

THIS & THAT

A bit of a laugh - Notices found in church newsletters – that didn't quite come out right!

- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our churchwarden, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Ladies are requested not to have children in the church kitchen.
- For those who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche in the crypt.
- Bring and share church supper: Prayer and medication will follow.
- Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick both of our church and the community.

UPCOMING DATES & SERVICES

APRIL 2 2.00 pm	Good Friday Service in PdC
APRIL 4 12.30 pm	Easter Sunday Service in PdC
APRIL 4 5.00 pm	Easter Sunday Service in Playa Blanca
APRIL 4 anytime	Easter LIVING ROOM SERVICE #21
APRIL 11 12.30 pm	Sunday Service in PdC
APRIL 17 11.00 am	AGM in church in PdC
APRIL 18 12.30 pm	Sunday Service in PdC
APRIL 18 5.00 pm	Sunday Service in Playa Blanca
APRIL 18 anytime	LIVING ROOM SERVICE #22
APRIL 25 12.30 pm	Sunday Service in PdC

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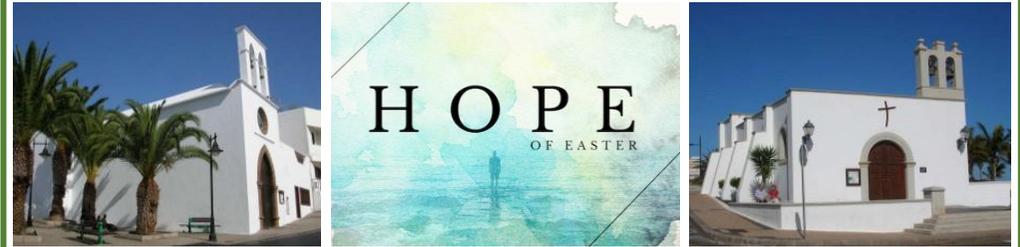


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ANGLICAN PARISH
ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021



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

Our mission is to serve the English speaking residents and also the many visitors to this beautiful island. Our local congregation works hard to ensure that those who visit and share in our worship return to their home churches refreshed and renewed. During the pandemic, we started to also provide virtual Services which can be accessed anytime in the safety and comfort from your home, wherever you are.

EASTER POEM

Easter Day – A new beginning, grown out of love and hope.

It is the time to roll away
from our hearts the stones.

Small as pebbles, most of them,
but many make a pile.

These stones of ours are quite a weight
we notice over time.

Silently they bar us from opening our hearts
All of them, invisibly, are drawing us apart.

For Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
let us pray today,

For His sake and His alone, we roll our stones away.

Amen.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Dear friends,

The one wonderful thing about these past months has been how we have managed to use technology to link across the miles. For the clergy in our Diocese (all of Europe), we have formed an incredible bond, and also via a wide variety of media platforms we have engaged with one another in the most wonderful way.

One example is that we have the most committed member of the Mothers' Union, Jenny Hand, who will not stop knitting – and sending gifts from her home in the UK – for children and particularly babies here on Lanzarote.

She retains her membership of the MU in Lanzarote.

Today an Easter message was received from Susan and Victor Fleming in Kilkenny in Ireland saying that they are determined to be back among us in September.

I write this on the evening of Good Friday. A day when we had hoped to have been able to share ecumenically with the 'Way of the Cross' around the harbour side in Puerto del Carmen. Sadly, that couldn't take place because of the restrictions but thankfully we were able to have a small but meaningful gathering at the foot of the cross in church. The readings from John's Gospel told the story and beautiful hymns and worship songs enhanced the experience in such a meaningful liturgy.

Now we have the emptiness as we wait for that glorious Easter experience.

Robert, our Diocesan Bishop, based in Brussels, has asked us to share his message for this Eastertide. Here is an extract:

Easter Sunday finds us this year in hard times. Yet, dear friends, the message of Easter is exactly the message we need to hear. For as we gaze on the face of Christ we can be reassured that the earthly Jesus has shared fully in the worst that life can throw at any of us. We can draw renewed confidence that in Jesus God triumphs over the forces of darkness and provides us with a secure basis for faith and a sure ground for hope. We can truly know that God walks with us through the storms of life, and that we can dream new dreams and imagine new futures within the purposes of a God who brings life out of death and joy out of despair.

So, let us pray that we will continue to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ as we seek to serve and support our neighbours.

We send an invitation to you all to come and worship with us this Eastertide.

If you cannot physically be with us on Lanzarote – then come to the 'Church without walls' and enjoy sharing with us in our Living Room Services. You don't have to book a seat or even take a test – just come as you are!! A seat by the fire awaits you – and if you sit close enough, I am sure you will get warm.

Happy Eastertide – for He is risen. God bless you all.

Fr Stan Evans, Chaplain

NEWS AND EVENTS IN APRIL 2021

ELECTORAL ROLL and the ANNUAL GENERAL CHAPLAINCY MEETING

The electoral roll is the official list of members of the Anglican Chaplaincy of Lanzarote. The Chaplaincy invites all who are baptised, 16 years of age or older, and who have been worshipping with us regularly for six months to enroll. Enrolled members are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The date for this year's AGM will be announced in our May newsletter.

The electoral roll is kept by the electoral roll officer. If you would like to enroll or if you have questions, please speak to our Chaplain.

MOTHERS UNION

Mothers' Union had another Zoom meeting for March with seven attendees. They finalised the gifts for 'Make a Mother's Day' and sent off £357.00 to Mothers' Union in London.

Flowers were offered on Mothering Sunday on a 'pick from a vase' base due to the pandemic which was much appreciated.

After the April lunch meeting, Mothers' Union will resume in October again. Please contact our Council member Marilyn Forder for more information.

ACTIVITIES AT CHAPLAINCY HOUSE AND CENTRE

Our Thursday **CRAFTS WITH CHRIS** classes will resume after the Easter restrictions ease on April 15th. The groups are well booked, but if you want to join, please get in touch with Chris at chrisewington@gmail.com and she will take care of you.

WALKING WITH MARTIN is a perfect way to keep fit – Martin is happy for you to join his daily walks between Guime and Matagorda through Playa Honda. Email martinsamlamb@gmail.com for more info and to arrange a walk. You can go the full distance or only a few km to start with!

SPANISH CONVERSATION on Mondays will be resumed shortly. Our active participants will be informed individually, and all who are interested to join please contact us at contact@lanzarotechurch.com.

CAKE AND COFFEE afternoons (every other Wednesday) will also be resumed after restrictions have lifted.

All are welcome – Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to try a class after the Easter restrictions have been lifted.