

## Newsletter July – September



### All Saints Anglican Church Puerto de la Cruz



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

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

Our neighbouring island of La Palma has a small but vibrant Christian congregation. They meet every week in one of two churches kindly lent by the Roman Catholic priest for their use – at San Martin de Porres and at Nuestra Señora de Bonanza. They are now once again under the umbrella of All Saints.

I have in any case enjoyed visiting La Palma once a month to take a Holy Communion service on Sunday afternoons (there is no resident priest there), and I am delighted that future clergy here will officially be taking responsibility for the Anglicans on that island.

In fact, the La Palma group has done a fantastic job in looking after themselves and welcoming tourists as well as residents and swallows. Hopefully there will be more opportunities to meet up and encourage one another in the months and years to come.

We at All Saints were encouraged ourselves recently by a visit from one of our bishops, The Rt Revd David Hamid, together with Geoff Johnstone, our Archdeacon. They liked our plans for the future ministry of the church, contained in a new five-year plan, and while they had some further changes of their own to suggest, the overall outcome was very positive.

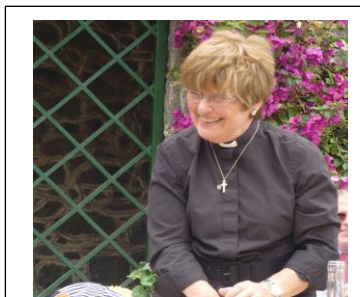
At this time of year many of our regular worshippers have returned to the UK for the summer months (although recent weather reports suggest that they might be regretting it). However, it's great to welcome summer holidaymakers in their place. If you are thinking about joining us the location to look for is Carretera Taoro.

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. Taizé worship (alternate Thursdays at 5.30 pm) will resume in September.

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#### Church Services – July to September 2019

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Holy Communion 10am
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Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Holy Communion 10am
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
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Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
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# Bible Study

Context  
Observation  
Themes Lists  
Interrogate Comparisons  
Training in Righteousness  
Teaching  
Reproof  
Correction  
Interpretation  
Contrasts  
Application  
Key Words  
Prayer  
Cross-References  
Expressions of Time

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 for explaining the Bible in depth and bringing it to life for us.

Reverend Paula will be leaving us on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. I am sure that I will be supported by all of the Group's members by saying you will be greatly missed. We would all like to express our sincere gratitude to you for starting the Bible Study Group, and for helping us to understand and explore the Word of God. May you be truly Blessed in your future endeavours.

Over the next few months we shall continue studying Acts, travelling with the Apostle Paul on his mission to spread the word of Christ, and start to consider his letters. Why not come along to our next session and join our Bible study group, even if you are only here on holiday for a few weeks? You will be assured of a warm welcome, some stimulating discussions and Christian Fellowship.

## Next sessions:

10<sup>th</sup> July : Acts 26 - Paul and Agrippa 24<sup>th</sup> July : Acts 27 - Shipwreck

28<sup>th</sup> Aug : Romans 14 - On passing judgement (not)

14<sup>th</sup> Aug : Romans 12 - "Let love be genuine"

11<sup>th</sup> Sept : Ephesians 1. 1-20 & 6. 10-20 – Unity in the Body of Christ

25<sup>th</sup> Sept : Ephesians 5 – Living in Love

## **Acts 27:13–21**

What happened as the ship continued toward Rome?

After seeing that the "south wind blew softly" (verse 13), what might the people on the ship have thought about Paul and the warning he gave?

According to verse 20, what were the emotions of those on the ship during the tempest?

### Principle:

If we ignore the warnings and counsel of the Lord's servants, then we put ourselves in danger.





