

## INFORMATION

### SERVICES IN CHURCH SUSPENDED

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

### 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.



### LENT 2021 – BIBLE STUDY

Our dear colleague, the Priest in Charge on Tenerife (South) Revd John Poole invited us to share his Bible Study with you.

For each Friday until Easter a bible study will be shared on our website which we hope you will enjoy.

It might be good to start by reading the first few chapters of Mark before you begin the study ([www.anglicanchurchtenerife.com](http://www.anglicanchurchtenerife.com)).

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ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

### Our monthly Newsletter – March 2021



Memories of 2019 – and HOPE for the future.

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

**Creative and Reforming God,**  
Stand with us as we seek to link  
with our congregations.  
Breathe new life into dry bones.  
Ignite our faith. Inspire our ministry.  
Revive our church.  
Provide the provision for your vision.  
Make us fishers of HOPE for your people  
and agents of your love,  
liberation and salvation.

**AMEN**

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



## March message from our Chaplain

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Dear friends,

What a difference a year can make! Looking back to Good Friday 2019 – it was my very first experience here on Lanzarote as we shared ‘The Way of the Cross’ – celebrating the Stations of the Cross with our ecumenical sisters and brothers in Christ. Crowds gathered as we processed around the harbour side.

What a meaningful time this was as we remembered our Lord’s passion. Then of course our Easter celebrations on Easter Day in both churches in Puerto del Carmen and Playa Blanca with our churches packed with residents and visitors.

Last year we were preparing for Mothering Sunday when suddenly we had to close down. Our Mothers Union ladies were ready with their gifts of Crosses to distribute – but instead we recorded a message and worship online using only a mobile phone. This led to our weekly virtual services and now our Living Room Services.

Now – fast forward to Lent 2021 and our island and churches are now empty. Empty yes – but still looking forward to that Hope which only our Easter resurrection experience can bring. The pain of the last twelve months is there for all to see, as is our Lord’s pain as he journeys towards the Cross.

Thankfully that Hope never fades – and we look forward to Easter as never before.

Our Lenten preparations have been twelve months in length this year – but we have never lost hope.

As we have walked the ‘Way of the Cross’ these past months – we have realised that we are never alone. Through our virtual services we have grown and we have come to realise how much we need our neighbours both near and far – more than ever. Relationships have been strengthened and we are so thankful that through our virtual Living Room Services we have been able to bond with a global congregation who have appreciated our ministry throughout these dark days.

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So we must be patient – for our visitors will return and our churches will resound to the singing of our favourite hymns and celebrations. Our Chaplaincy House and Centre will host many groups and gatherings where we will meet friends – old and new.

One sadness has been that throughout 2020 our Wedding Blessings have all been postponed and moved forward to late 2021 or 2022... so again we must be patient.

We have been blessed with those who have found their home with us ... and these committed pilgrims want to join us on the journey. What a joy that is for us as the family of St Laurence’s here on Lanzarote.

As soon as restrictions are eased, Bishop David has indicated that he wishes to come and be with us, and already we are planning a Confirmation celebration and have two candidates prepared.

The most rewarding activity during these past months has been the support we have been able to offer to our local communities through food parcels and baby and children clothes.

Many from our global congregation have supported financially so that we have been able to be a channel of care to those so desperately in need.

As we ‘go to press this week’ – we do not know how quickly our restrictions will be lifted – but we hope and pray that we will be able to have our Easter celebrations in our churches – but whatever happens we know that the Risen Christ will stand in our midst – and our hearts will be lifted when we recognise His presence among us.

Stay safe. Stay well. Keep praying ... May God bless you all.

***Fr Stan Evans, Chaplain***



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