

OPEN CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

On these two very emotional days for many, we decided to open the church doors in the late evening for individual reflection, time of prayer, to light a candle or to be still for a moment. Only lit by candle light and with music playing softly, the church in PdC became place of hope and peace for many.



OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY 2022

EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6 – SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
IN PUERTO DEL CARMEN AT 11.00 AM

PUERTO DEL CARMEN:

January 2 – 9 – 16 – 23 – 30 at 12.30 PM

PLAYA BLANCA:

January 9 – 23 at 5.00 PM

ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Tuesdays: 11.00 AM: Spanish Conversation

WEDNESDAYS (Jan 12 & 26): 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.



*Please support the work
of our Chaplaincy with
a small donation.*



ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2022

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

*God has a dream for us all at the beginning
of this New Year:*

*All over this magnificent world God calls us to extend His kingdom
of peace and wholeness - of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring,
of sharing, of laughter, of joy, and of reconciliation. God is transfiguring
the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us
and because God loves us. What can separate us from the love of God?*

*Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our
brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist
us, no oppression that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed,
no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned to love,
no dream that cannot be fulfilled.*

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Warmest greetings and a very Happy, healthy and peaceful 2022 from all the Chaplaincy team to our residents, swallows, neighbours and those in our 'virtual' congregation. Thank you for your wonderful support in prayer, financial offertories and also with your positivity over these past very difficult twenty months.

In March 2020 it appeared that we had lost everything – just as we were stepping out in faith to secure our new base for St Laurence's on Lanzarote. Tourists ceased to arrive. Congregations dwindled. Residents were overcome with fear of the pandemic, and then sadly Brexit took its toll by driving many from our island – many selling their homes, never to return.

The good news is that we are now witnessing an incredible turn-around. Many are arriving and attending our services in Puerto del Carmen and Playa Blanca, to thank us for our resilience – telling us how we have been an incredible support to them and their families. Now we can share with them the good news of the Chaplaincy Centre being an oasis of love and care for so many. Many are searching and finding that our door is open as our website proclaims.

My sadness as your Chaplain is that it has been very difficult to plan with the uncertainties of the restrictions, and so we have been unable to have our 'open' house to celebrate the good news with you. We hope and pray that Bishop David will be able to travel to us in late February – but again we must wait and see.

Across our Diocese, and particularly in the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar, so many Chaplaincies are under threat – their incomes decimated as Chaplains have to face the financial uncertainties which the pandemic has highlighted. But all that is about the funding. What about the people? Parents and grandparents separated from loved ones. As a family we are not immune as with air fares soaring, it was impossible for our family to come together this Christmas – so we give thanks for technology – and I am sure many of you are in a similar position.

So what has held us together? In June 2020, I invited Bishop David to preach at our virtual Living Room Service. His words were of hope and support. He reminded us: *"But friends, you are not alone in this. We have our Lord Jesus present in our community, we have our brothers and sisters in Christ, who like us are on the same journey, so we can help and support each other with the challenges. And we have God's powerful Spirit who dwells with us and strengthens us. Today let us hear the word of our Lord in the Gospel ring out.*

So, whatever happens in our challenging road of discipleship, God will take care of us. Amen"

Then at the Blessing:

"Friends, before I go, may I say what a great joy it is to join in your service in St Laurence's, Lanzarote. I send my warmest greetings to all of you. Despite our distance, I feel close to you and your Chaplaincy. And now let us pray for God's blessing: May you always know the depths of God the Father's love. May God the Son keep you from every fear and anxiety. May God the Holy Spirit give you courage and strength in your Christian life. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always."

These words of hope and Blessing have under-pinned our efforts to ensure that this Chaplaincy survived. We walked in faith together with the Diocesan team and now can say that we have a future.

As Chaplain at the beginning of this new year I look forward to a new beginning and although it is difficult to make firm plans at this early stage – I am determined and thrilled to refer to Paul's letter to the Philippians... we have taken great encouragement in Christ and have received consolation from love and sharing in the Spirit, with compassion and sympathy, and joy abounds as we have begun to move with one accord and one mind. We have done nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility have regarded others as better than ourselves. No-one has looked to our own interests, but to the interests of others – having the same mind as that of our Lord Jesus.

So, at the beginning of this New Year – we do have something to be thankful for. Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ

Fr Stan - Chaplain

PER SIMBLE – REST IN PEACE

It is with much sadness that we have received news of the death of Per Simble who died peacefully in Norway on December 18. Per was the previous owner of our Chaplaincy House and Centre and he has been in our prayers for many months. Our thoughts and prayers are with his son Michael and the extended family.

