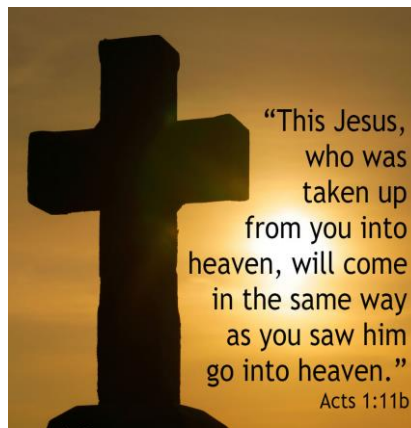


Newsletter May & June 2019



All Saints Anglican Parish Puerto de la Cruz



Come and join us in Christian Fellowship. All are Welcome.

Notes from the Parsonage by our Chaplain, Rev. Paula.

Looking back on Easter Sunday and the week that led up to it, my abiding memory is of many services and a lot of food. Thanks to a well-known supermarket, we were able to enjoy hot cross buns after our mid-week service in Holy Week, and a local supermarket provided plenty of small chocolate eggs that I could hand out to the Easter morning congregation.

Our daybreak Easter service (shared with the German evangelical congregation) was a great occasion. We began outside in the dark with the Easter fire. Tradition demands that the Easter candle should be lit from fresh fire, which we duly did, and then carried it into the church. That candle remains lit throughout the 40 days of the Easter season. As the sun came up, we had a short service indoors, followed by an excellent breakfast. This included painted eggs and I was glad to learn the correct way to open them: you simply crack your egg against your neighbour's egg, rather like a game of conkers, until it's the turn of the last person in the circle, who has to crack his egg against his own head.

After a quiet service at 9.30 am and a very joyful one at 11.00 am, which attracted a larger congregation than we have had in the last two years, the Anglicans settled down to a traditional Sunday lunch. Meanwhile I was on my way to La Palma and a final service at 4.00 pm, after which we had a splendid picnic outside the Catholic church of San Martin del Porres, kindly lent to us for the occasion. For those of us who gave up certain food or drink for Lent, Easter also came as a welcome relief. I was pleased that I managed to last six weeks without coffee.

So, we now return to our normal pattern of services, with the exception of Ascension Day (Thursday 30 May) when Bishop David Hamid, the Suffragan Bishop in Europe, will be with us and will lead a service at 10.00 am. We will try to find him a few biscuits.

Our services: Holy Communion on Sundays at 9.30 am and 11.00 am (German service at 5.00 pm) and on Wednesdays at 10.00 am.

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Church Services – May & June 2019

Weds 1 st May	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 5 th May	Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 8 th May	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Thurs 9 th May	Taizé Service 5.30pm
Sun 12 th May	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 15 th May	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 19 th May	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 22 nd May	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Thurs 23 rd May	Taizé Service 5.30pm
Sun 26 th May	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Thurs 30 th May	Ascension Day 10am with Bishop David and Archdeacon Geoff
Sun 2 nd June	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 5 th June	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 9 th June	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 12 th June	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Sun 16 th June	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 19 th June	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 23 rd June	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 26 th June	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Sun 30 th June	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am

**Join us for fellowship and coffee or a beverage after the
Sunday Sung Eucharist at 11am in the Church Gardens.**

CHURCH EVENTS

Sat May 4 th	Car Boot Sale
Sat June 1 st	Car Boot Sale
Tues May 14 th	Last Evening Quiz 6pm
Sun May 19 th	Bring and Share Christian Fellowship Lunch 1pm
Tues June 25 th	Summer Fun Quiz & Buffet 1pm

BIBLE STUDY GROUP NEWS

The 2019 Bible study group continues to thrive and meets every fortnight at 11.15am on Wednesdays. The group's number has increased steadily due to the ever reliable "Word of Mouth" recommendations of its members. We have all been delighted with Reverend Paula's gift in bring the Bible to life, and her ability to show us the path to spiritual renewal and enlightenment. Over the next few months we shall continue studying Acts, travelling with the Apostle Paul on his mission to spread the word of Christ. Why not come along to our next session and join our Bible study group? You will be assured of a warm welcome, some stimulating discussions and Christian Fellowship. Visitors to the Island are always welcome to join us.

