

## INFORMATION

### SERVICES IN CHURCH IN DECEMBER 2020

>> PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES!

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

December 6, 13, 20, 27 all at 12.30 pm

**Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup> – at 11.00 am**

#### PLAYA BLANCA

December 6 & 20 at 5.00 pm

**Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup> – at 5.00 pm**

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## December 2020

*Hear our prayers everywhere*

# Hope

*As one year gives way to another,  
may you enter it with a sense  
that it is another opportunity.*

*So often we carry our failures and our regrets  
with us like heavy baggage.*

*May you be delivered from this habit,  
and instead may you face the new year  
with humility and hope.*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

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### Advent and Christmas 2020

As we move into Advent this year – our preparation for Christmas is so very different. This pandemic has separated families and loved ones at a time when we should be celebrating with excitement the wonder of Christmas. But what I am sure you have noticed is the way that people are caring for those who are vulnerable in society. We are finding new ways of connecting – and we thank God for that.

Here at the Chaplaincy Centre in Tias we are experiencing the joy of folk coming together in a variety of ways – and the being ‘together’ has been appreciated by young and old. New people are joining and sharing with us in ways which, even in the restricted ways – offer fellowship and support and that is ‘good news’ indeed.

In Playa Blanca on December 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate new life and the God given gift of Julie Ann as we baptise her and welcome her into the family of the Church.

We are seeing a small number of visitors to our services and we have also been encouraged by several new permanent residents who are now worshipping with us. What a joy it will be once again when we can welcome those from whom we have been separated for so many months.

This year because of restrictions our Carol Service in Puerto del Carmen on December 22<sup>nd</sup> (7pm) will mean that our numbers will be limited. Masks must be worn throughout and it will not be possible to have a choir in the church. However, after the service our German Choir will sing outside so that social distancing will be possible. I thank you for your kind understanding.

On Christmas Day (11am) in Puerto del Carmen we will have a Christmas Family Eucharist – and we hope that as many as possible will join us. Let us make this a true celebration to lift our hearts and give thanks for the greatest gift of all.

Come on and celebrate – the gift of joy – nothing else can bring. Wishing you all a peaceful and Holy Christmastide.

**Fr Stan - Chaplain**

## DECEMBER 2020

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### BAPTISM

We will baptise and welcome JULIE ANN ANTONINO into our community in our service on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Playa Blanca.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carol Singing (ecumenical): December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm in PdC

Christmas Eve Service: December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm in PB

Christmas Day Service: December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am in PdC

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

Advent Thoughts – Thursdays at 12.00 noon

Spanish Conversation – Mondays, 11.00 am

Together – Ecumenical Chat & Cake – Wednesdays, 4.00 pm

Crafts with Chris – Thursdays, 10.00 am

Walk with Martin – flexible, every day

### 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.

They are €4 each and available at all services and at the Chaplaincy Centre.

### 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.

### FUNERALS

Jennifer Elizabeth HARRIS

Date of death: 7 November 2020 | Cremation: 10 November 2020

Jimmy BENT

Date of death: 9 November 2020 | Cremation: 10 November 2020

### SUPPORT THE FOOD BANKS

Please bring 1 or 2 items of non-perishables to our services and we will pass them on to those in need. If everybody gives a little only, it adds up to so much.

What’s always needed: Pasta, cooking oil, salt and sugar, milk, breakfast cereal, tuna, canned meat, long-life bread, lentils, beans, chickpeas etc.