

PRAYER BOARD

We now have a prayer board installed in Puerto del Carmen. Please add your names and let us pray for those on your hearts. We have the same prayer list on our website under "We pray for you" and update it regularly with people whose names have been sent to us by email or message.

TEAM PRESENTATION

Do you know all of our Council members and the team members who support in church and in the background? Most probably not! Over the next weeks, we will put together some information and pictures for you on our website www.lanzarotechurch.com

ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD 2022

Our 2 Lay Synod Representatives are Marilyn Forder and Sunny Schwarz. Together with Fr. Stan, they will attend the Synod which will be held virtually once more on February 2&3, 2022.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

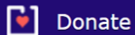
Tuesdays: 11.00 AM: Spanish Conversation

Wednesdays: 4.00 PM: Aqua Gym | Well-being

Thursdays: 11.00 AM: Crafts with Chris

Every Day: Walking with Martin

Please get in touch for more information.



Donate

Please support the work of our Chaplaincy with a donation – however small. Thank you.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2022

PUERTO DEL CARMEN – EVERY SUNDAY AT 12.30 PM:

February 6: Service of HC

February 13: Service of HC and Baptism of Indie Blu Deacon

February 20: Service of HC Celebrant: Bishop David Hamid

Confirmation of Sunny Schwarz and Lesley Barber

February 27: Service of HC

PLAYA BLANCA - EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AT 5.00PM:

February 6: Service of HC

February 20: Service of HC Celebrant: Bishop David Hamid



ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2022

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



Exciting times ahead in February 2022: Archdeaconry Synod, a Baptism, a House blessing and 2 confirmations.

We warmly welcome our Suffragan Bishop David Hamid and his wife, Dr. Colleen Hamid, who will be with us Feb 19&20.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Friends

We have looked forward to February 2022 for a very long time. We have known for some months that we would be welcoming Bishop David to Lanzarote and now we have the good news confirmed that he will be with us on 19th and 20th of this month.

During his visit he will meet our Churchwardens and Council members and bless our Chaplaincy House and Centre. Then on Sunday 20th he will be Celebrant at our Eucharist in Puerto del Carmen at which he will confirm two candidates. Lesley Barber has spent the past fifteen months preparing for this day – she has brought her smile as she has contributed in so many ways to our community. Sunny Schwarz is our Congregational Worship Leader and although confirmed at an early age into the Lutheran Church, as she tests her vocation, it is a requirement that she is also confirmed into the Anglican community. So we look forward with great excitement to ‘officially’ welcoming both into our Church.

At the beginning of the month we have our Archdeaconry Synod which once again has to be organised ‘virtually’ due to this wretched pandemic. Synod (the parliament of the Church) is often seen as a somewhat unnecessary ritual of the Church – not so. It is the melting pot for a host of supportive initiatives which helps us bring ministry to those we serve, and the realisation that we are part of a wonderful global family which is totally committed to proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. It is sad that we are virtual again this year as most certainly, as Chaplain, I would draw great strength from meeting and sharing with colleagues. It has been a long time since we were able to take a sabbatical or retreat and we need that refreshment to help us keep focused.

It is so good to see some of our friends and tourists returning as restrictions elsewhere are being lifted. Here on Lanzarote we are still very aware of the need to keep safe and I am thankful that we

are still observing the rules.

As Chaplain I am conscious of the suffering and sadness that people have experienced over these past twenty months. Many now are unwell and finding life very difficult. Some have lost loved ones in very difficult circumstances and we must be there as a Church to offer support and loving care.

This week I have the task of conducting a Service of Thanksgiving at a crematorium where the deceased had already been cremated as he was a Covid19 victim and therefore the service is so very difficult for the family. This is the reality of ministry and what this Chaplaincy is experiencing as we bring comfort and healing in so many situations. So a special plea is that you, as Friends, hold us all in your prayers.

Our Living Room Services are still being appreciated by so many and as Chaplain I wish to thank Sunny for her tireless efforts in helping us bring this ‘hybrid’ element to our Chaplaincy worship in such a faithful and professional way.

Hopefully now we can look forward to the end of restrictions in the months ahead and then we can get back to a life where we can once again meet and greet and socialise. We long for an ‘open house’ at the Chaplaincy where friends can share fellowship and meet each other face to face rather than virtually. That day is drawing near.

With love and thankfulness

Fr Stan



We commit into your loving care, O Lord, the recently deceased.

Leslie Evans, cousin to Fr Stan, died at the age of 71 on January 21st. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Christopher Sawyer died on January 25 in hospital at the age of 40. Our ministry team will celebrate a Service of Thanksgiving for his life on February 1st in Fuerteventura.