# Farewell Reverend Paula

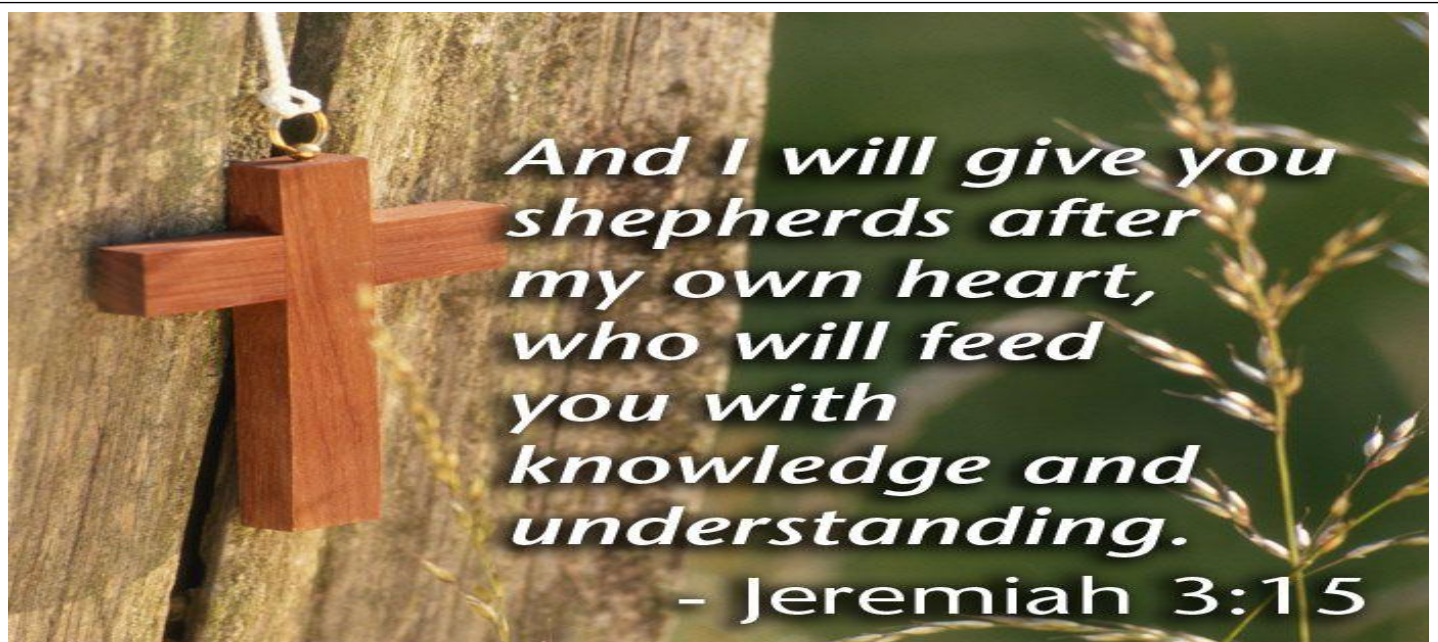


The Lord's servant came to spend some time with us all; preaching the Word of God and of Christian unity. To all who recognised her, she brought great joy and peace. Peace beyond understanding.

We thank you Revd. Paula from the depths of our hearts, for all that you have done for us during your brief time with us. For all the many changes you have brought to the church, many times with opposition, but with always the best interests of the church in mind.

We pray the Lord will bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you and protect you. We pray He will cover you with his feathers; He will shelter you with his wings; His faithful promises are your armour and protection.

With much love from us all.



### All Saints Church Social Event

We will be holding another **Bring & Share Fellowship Lunch on 28<sup>th</sup> July** after Reverend Paula's last Sunday Service at All Saints. Come and join us in Christian Fellowship and bid farewell to our Chaplain. Our previous Bring & Shares have proved to be a wonderful success and we now 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! Please let Jane Stewart know if you wish to bring a plate to share.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

