

PRAYER REQUEST

It is with great sadness that we were informed of the death of the baby boy born in London to Ross Forder and his partner Harriet. The baby boy suffered complications shortly after his birth on August 28. We send our heartfelt sympathies to the parents and to Marilyn and Roger, the grandparents and the whole family on their sad loss.



Heavenly Father,
In the heartbreak of broken dreams and shattered expectations,
the numbness of shock and disbelief,
the ache of grief and despair, the pain of loss and bereavement;
May your love, Lord, bring strength, support, courage and comfort
to support Ross and Harriet through this time,
in all the sorrow, pain and confusion they feel, and help them deal
with their loss and find strength and hope to face the future.
Receive this little one into your eternal care, grant him joy, peace
and blessing and assure us of your purpose beyond death itself,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ANGLICAN PARISH
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OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Let us be strengthened through word, prayer and deed;
Give us the gift of your Holy Spirit.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2021

September 5th Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm
September 12th Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm | Playa Blanca at 5.00 pm
September 19th Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm
September 26th Puerto del Carmen at 12.30 pm | Playa Blanca at 5.00 pm

NEXT LIVING ROOM SERVICE: September 19th

KNIT & NATTER

The Thursday craft group continues to meet and knit patchwork squares – and have a good old chat and laugh.
Every Thursday at 11.00am.

WALKING WITH MARTIN

is a perfect way to keep fit and takes place every morning.
Email Martin for more info and to arrange a walk.

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Every Tuesday at 11.00am.
All who are interested to join please get in touch.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear friends,

I write this from Andalusia where Rosie and I are spending the final days of our holiday before taking the ferry from Cadiz back to Lanzarote. We have had a lovely time in Ireland seeing our children and grandchildren. What a joy with hugs, plenty of smiles and, of course, tears.

As we watch the scenes from Kabul it makes us all realise just how fortunate we are to have our freedom to share with our families in safety.

August is the month when the church takes a break to reflect and most colleagues have been also taking a well-earned rest after the pressures of the last twenty months. At St Laurence's, we have been truly blessed in having Canon Andrea Wills and her husband offer their services of liturgical cover, assisted by Sunny, our CWL. Now we look to our autumn programs as we plan for Advent and Christmas. It is good to see visitors beginning to return to the island. This will mean that in September we will be holding two services in Playa Blanca on the 12th and 26th, and then we intend to return to the weekly services in both PdC and PB. Thankfully also we are beginning to see wedding blessing bookings being confirmed. In the coming weeks we will be exploring with you an Alpha based course when we can explore our faith together.

A sadness in the coming weeks will be when we say goodbye to our wonderful parish Priest, Fr Agustín Lasso. It is time for him to move on and we will announce officially our date for a goodbye and also of course for us to welcome his successor. I cannot stress what a joy it has been for me to work with Fr Agustín and we wish him every happiness in his new role. During our time in Ireland, we were asked to meet members of the Leddy family from Navan. Many of you will remember the tragedy which befell them when 15year old Mikey Leddy lost his life after a horrific fall. The family wanted to say thank you for all we had done to support through the chaplaincy and they made a most generous donation to us. We have had many of our people suffer illness and bereavement over these last weeks. We think especially of Diane Moody, whose daughter Helen has undergone major spinal surgery and still faces more surgery and treatment.

NEWS AND EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2021

We remember our German Lutheran colleague, Pastor Arend Bertzbach, who passed away in Germany following heart surgery. A dear man who has served here on Lanzarote together with his wife Thurid Pörksen on several occasions over the years.

Over these coming months we await a date from Bishop David as to when he will be able to visit us to bless our new chaplaincy centre and home. He will also conduct a confirmation service in PDC... so please do share and introduce to me anyone who might wish to be prepared for that service. Finally a big thank you to those who have worked so hard over these last weeks to enable us to take our holiday. We return refreshed and ready for the challenges which lie ahead.

Every blessing



Canon Andrea Wills and
CWL Sunny Schwarz

Fr Stan - Chaplain



Please support the food banks by bringing one or two items of non-perishable food to each service and put them into the basket at the back of the church.

Thank you.