

Services during February 2021

SERVICES IN CHURCH SUSPENDED IN TIER 4.

Until further notice and until restrictions are lifted again, our services in Puerto del Carmen and Playa Blanca are suspended. Please worship online with us and join in our LIVING ROOM SERVICES, which are recorded Service of Holy Communion led by Fr Stan and published every other week on our website and on youtube. You can watch them anytime.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2021

If restrictions are lifted by Ash Wednesday, we will hold a service of Holy Communion with Ashing in Puerto del Carmen at 12.30pm. Please find more information closer to the date on our website.

FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE – STAY IN TOUCH

To comfortably be notified of a new Living Room Service available and to receive our Monthly Newsletter, please send us an email with your request.

ACTIVITIES AT CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Our Activities have to be paused at the moment as well. They will be resumed as soon as possible.

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Our monthly Newsletter – February 2021



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

Sometimes we need to be reminded that HOPE is still alive. May you remember the light of HOPE when the sun rises; may you be filled with the possibility of HOPE in a child's smile; and may you be strengthened by the power of HOPE through the words of a friend, but above all, through the Words of God.

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February message from our Chaplain

I find it incredibly sad that we have had to close our churches once again as not to do so under these very tight restrictions would be far too demanding – but more importantly, safety is imperative within our island community. All that we can do at the moment is to keep in contact by email, telephone, social media and of course our online worship. We must continue to hold each other in prayer and I thank you all for your kind messages of support. Please do access our website and please advise us of any special need for prayer and support.

The good news is that over these past months we have experienced the joy of seeing the new Chaplaincy House and Centre become the meeting place for several groups. From those engagements we have forged friendships with several people who have sought us out and are now enjoying fellowship with us. That is very good news indeed and brings new life and hope for the future. What I have most certainly come to realise over these past difficult months is that although we are small and insignificant instruments, God can do and is doing some wonderful things.

We have learned through tragedy that we have a shared, globalised vulnerability, common to all humanity. We have been forced to recognise our dependence on the unchanging love of God who turns his face towards our world. As we approach Lent this year we do so, stripped bare of the trappings of materialism, as exposed by the pandemic, and we travel to the foot of the cross and plead our case for humanity. Our only hope being the recognition that through the suffering of our Lord, a new hope is there for all on Easter morn. For the resurrected Christ stands in our midst with us in our suffering and offers hope if only we would examine all that we have failed to do and change our ways. The pandemic has made us more aware of our neighbours' needs as we seek to be a serving Church – looking outward to care and nurture.

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Out of respect for those who have suffered greatly, those who have lost their lives and indeed the bereaved families, we must not drift into some notion that we can recover what we had previously as a sufficient resolution – that we can revert to the insecurity of where we were before. That would be so wholly insufficient to the task now at hand. A brighter horizon must be put forward which offers hope. This pandemic provides us with an opportunity to do things better. We hopefully learned lessons as a people and as a Church, and we should recover and strengthen instincts which may have been suppressed, which the lure of individualism may have driven out, displacing a sense of the collective unity and solidarity so what a challenge.

We need to find new and exciting ways whereby all God's gifts are acknowledged and appreciated. The greatest gift is the one who shared our humanity and knew all that we have encountered and yet still fulfilled his Father's will by dying for us, and for our salvation. He is the One who died and rose again and in Him we live and move and have our being.

God bless you all and please do keep in touch – we need each other more than ever.

Fr Stan Evans, Chaplain



Happy Birthday, Pauline!
Pauline Field celebrated her 93rd birthday on Friday, 22nd January. On behalf of all, Fr Stan paid her a visit and gave her our best wishes.