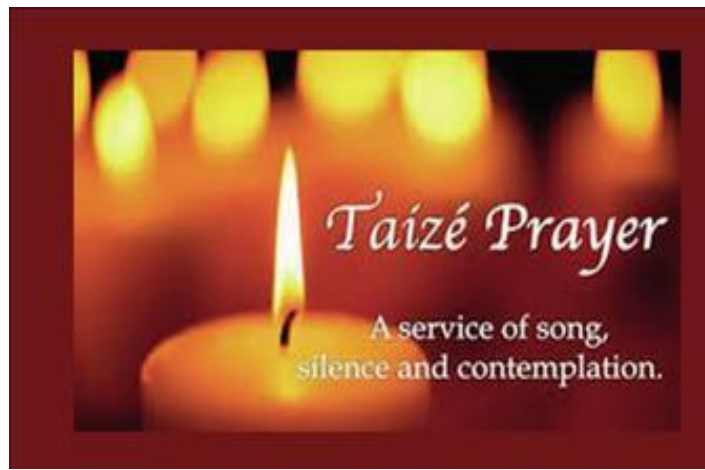


### Love your neighbour as yourself

#### Diversity sharpens you – 2 Samuel 6-8 & John 18. 1-18

If you limit yourself only to people who think exactly like you, you'll never grow personally or accomplish what God has in mind for you. You need people who have 20/20 vision where you have blind spots. The way to offset your weak areas is by being able to work with people who are strong in those areas. Instead of looking for those who conform to your opinions, you need someone who loves you enough to challenge your opinions from time to time. Why? Because you still have a lot of learning and growing to do! Think of the people Jesus picked. Luke was a doctor, and Peter and John were fishermen. If you prided yourself on your image, which would you have picked? But Jesus needed them all to accomplish His mission. He knew we need people who complement us, not duplicate us. It is estimated that even if you had the genius of Einstein, you'd still know less than one per cent of all there is to know. And if you were mega-talented, you'd only be able to achieve less than one per cent of what can be achieved. Yes, we need harmony. But there's a difference between harmony which is derived from two or more distinctly different notes that blend together, and unison, the same note made at the same time. Harmony is far more appealing to the ear than unison. So, your relationships should be harmonious without being in unison. Think about it: you are uniquely different from anyone else. So, if you want others to love and accept you, then why not start loving and accepting them. The greatest wisdom is to be found in diversity, not conformity.





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.

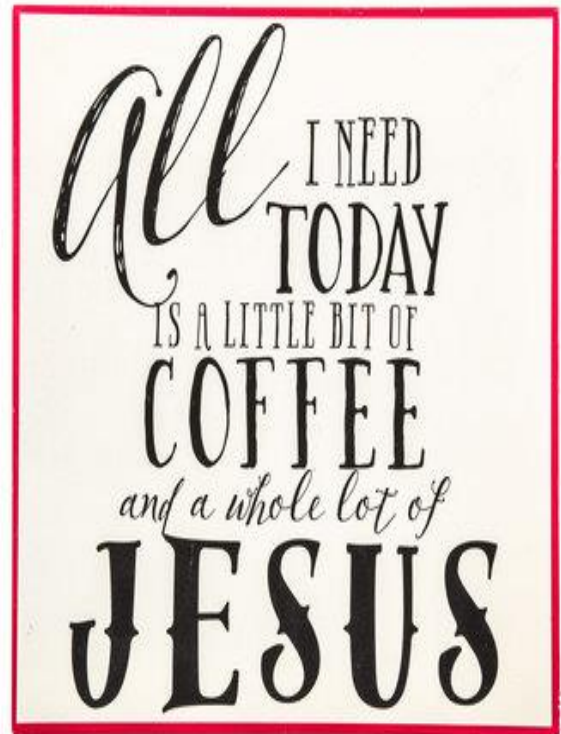
“It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one’s being.” So, says Brother John, a Taizé monk, in lectures and writings explaining what the service is all about.

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 prayer, where we lift our hearts and innermost thoughts and praises to God.

Taizé services will recommence on September 16th at 5.30pm

### 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 conversation in the cottage at the back of the Church, in the gardens to the right. Everyone is guaranteed a friendly welcome.



Taizé is a simple meditative prayer service in a setting of soft candlelight that fosters communion with God. Christ is the centre of Taizé reflection, and the candlelight signifies that Jesus Christ has conquered the darkness of death and sin. It is through Christ’s sacrifice that an offer of new life is given. Through beautiful music, elegant chants, thoughtful scriptures and times of private prayer in silence, participants are invited to stillness and to listen for and to the voice of God.



# HELP US TRANSFORM FUTURES

2nd Tenerife All Saints Group (BSO)  
BRITISH SCOUTING OVERSEAS



We'd love to hear from you,  
any adult interested in supporting  
our continued success or  
can recommend friends or family  
who may be keen to get involved.



Designed by Jacqueline Day (BSO)

We are looking for Leaders and Supporters  
in the first instance.

We ask nothing more than commitment, and  
some of your time, to enable  
Young People to achieve their Dreams.

No Scouting experience necessary  
Only a willingness to make a difference

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# JOIN THE ADVENTURE.



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Do you have a sense of adventure,  
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out?

Want to make new friends, have fun  
and learn new skills?