Next sessions:

8th May : Acts 16 - Paul and Silas

22nd May : Acts 17 - Paul in Athens

12th June : Acts 19 : Paul in Ephesus

26th June : Acts 21- Paul arrested



THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

MAP 1





Una hora para rezar, cantar y contemplar en silencio la obra de Dios, rodeado por velas y en fraternidad Cristiana. Una misa Taizé en Castellano, Latín, Inglés, Francés y Alemán.

Taizé prayer is the creation of a monastic community in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s by a Swiss man known as Brother Roger. Brother Roger was especially interested in bringing Catholics and Protestants together.

"It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being." So, says Brother John, a Taizé monk, in lectures and writings explaining what the service is all about.

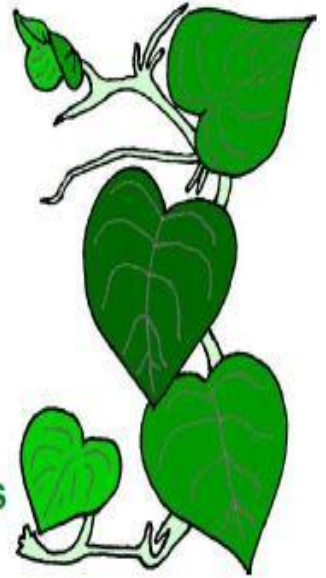
There is no preaching, no teaching, no talk of sin or repentance or forgiveness. There is just this elegantly simple service: short chants, often in Latin, repeated over and over in the candlelight. Plus, some short Scripture readings or psalms, accompanied by candles and short periods of silent pray, where we lift our hearts and innermost thoughts and praises to God.

Come and join us on Thursdays at 5.30pm.

Living out our Faith

What is a Healthy, Living Church?

Grounded in the Word
Reflecting Christ's love
Open to the Spirit
Welcoming the journey
Inviting others along
Nourishing their connections
Giving generously



A living church has parking problems; a dying church does not.

A living church has lots of noisy children around; a dying church enjoys quiet and peace.

A living church often changes the way things are done to do things better; a dying church plays it safe and never risks anything.

A living church dreams greater dreams for God's kingdom; a dying church has nightmares.

A living church invites people to risk involvement and new ideas; a dying church plays it safe and never risks anything.

A living church supports world mission; a dying church says: "Charity begins at home."

A living church uses its traditions and buildings to serve God and people; a dying church uses people to serve its traditions and buildings.

A living church is filled with tithers; a dying church with tippers.

A living church forgives and seeks forgiveness; a dying church never makes mistakes.

A living church looks for challenges and opportunities; a dying church looks out for problems and dangers.

A living church evangelises; a dying church fossilises.

By Edward Walsh

Friends of Tenerife (FoT)

FoT is a wonderful charity founded in 1993 by British ex-pats living in the North of Tenerife. It is run entirely by volunteers, many of them All Saints parishioners, who help local charities support the needy of our adopted island. To raise money for charity, FoT holds regular events. If you would like to reserve a seat at any Event, please ring Maureen on 922-341979 or Jean on 922-384809.

Their motto is 'TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

Future Events - Everyone is Welcome. Visitors to the Islands too!

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| Tues 4 th June | Coach Trip to Iceland
Everyone Welcome, only 10€
2 hours free time in El Médano
Coach 11.15am for 11.30am outside the Botanical Gardens |
| Tues 11 th June | Lunch at the Café Berlin
1.00pm for 1.30pm, members 19€ |
| Tues 2 nd July | Half day Coach trip to Icod de los Vinos and Garachico
Includes Lunch at Asian Restaurante Tian Li, only 17€
1-hour free time in Garachico. Everyone Welcome.
Coach 12.15pm for 12.30pm outside the Botanical Gardens. |
| Tues 23 rd July | Lunch at the Bodegita Algoroba, La Paz
1.00pm for 1.30pm, members 18€ |



Follow 'Friends of Tenerife' on Facebook or friendsoftenerife.org

All Saints Church Social Events

We will be holding another Bring & Share Fellowship Lunch on May 19th after the Sunday Service. Our previous Bring & Share proved to be such a wonderful success we have decided to hold these regularly. Many visitors to the church, passing hikers and some of our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ, joined us in a feast of Christian fellowship and fine homemade delights at our last fellowship meal, so don't miss this next one!

