

## INFORMATION

### SERVICES IN CHURCH IN NOVEMBER 2020

>> PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES!

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 all at 12.30 pm

#### PLAYA BLANCA

November 8 & 22 at 5.00 pm

#### ONLINE SERVICES

LIVING ROOM SERVICE #9 has been published and we invite you very much to watch it in your own time and share it with friends. We will also provide a virtual Remembrance Service for November 8th.

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#### PRAYER CANDLES

Maybe think about a Christmas gift for your friends and neighbours – and bring a little light into their days and nights with one of our Prayer Candles.

#### DONATIONS

If you are in a position to make a donation to keep our Chaplaincy going, whether in Church or online, kindly support us. We are completely self-funding all our running costs and expenses.

#### DEATHS

Alexander Kenneth Cotterill, father of Polly Price, died on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00pm in his nursing in Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK. He was in his 102<sup>nd</sup> year and thankfully Polly and Emma her daughter were with him. His funeral will be in Loughborough. We send our sincere condolences.

#### PRAYERS

We continue to pray for Russell and Margaret Jenkins. Russell has recently returned to 24/7 home care from hospital where he has been very ill.



ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

November 2020

*Hear our prayers  
everywhere*

*Hope*

**Romans 15:13**

*'MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.'*

**HARVEST GIVING – THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**



**Jeremiah 29:11**

*'FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU'  
says the Lord.*

*'THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD AND NOT FOR DISASTER,  
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.'*

DIOCESE IN EUROPE

THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

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Dear friends,

When I drafted this message, I received an urgent call to link into a Zoom meeting with Bishop David and the rest of my clerical colleagues from across the Diocese. This coincided with the imposing of Level 5 restrictions in Europe. I was somewhat apprehensive as to what was really coming next. Then in our meeting we heard of Chaplains deeply concerned of impending civil unrest as folk become increasingly frustrated and annoyed at being restricted. What a difficult task we have in trying to hold the reins and steer a path which will show support and caring with the compassion of Christ as so many are hurting or are bruised at this time.

Sometimes it is difficult to find the words of hope – but that is what we must do with real conviction and assurance.

It is a fact of life that there's no gain without pain, no advancement without adversity, and no progress without problems. As followers of Christ we should never let problems get us down. God allows specific situations in our lives to bring growth. And without perseverance we won't get very far. He goes ahead of us when he calls us to do a particular job – he equips and empowers us. What a joy it is when you can see his plan coming to fruition.

In this regard, my Catholic colleague, Fr Agustin Lasso and I have pledged to explore ways in which we can work together to serve the 600 families so desperately in need on our island. Together we can do so much more than apart. Yes – our virtual services continue to attract many to our online worship and the support we have been receiving has been incredible, in ways which our 'actual' church services would never have produced. Our Harvest services produced a mountain of non-perishables, and voucher support for a wide range of families right across the island. Our aim over these past months has been to further the vision and mission of this Chaplaincy. It is so difficult to give a message of hope with such global bad news in so many ways; Covid19, Brexit, Nigerian unrest, racial rioting in the United States and the lack of trust in leaders, earthquakes in Turkey and Greece... what can we do as a small Chaplaincy off the north-west coast of Africa to make a difference?

We will never return to the Chaplaincy of 20-25 years ago – but the response that I am receiving from across the whole island is that we are trusted and respected and we are so greatly appreciated as we stand alongside those who are lost and marginalised.

In early June Bishop David, in his reflection given on our virtual service, reminded us: *'But friends, we are not alone in this. We have our Lord Jesus present in our community, we have brothers and sisters in Christ, who like us are on the same journey. We must value people over money and economics.'*

## NOVEMBER 2020

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Now as we look towards Advent and Christmas – what can we do to lift your hearts, amidst the world chaos and all the restrictions that we have to adhere to?

This Christmas will be different – but we will rejoice to welcome our Lord and Saviour. Yes of course there will be opportunities for us to gather and 'all will be welcome'. We will also focus on being a living and caring Church – supporting those whose Christmas will be very difficult.

On Christmas Eve we will have our Christmas Eucharist in Playa Blanca and I am delighted that we will be able to worship in PDC at 11.00 am on Christmas morning. As we have no Ecumenical Service planned for this year, we will have an Ecumenical Carol Service at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd December and the venue will be announced shortly. More details, dates and times in our December newsletter and on our website.

God bless you – and let us all stay safe and stay well.

### Fr- Stan - Chaplain

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#### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We will have an Act of Remembrance in our Service of Holy Communion in Puerto del Carmen and a full Remembrance Service in Playa Blanca on November 8th.

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Classes are starting on November 2nd at the Chaplaincy House & Centre on Monday mornings. Learn everyday Spanish in small groups. Every second Wednesday, aqua gym, cake and fellowship are offered at 4.00 pm. Our crafting group is meeting every Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon at the Chaplaincy Centre. Please get in touch with Chris Ewington if you want to join. All classes above at 5€ per session – please book your space in advance. Martin offers free fitness walk on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays normally at 10.30 am. Please get in touch with Martin to join him on one of his walks.



Harvest Services: Puerto del Carmen, Playa Blanca and Virtual