marilynfordorder@yahoo.co.uk)) for further information.

### **Gift Aid Scheme**

As a Parish we are self-sufficient and do not receive any grants or help from the Church of England. 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.

### **Friends of St Laurence**

To receive our Monthly Newsletter by email throughout the year, simply leave your contact details at the end of our service with our team at the back of the church.

### **Support Tom**

Our support and fundraising for Tom is unbroken – Please help this lad to regain the life he deserves and support his therapy. There is a special donation box for Tom at the back of the church.

### **Leaflets**

We now have great leaflets on our Chaplaincy which we want to display in hotels, restaurants and other locations. Please let us know if you can help us!

### **From the Registers**

#### **Deaths:**

24th December 2019 Alan Davies - Guime

26th December 2019 Fr Christopher John Markham David

28th December 2019 Winifred Mary Wilson - Playa Blanca

#### **Baptism:**

19th January 2019 Faye Elizabeth Tibbles from East Worthing, Sussex