Our Summer Fun Quiz will be held on June 25th at 13.00hrs. Come and join us. If you are a tourist or visitor and would like to come just call either Wendy on 605486792 or Jane on 676506957, or simply turn up on the day! We can always find a space for you on a team!

Everyone is Welcome!



Fellowship Meal

A letter from Mark

Dear Friends at All Saints,

By the time you read this we will have returned to the UK. I wish to thank you all for your donations and support for my 26K Jurassic Coastal Path walk on June 8th from Poole to Wareham in Dorset in aid of Sepsis.

It has been a tough year surviving sepsis, but I am sure that with your prayers, and the knowledge that so many of you at All Saints are behind me, supporting me and praying for me, I will succeed.

God Bless you all for your Love and Kindness.

Mark & Margaret.



Wednesday Morning Service 10am

Why not come and join us on Wednesday Morning for Worship in our beautiful church? The service is followed by coffee and a good chat in the cottage at the back of the Church, in the gardens to the right. Everyone is guaranteed a friendly welcome.



All Saints Prayer Group

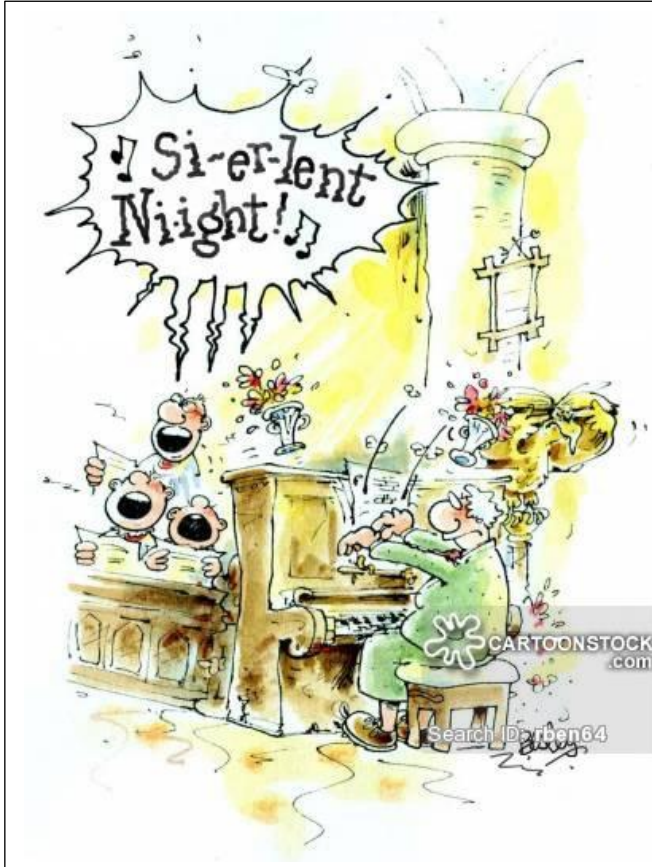
Over the next few months we hope to form a Prayer Group here at All Saints. This will initially take place on alternative Wednesdays after morning worship at 11.15am somewhere in the church grounds or maybe in a meeting room. It is hoped the group will eventually grow into something we may share in our homes in Christian Fellowship. If you feel you would like to join, please put your name and contact details on the sheet provided at the back of the church on the notice board.

Alternatively, if you have a prayer request for the group, please feel free to fill in a prayer request slip and place it in the prayer box.

Prayer is one of the most important things a Christian can do. It is a time they are communicating with God and it should be taken very seriously. While there is deep theological meaning in prayer, it does not have to be something that is complicated and difficult. It is impossible to know someone if you do not spend time with them. Prayer is an opportunity to spend time with God. Talking with God develops a deeper relationship with Him. The deeper the relationship becomes, the more time you want to spend with Him.

