

## FUN & ACTIVITIES

### FUN CORNER

**#1** Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

**#2** A vicar received a letter from a congregant. When he removed the letter from the envelope, it had one word written on it: "Fool"! "Well", said the vicar, "the sender signed the letter, but didn't write anything else!"

**#3** A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag, again, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot. "Who are you?" the burglar asks. "Moses," the bird replied. "Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed. "I dunno," Moses answered, "I guess the same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

### ACTIVITIES AT CHAPLAINCY HOUSE AND CENTRE

#### KNIT & NATTER

The Thursday craft group continues to meet and knit patchwork squares – and these will form a wide range of bed covers so that by the winter months we will have a supply for Calor y Café.

**WALKING WITH MARTIN** is a perfect way to keep fit.

Email [martinsamlamb@gmail.com](mailto:martinsamlamb@gmail.com) for more info and to arrange a walk.

**SPANISH CONVERSATION** is back on schedule every Tuesday at 11.00am.

All who are interested to join please contact us at [contact@lanzarotechurch.com](mailto:contact@lanzarotechurch.com).

**CAKE AND CHAT** will be back as soon as we reach Level 1.

New people always welcome.

Wednesdays at 4.00 pm for approx. 2 hours at CHC.



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ANGLICAN PARISH  
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## OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021

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

God, You know exactly what we need in order to thrive.  
Guide and protect our St. Laurence's church family and draw us  
closer to you—and to each other, even at a distance.

We bring before you our own families;  
as we navigate big emotions, help us to be sensitive to feelings  
and wise with responses  
and never lose hope and faith.

Shape us into the people you have created us to be  
and, as you do that, please guard our hearts.  
Let our identity remain rooted and grounded in you.  
We trust you, and we entrust our family members,  
relatives and friends to you.

**Amen.**

### OUR SERVICES IN JUNE

July 4th: Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm  
July 11th: Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm  
July 18th: Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm  
July 25th: Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm  
Playa Blanca at 5.00 pm

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

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It was some twenty months ago, and most of you will remember, that I shared with our Chaplaincy Council the vision of how I felt we could secure the future of St Laurence's. The Chaplaincy faced inevitable closure in a matter of months if radical changes were not made. An elderly congregation with many facing a return to the UK as Brexit became a reality. The Chaplaincy had come through difficult times and if it was to survive then radical changes had to be made. The Council boldly supported the exploration for a new base in the developing town of Tias with its large English speaking population. Our former house in Puerto del Carmen was placed on the market and we secured our new Chaplaincy House and Centre by entering into a 'rent to buy' agreement with a deeply committed Christian owner. This would give accommodation for the cleric and family, whilst also providing a base for meetings, social gatherings and a place where we can explore our faith together in new and exciting ways.

Then overnight – we were faced with the pandemic. Our income stopped, services cancelled, wedding blessings cancelled, and of course our tourist visitors ceased. Thankfully we prayerfully launched into a schedule of virtual services and suddenly we experienced the growth of a 'Church without walls', as we brought people together who were spread across so many countries – and the responses and support were incredible. At every step our Council and also the Diocesan team supported us and the outcome is nothing short of a miracle.

This week we completed on the Sale of the former Chaplaincy House, and we now move forward to finalise our purchase agreement with completion mid-July. We have survived and grown; in 2018 we experienced a loss of over €18k, and in 2019 and 2020 we moved into the black; we have protected our small reserves, and we have raised new money to help with our purchase; yes, to do so we have secured a 20% mortgage over ten years at 2% fixed interest. We have pledges over the next three years which will meet our repayments, and we seek more from those who want to come on board this successful venture (see attached). Our new Chaplaincy House and Centre is fully furnished and equipped to the highest standard and is already income generating, even in these restrictive times. Even on present day valuations our asset base has increased by some €100k. So instead of fading away and dying, this Chaplaincy is seeing growth. Now we await the return of our visitors, and of course our swallows – those who are able to return and spend time here on the island. Our weddings mostly have been postponed to the end of this year and into 2022 and 2023 – and that will be a great joy to us all to welcome those folk back.

There is good news to tell. People from a wide variety of backgrounds and churchmanship are joining us. It is exciting as we explore the 'meaning of life' together. Perhaps this is one of the benefits that the lockdown has brought us – the opportunity to search inwardly. We most certainly now intend to engage in a process of 'exploration of our faith' .....to get the basics right and to grow together.

## NEWS AND EVENTS IN JULY 2021

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By taking the labels off and coming together as a 'Christian community' we will be able to focus on what binds us together – not what divides. What a joy that will be.

I give thanks for those who have supported this Chaplaincy over the past years, many now in their heavenly resting place. I hope and pray that as they look down they are thankful for all that they see happening here – and what we are doing is to the glory of God and that others will want to share on this journey with us and come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Bishop David will include in his plans a trip to us when the restrictions allow and he will bless the new House and Centre and also preside at a Eucharist with Confirmation. We will announce the date in good time.

With sincerest thanks for all those who have prayerfully supported us in so many other ways. We need that support to continue.

*Fr Stan Evans – Chaplain*

### AUGUST VACATION

Finally, Fr. Stan and Rosemary will take a few weeks off and go and see their families. We are delighted to have Revd. Canon Andrea Wills and her husband Charles with us in August to cover.

More information will be given in our next newsletter.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please do keep an eye on our website [www.lanzarotechurch.com](http://www.lanzarotechurch.com) where our prayer list is continuously updated.

We keep our dear friend Angela Ranger and her family in our prayers. After losing her battle with cancer, her daughter Laura was buried on June 24. May Laura rest in peace for she has already risen in glory.

We pray for Diane's daughter Helen, who had to undergo major spine surgery and currently receives further treatment on Gran Canaria.

Her daughter Danielle is with her and keeps us informed.

### NITEBLESSINGS

For those of you who follow us on facebook this is old news, but we are happy that our daily Niteblessings are back and can also be accessed through our website in the menu on the right where all our facebook posts are mirrored.

### URGENT APPEAL:

Emerlan, Calor y Cafe and Playa Blanca food bank all urgently need non-perishables. Kindly ring Chaplaincy House and we will arrange collection.