

INFORMATION

SERVICES IN CHURCH

Puerto del Carmen:

July 5, 12, 19, 26 – all at 12.30pm

Please make sure to bring & wear your mask with both mouth and nose covered throughout the entire service.

ONLINE SERVICES

We will provide a monthly online LIVINGROOM SERVICE starting in July.

We plan to provide it on July 15th online.

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel (Anglican Parish Lanzarote), follow us on facebook, check our website or sign up for our email news for more information.

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THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL AND ASSIGNED OFFICES

Revd Canon Stan Evans - Chaplain

Simon Carver - Churchwarden

Derek Eastman - Churchwarden

Sunny Schwarz - Secretary / Lay Synod Representative

Marilyn Forder - Lay Synod Representative

Brenda Hargreaves - Electoral Roll Officer

Polly Price - Safeguarding Officer

Roger Forder

Martin Lamb

Ashley Price

Michael Norsworthy (co-opted)

The position of an Independent Auditor is vacant.



ANGLICAN PARISH
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

July 2020

Hope

Hear our prayers everywhere

May you be given Hope:

The ability to allow the promises that God has made to shape the way you see and experience the world.

May this Hope push out fear and despair.

*May you know its power in your soul now,
giving you the courage to stand
in the midst of the storms.*

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

The past sixteen weeks have been the most challenging in the life of the Chaplaincy of St Laurence's. During the latter months of 2019 we were seeing increasing congregations and signs of growth which gave us the confidence to 'think future' and explore ways in which we could reach out to those who are resident, whilst also continuing to offer the warmest of welcomes to those visitors from around the world. An area identified was Tias, as a developing and lively town – with 25% English speaking population. There was a groundswell of support and a decision made to search for a suitable Chaplaincy base – which would give us a house 'fit for purpose' for the Chaplain, whilst also providing a meeting place and administrative base for the Anglican Church here on Lanzarote. The small Chaplaincy House in Puerto del Carmen has served us well but had many limitations on space, parking and accommodation.

Just as the momentum and enthusiasm was building – the Covid-19 pandemic struck with devastating consequences. Our island emptied. Flights cancelled and the airport closed. Our church services came to an end. Our income ceased. Our lock down came, and our world and our lives changed overnight. What could we do to support those who suddenly found themselves unable to return home to the UK and Ireland or even leave their homes here.

We made the decision to do our very best in bringing a 'virtual' service to our people, and the first attempt was for Mothering Sunday – a time when the 'Mother Church' was so desperately needed. From then on we produced a regular weekly service for a further fifteen weeks and the world joined us. Families and friends from literally around the globe began to tune in every week and we suddenly had a gathering of some 500+ worshipping with us. What an incredible privilege. Also, thankfully many asked if they could make their offertory online which meant that our income although restricted was maintained.

Then suddenly we found ourselves in a position where a prime property fit for purpose was offered in Tias at a vastly reduced price – and with an agreement which would give us time to sell the small Chaplaincy House in PDC and to seriously set about the task to raise the 'gap funding' which is between €70-90k.

From a Chaplaincy facing close-down in early March, here we were determined to secure its future and build on all that had been established over the past 25 years, but now determined to fulfil its mission in a new and exciting way. To our virtual services we invited our own Area Bishop David Hamid, who on 21st June gave us the most wonderful reflection – reminding us that *'we are going to struggle in the world for there are things that need to be changed. Christians are not just passive and shrinking violets. We are to be active, engaging with the world, to put it in line with God's plan. As the lockdown has taught us we should value people over money and economics.'*

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Then on this final weekly virtual service, we have had the privilege of hearing the former Archbishop of York, David Hope, deliver a powerful message to us in Lanzarote. He affirms our 'Welcoming Ministry' which is so cherished by so many and we long to greet you all once again in Puerto del Carmen, Playa Blanca and of course at the new Chaplaincy House in Tias. I had worked for him as his Funding Director and he sent me a personal note of encouragement this morning – *Yes I guess your fundraising skills will be much needed for the new house and centre. In view of past experience and with much prayerful and practical support I am sure you will get there! God willing.*

So dear friends, I need your support and all the help I can muster over these coming nine months to enable us to go forward together. You can all share in the joy as we seek to bring the love of our Lord to so many who are searching for the love and compassion that only He can offer at this difficult time. Over past years, so many deeply committed Christians have supported this Chaplaincy – and for them we give sincerest thanks. Our task now is to build on the foundations they laid as we 'think future' and we are not alone in this. As Bishop David Hamid reminded us: *'We have our Lord Jesus present in our community, we have our brothers and sisters in Christ, who like us are on the same journey, so we can help and support each other with the challenges. And we have God's powerful Spirit who dwells with us and strengthens us'.*

Please hold the Chaplaincy of St Laurence's Lanzarote in your prayers to go forward together.

Fr Stan - Chaplain

DONATIONS

Account holder for all accounts is "Parroquia Anglicana de San Lorenzo en Lanzarote". If you want your donation to be used towards the purchase of the new Chaplaincy House, please state so in your transfer details.

GBP Account

Sort Code: 23 -14 -70
Account no. 84469055

Euro Account 1

IBAN: BE43 9670 0854 9201
(SWIFT code: TRWIBEB1XXX)

Euro Account 2

IBAN: ES56 2038 7233 2460 0002 2757
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