We are so busy living life that somehow community is left behind. We are desperate for Pause and for Prayer. Not rushed time with the Lord, but slow and thoughtful time with Him. The aim of the group is to offer support and prayer, spiritual growth and to enter into a stronger relationship with Christ. We are inviting you to be part of an intimate group who love our Lord and Jesus passionately. Would you like to meet once or twice a month and pray with us? Let us truly love our neighbours as ourselves; let us pray for them, the world wide church and embark upon a journey of prayer with God.

Volunteers Corner



All Saints Singers

Do you enjoy singing the Lord's praises? Perhaps you have a great voice? Or perhaps sound like someone is putting a cat through the mangle? Everyone is welcome to come along. Enthusiasm and the JOY of singing God's Glory is all you need to join us. Tambourines, drums and other noisy items will be supplied to real enthusiasts! Come and join us and have some fun forming the All Saints Singers. Put your name and contact details on the form at the back of the church on the notice board, if you are interested. Hallelujah!!

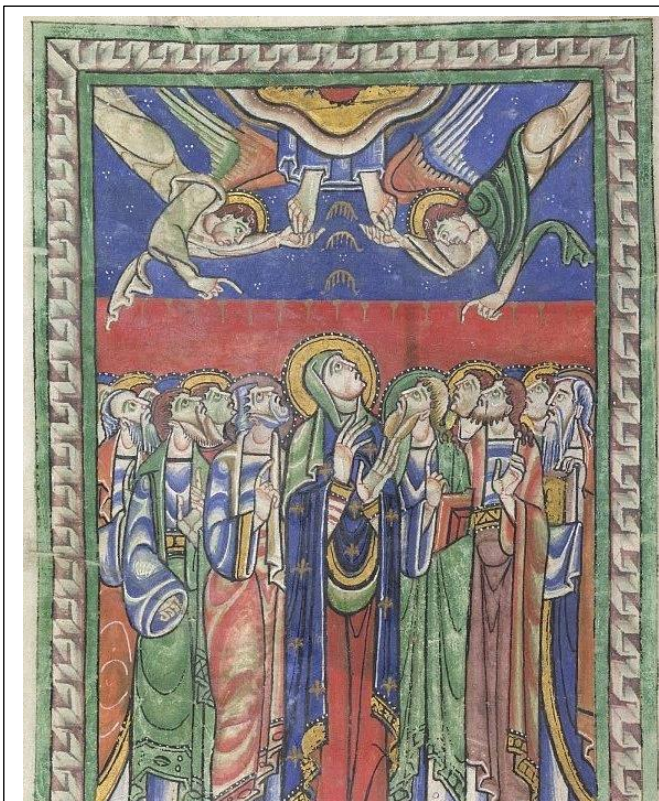
Ascension Day Service with Bishop David and Archdeacon Geoff Thursday May 30th - 10am

**Come and join us at All Saints for
this special Ascension Day service.
All are welcome**

Ascension Day

Ascension Day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of Ascension, occurs on the Thursday the 40th day after Easter. According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the 40 days following his resurrection. On the 40th day, he came again to the Apostles and led them out to the Mount of Olives where he instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

For many Christians, Ascension Day's meaning provides a sense of hope that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within their hearts, and of the ever-present Spirit of God, watching over and protecting them as they spread the light of Jesus' truth throughout the world.



POPE FRANCIS TALKS ABOUT BIBLE STUDY

My dear friends,

If you saw my Bible, perhaps you wouldn't be attracted at all. You would say: "What? Is this the Bible of the Pope? A book so old, so worn out." You may also wish to gift me a new copy, maybe one even costing 1,000 Euros. But no, I wouldn't take it. I love my old Bible, the one that has accompanied half my life, that has seen my joys, and has been wet with my tears. It is my priceless treasure. I live with it and for nothing in the world would I give it away.

The Bible is beautiful. It is so vivid, so rich in the testimonies of the saints, of people, which makes you want to read it at one go from the start to finish. And then...? Then it will be hidden, it will disappear on the shelf of a library, maybe behind the third row, only to gather dust. Until one day your children will sell it at the flea market. No. This cannot be!

