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Our Annual General Meeting will be held on May 3rd, 2022 at 2.00 PM at Chaplaincy House and Centre.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR FATHER RON CORNE

Fr Stan will be the officiant at the Thanksgiving Service on Tenerife on May 24th. Please keep the family, the congregation and the many clergy colleagues in your prayers. Ron is dearly missed by all who knew him and was a good friend to Fr Stan.

SERVICES

We have resumed our weekly Sunday services in both churches – at 12.30pm in Puerto del Carmen and at 5.00pm in Playa Blanca. However, last minute changes are possible, so please check our website for latest information: www.lanzarotechurch.com

LIVING ROOM SERVICE

All our Living Room Services can be watched on our website (Virtual Services) or on Youtube. We are planning to provide our next service for May 15th.

ACTIVITIES

Please check the website for our activities and get in touch to join any of them.

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ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY ST. LAURENCE IN LANZAROTE

MAY 2022

Shine your light in us, through us, over us.

May we make a difference in this world,
for your glory and purposes.

Set your way before us,
for all your plans will succeed.

May we reflect your love to a world that so
desperately needs your hope and healing.

Lord, open our eyes to see the power in your word.

Open our ears to know what you are saying.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit

and draw us close into your presence.

We love you and we fully depend on you this next
month ahead. Thank you for your huge grace that
carries us through each new day.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear friends

Thankfully we are beginning to see the return of tourists to our island and that lifts the heart when they head to our churches to worship once again with us. Week by week we seem to see a steady stream of familiar faces who share with us their stories of lockdown – and now of course many who are anxious and concerned with world news. It is so important that we do not let the darkness overcome us so that we are paralysed – thinking we cannot make a difference. We can – and we are doing so.

It is important that we are here and thankfully our Chaplaincy has survived where others across Europe have not. I give thanks for all those who have worked so hard to achieve this goal and further the welcoming mission of this Chaplaincy to those who arrive on our island.

Thankfully this year we were able to once again celebrate 'The Way of the Cross' with our neighbours in Christ. A real sadness was that Fr Adrian Saso, our Catholic Priest, was unable to be with us as he is still recuperating from the injuries sustained to his shoulder at the end of last year. Please do hold him in your prayers and also his people. As a Christian community we have enjoyed such wonderful support from the Catholic community, the German Lutheran Church and also our Norwegian neighbours. We have all struggled in providing liturgical and pastoral cover throughout this pandemic period – but we have done so. Now we look to the future and so many wonderful offers of help – with naturally many wishing to organise support for those affected by the situation in Ukraine.

Apocalypse – The Pictured World of Revelation

One such offer comes from one of our local residents - the German Painter Gebhardt Binder - who has produced over a five year period some 33 oil paintings of the complete Revelation of John – the last Book in the Bible.

It is the largest number of paintings about this famous and often misunderstood text. Each painting has been produced following extensive study and meditation of the biblical texts before creating a highly elaborated visual language for each painting.

Gebhardt has offered to us this magnificent collection to be exhibited throughout the Church in Europe and the UK – so that funds can be generated in support of the Ukraine appeal. We are so grateful to the artist and we will work with our Diocesan Communication teams in Brussels and London to explore ways in which suitable venues can be secured whereby the beauty of these images and the full story of creation can be shared. The final painting depicts the 'Triumph of Completion: Eternal Cosmos of Love – the incarnation of an everlasting New Cosmos filled with love, truth and devotion – where the whole creation comes 'home' – back to the very beginning.

So if any of you who read this Newsletter – many across Europe – have connections and perhaps wonderful venues close to you – perhaps a Cathedral or auditorium and you wish to join us on this exciting journey of faith – please do make contact and let's explore together how we can take this forward.

Ukraine is going to be a long term effort – and that is why we know this can run for several years and thus bring long term support. Thank you for listening. In the beginning was the Wordleading to the Eternal Cosmos of Love – the circle of Creation is complete.

Fr. Stan Evans



Welcome Ella Joyce MacDonald!

Fr Stan baptized this wonderful baby on April 24th in our service in Puerto del Carmen. A wonderful cake was presented by Rosemary Evans at fellowship afterwards. What a joy - a very special gift from God welcomed into His Church.

A Farewell to Pastor Mechthild Lattorff

On Saturday, April 23rd, our Ministry team attended the last service of our Lutheran colleague in PdC whose time on the island has already come to an end.

She enriched the ecumenical fellowship enormously and was a frequent visitor to our services, whenever possible. To our sister in Christ: "And until we meet again, may God hold you in His hands."

Thank you Mechthild, take care and God bless.



We commit into your loving care, O Lord, the recently deceased we love and see no longer. **Irene Kilpatrick (95) peacefully passed away on April 20 in her care home. Elizabeth Culley in Connemara who took care of Fr Stan and Rosie's dog when they left for Lanzarote 3 years ago. A wonderful friend.**