

YouTube Services & Church Services

For the time of the lockdown, please find our YouTube links to all our Services on our website or subscribe to our YouTube channel „Anglican Parish Lanzarote“. We would never have imagined such a great reach and are blown away and overwhelmed by your lovely, personal and emotional feedback. As soon as it is legally allowed and safe again, we will resume our Church Services in Puerto del Carmen on Sundays at 12.30 pm and in Playa Blanca on Sundays at 5.00 pm.



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May 2020

Hope

Hear our prayers everywhere

So here it is – our Newsletter for May with it’s new name. We have been in touch with you since the start of lockdown - more than ever before - and we feel that, despite the difficult time we are all experiencing, we are growing together into an even stronger community of friends. With physical distance at the moment, but with chords that cannot be broken – bound together by our Lord.

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Message from our Chaplain

Dear friends,

I hope that you are in good spirits after being 'locked away' as never before. Here at Chaplaincy House we too have been very conscious of the pressures inflicted on you all and also on us as a family. Children and grandchildren at a distance, but embraced virtually with the help of technology. A different world.

The task of bringing you all together and offering virtual pastoral care has been a real challenge, but thankfully good news is emerging. Our online services have been received and appreciated by so many (500 weekly viewing) – truly from around the globe. Canada, USA, France, Belgium, Spain, UK, Ireland, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Germany, Italy, so we have created an incredible network of 'friends' who are asking that we continue to keep in touch with them from our island base. So, we have decided to continue with this link with a 'Living Room' service on a monthly basis after the lock-down is lifted. We are in a changing world, and we have to adapt accordingly to meet the challenge of proclaiming the Gospel into this new decade in an imaginative and innovative way. My task as your Chaplain is to manage that change, so that no-one is left behind, and that the God given gifts of so many can be unlocked to 'make a difference'.

We will never go back to the way 'things were'.....and we now have the opportunity to broaden our remit of care in a loving and sensitive way to those who will need love and support. That surely is what we should be doing as a living Church. We must be an outward looking church – bringing comfort and healing to those who are bruised and hurting. We need to engage with as many English speaking in our communitynot just through our time together on Sunday, but in ways in which those on the fringes are welcomed and supported: Mum's and Toddler groups, Men's Gospel Breakfasts, Chaplaincy BBQ, Mothers Union, luncheon clubs for the elderly and those who live alone, and so many other ways. That doesn't mean that we will not cherish still our services together in PDC and PB.....but I intend to explore more ways in which we can reach out to those who need to be brought into the fold.

Change can be painful, and the management of change is therefore such an important part of my ministry among you. As soon as we can physically gather we will hold our APCM for the Chaplaincy. During these past weeks I have been doing the necessary preparatory work and I am delighted with the response of so many at this difficult time.

May 2020

Over recent weeks both Churchwardens – Robin Wardle and Michael Norsworthy – have indicated to me that they would wish to stand down. Both men have played pivotal roles in the life of this Chaplaincy over many years, both were Congregational Worship Leaders and although they are reluctant for me to highlight their efforts – it is my duty to remind you all of their contributions to us, for which we are truly thankful.

Robin Wardle - has to face hip surgery shortly, and also wishes to spend more time with Annie and the family. Robin has given wonderful service to our Chaplaincy over the past 17 years – covering as a Lay assistant both here on Lanzarote and also travelling over to Fuerteventura to help keep services running there until 2013. He has served faithfully at Nazaret until 2019. A PCC member since 2003, whilst also holding the post of Safeguarding Officer and Churchwarden.

Michael Norsworthy – has been a PCC member since 2007, Churchwarden for four years, Secretary since 2018. He has helped to keep the Chaplaincy going on all cylinders the good times and some stormy waters. Michael acknowledges that St Laurence's is entering a new phase and has fully supported me in endorsing my efforts to create an exciting future for the chaplaincy – building on the selfless contributions of so very many past members.

The delay in being able to organise our APCM has caused nervous uncertainties but I am pleased to share reassuring good news. I have received two nominations for Churchwardens. Simon Paul Carver (PDC) and Derek Eastman (PB) have been so supportive over this past year and I look forward to working with them and thank them for their commitment. Also, with Michael stepping down as Secretary it is imperative that we have continuity – and I am delighted that Sunny Schwarz has kindly offered to take on the secretarial duties alongside that of Information Officer.

So dear friends, I ask for your continuing support, I ask for your prayers – as I give thanks for each one of you.

Yours in Christ

Fr Stan - Chaplain

New Name for our Newsletter

HOPE. HEAR OUR PRAYER EVERYWHERE.

This is the second newsletter we are only providing as attachment to email or for download due to lockdown. Yet incredible how many people we can reach and maybe the time is just right to focus on „making our prayers heard“ everywhere – and give everybody the chance to find their way to us, to worship with us, to pray with us and let us pray for them. So the new name „HOPE“ is not a mere name, but a promise to give and share hope – today, tomorrow, always.

A Million thanks !

On 10 April I celebrated my first anniversary as your Chaplain.....and was delighted to receive the most superb Executive Samsonite Travel Case and a gift voucher for a favourite restaurant in Famara for Rosie who joins me in thanking you most sincerely for your generosity.

Now I can go to Chapter and Synod meetings with my head held highand when the restaurant is open for business we can take on a few more calories.

Thank you to all those who contributed - and we are most grateful.

God bless - **Stan and Rosie x**



A Prayer of Hope

*If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life,
let it be hope.*

Let it be hope

that better things are always ahead.

Let it be hope

that you can get through even the toughest of times.

Let it be hope

that you are stronger than any challenge

that comes your way.

Let it be hope

*that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that
you are on the path to where you are meant to be.*

*... because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries
you through.*

LIVING ROOM SERVICES

With the end of lockdown, we will start to bring to you a monthly service on YouTube, just as we are joining together weekly at the moment. While we will hold our regular Services in PdC and PB again, these **LIVING ROOM SERVICES** shall be a wonderful addition and a permanent way to stay in touch and serve those of you who cannot join us in person.

These services can be watched any day, any time, whenever you feel you need to bond with us and we will be right there. From our LIVING ROOM to your LIVING ROOM.

Light a candle, join the service and feel how close we all can be despite the miles between us.

We feel truly blessed to have this opportunity – now and in the future!