I want to tell you one thing: today, even more than at the beginning of the Church, Christians are persecuted. What is the reason? They are persecuted because they carry a cross and give witness to Christ. They are sentenced because they possess a Bible. Clearly, the Bible is a very dangerous book, so risky that in some countries those who own a Bible are treated as if they are hiding a cupboard full of grenades!

Mahatma Gandhi, who was not a Christian, once said: "You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature."

What then do you hold in your hands? A literary masterpiece? A collection of ancient and beautiful stories? In that case, we should say to the many Christians who are imprisoned and tortured for the Bible: "Indeed you have been foolish and unwise: it is only a literary work."

No, with the Word of God, the light is come into the world and will never be turned off. In my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* I wrote: "We do not blindly seek God, or wait for him to speak to us first, for God has already spoken, and there is nothing further that we need to know which has not been revealed to us. Let us welcome the sublime treasure of the revealed Word." (n. 175).

So you have in your hands something divine: a book like fire, a book in which God speaks. So remember, the Bible is not meant to be put on a shelf, rather it is meant to be held in the hand, to be accessed often, every day, either alone or in company.

When you read it, read it carefully. The pages of the Word of God cannot be flipped through! Ask yourself instead: "What does that say to my heart? Through these words, is God speaking to me? Is He perhaps arousing in me a yearning, a deep thirst? What should I do?" Only in this way the Word of God can unfold its full force; so that our lives can be transformed into becoming full and beautiful.

I'll let you in on a secret: when I read my old Bible, I often take it, I read it for a while, then I put it aside and I let myself be looked at by the Lord. I don't look at Him, but let Him look at me: God is really there, fully present. So I see myself from his perspective and I feel – and this is not sentimentality – I perceive in the depths of my heart what the Lord is telling me.

Sometimes my Bible does not speak: so I don't feel anything, I'm empty, empty, empty ... But, patiently, I stay there and I wait like this, reading and praying. (I prefer sitting. Kneeling hurts me.) Sometimes, while praying, I even fall asleep. But it's not important: I am like a son close to my father, and that's what really matters.

Do you want to make me happy? Read the Bible.

Your
Pope Francis



"Holy Humour" - A chance to giggle with God!

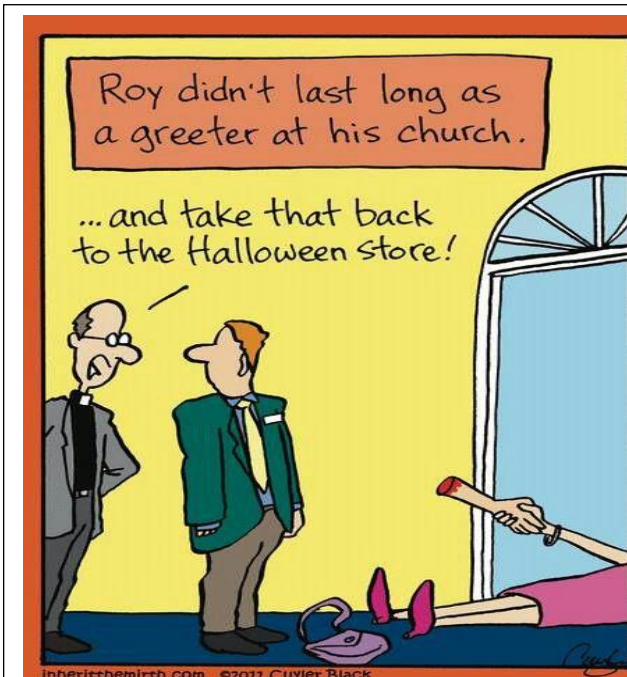


A devout old shepherd lost his favourite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

Words of wisdom: "There's a fine line between a long, drawn-out sermon and a hostage situation."

A newly-ordained pastor, in the first days of his first call, was attempting to console the widow of an eccentric man who had just died. Standing before the open casket, the nervous young pastor said, "I realise this must be a very hard blow for you, Mrs. Svenson. Just try to remember that what we see before us is only the husk, the shell of your dear husband – the nut has gone to heaven."



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