

## Services during January 2021

### Puerto del Carmen

Church of Nuestra Señora  
in the harbour, Old Town

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

January 3, 17, 31

5.00 PM

### FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE – STAY IN TOUCH

To receive our Monthly Newsletter by email and the links to our Virtual Services, simply leave your contact details at the end of our service with our team or send us an email.

### ACTIVITIES AT CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Join our regular activities at the Chaplaincy Centre in Tias:

Monday at 11.00 am is our Spanish Conversation class

Wednesdays at 4.00 pm is our ecumenical talk & cake afternoon

Thursdays at 10.00 am is our Crafts with Chris class

and 'Walk with Martin' is a daily offer in the mornings.

Please get in touch for more information!

### MOTHERS UNION

will meet again on January 12th, 2021 with Terry Ewington as speaker.

New members always welcome!

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ANGLICAN PARISH  
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## Our monthly Newsletter – January 2021



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

### 2021 – Hoping & Praying

*We hope this new year is kinder to us.*

*We hope this year things are different.*

*We pray we take all the lessons we learned last year  
and never forget them. We pray we move on the right way  
with patience, faith and love,  
with kindness, compassion and trust.*

*We hope all the things that made last year difficult don't follow.*

*We hope we get better.*

*And we hope and pray all of us can smile and breathe  
and safely meet again.*

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## New Year's Message from our Chaplain

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support offered throughout 2020 which was without doubt a year most of us will wish to forget. However, the 'togetherness' demonstrated in so many ways lifted hearts and secured the future of this Chaplaincy in an incredible way.

In past years the challenge had been to serve the English speaking residents, swallows, and also the visitors alike. It was a huge task to keep people fully engaged and informed – whilst also moving the Church forward by connecting with a much wider congregation month by month. What we didn't realise of course is the task that would be presented to us when the pandemic hit.

Thankfully we identified the vehicle to do this as our online services – launched in March 2020 – brought us not only in touch with those from who we were separated but with a new and committed supporter base on a global platform.

We have now seen the 'Friends of St Laurence's' supporter base rise to over 200 and week by week we have connected with an average of over 250 in our 'virtual congregations'. This has been a great encouragement. At the very heart of our Church here on the island is the weekly worship and fellowship. In spite of the restrictions we have been determined to provide all-embracing worship to the highest standard and I am thankful for the support of so many in this task.

I am appreciative of the hard work of the Chaplaincy Council who supported in so many ways, and are now focused on driving forward our plans to finalise our completion of the purchase of the Chaplaincy Centre in Tias. The vision which I shared at the outset of this move was to secure a base which offered facilities for a myriad of services and opportunities to gather – especially reaching out to the island community and to all sectors as we demonstrate what 'being the Church' should truly be. It has been a huge success as even with the restrictions in place we have experienced the joys of fellowship and sharing which has meant so much to many, both here on Lanzarote and around the globe. We have seen a steady flow of new people who have graced us with their smiles and support and many have already indicated they are making their permanent home with us. That is the good news of 2020 for me as Chaplain.

Furthermore, we have been able through the efforts of many to provide ongoing support for the homeless, and the marginalised on the island. This has been done in a quiet and respectful way and as I write we await the delivery of six crates of baby and children's clothing from my former parish in Ireland which will go to relieve the pressures on young families here.

## January 2021

We long to welcome back our visitors – and thankfully we are now be able to offer a base for fellowship and gathering that we would never have envisaged this time last year.

As Chaplain I am privileged to have been blessed with so much support – but I need more if we are to meet our 'gap funding' requirement on our move. Many of you have already dug deep but I invite those who can help us further and our appeal form is attached to this Newsletter. Once we see people being allowed to travel we are confident of a sale on our former Chaplaincy House – and a steady flow of enquiries are being seen already.

**As Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians:** *'And here is my advice about what is good for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give, but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have' (2 Corinthians 8: vs10-12)*

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2021.

**Fr Stan Evans, Chaplain**

**Adoration** is a word that we love to use during the Christmas season thanks largely to the classic carol 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' as we sing, "O come, let us adore Him." So many of us during this Christmas season spent more time thinking about Christ and giving Him adoration than any other time of the year. Think about it for a moment. More people attend services during Christmas – in church or virtual or on TV - than any other time of the year. We also tend to find ourselves singing and listening to songs about Jesus more during the Christmas season than any other time of year. As a result, Christmas is a time when we love to praise Him, honor Him, and adore Him much in the way Philippians 2:9-11 describes: *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* While it's great that Christ earns so much of our attention and adoration during Christmas, it's important to remember that we should pay that same amount of attention to Him 12 months a year instead of just one. Sure, it's easier to get caught up in all the Christmas hype and spend more time thinking, singing, praying, and adoring Christ during December, but in order to have a true relationship with Christ we must adore and spend time with Him daily and not just during Christmas. This year as we move out of the Christmas season and back into the new 'normalcy of life', let us strive to find a way to capture that Christmas spirit that will enable us to adore Him and grow with Him every day of our lives.