Young people are given the chance  
to lead and make decisions

Boys & Girls from 6 years

INSPIRE,  
DEVELOP,  
LEAD.

to 8 years

All welcome

YOUTH  
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Come along  
&

Join in the fun  
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## The 2nd Tenerife All Saints Scouts Group

Over the past months and with the tireless assistance of Graham Bell, an All Saints supporter for many years and a Group Scout Leader, we are planning to start a Scout Group here at All Saints in October.

We are currently looking for volunteers interested in becoming Scout Leaders, Scout Leader Assistants or Section Assistants. Many activities may be done sitting down, such as arts and crafts, so if you enjoyed Scouts or Guides in your youth, why not offer to help out? Age is no problem for helpers! Just willingness.

Initially, we will start with a Beaver Colony of children between the ages of 6 - 8½, one afternoon per week for 2 hours. We will form part of British Scouting Overseas, and children will enjoy many fun and interesting activities to enable them to work towards their badges, make new friends and bring lots of noise and life to the church gardens!

Finally, I would like to give a huge "Thank You" to Jacky Day for the wonderfully designed posters.





### Sunday Bar Opening

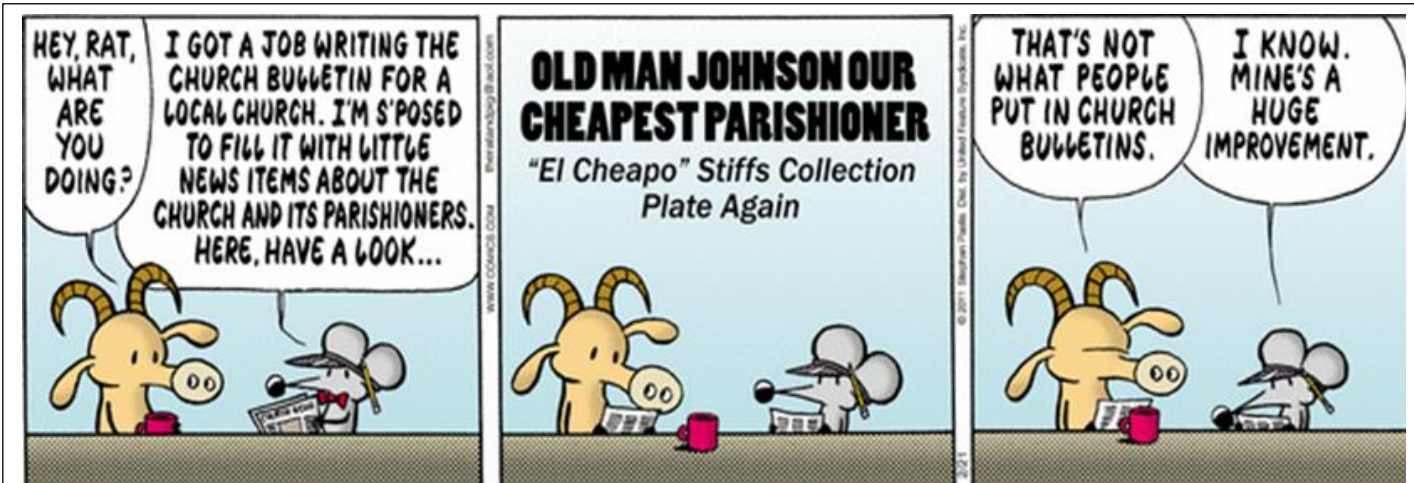
It has been agreed by the Council that the bar will be open on Sunday until 1.30pm. The church premises must be vacated by 2.00pm.

This will allow the vicar time to take memorials, funerals, or other services between 2.00pm and 4.00pm before the Lutheran afternoon Sunday service begins.

Your cooperation is appreciated.  
Thank You.

### A little "Holy Humour" regarding Stewardship.....or not!

There is the story of a preacher who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."



### All Saints Gardeners

How do you feel about joining the gardening crew? Perhaps you are new to the area, would like to join a friendly group of people and get a bit of exercise too?

Then think about it no more! Come along and join the green fingered, merry throng! Dorothy is always nearby, willing to instruct and encourage the uninitiated and budding gardeners at All Saints. All ages welcome. Enjoyment Guaranteed!! Thank you everyone for all your hard Work.





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



Mr Arnold, a businessman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, went on a business trip to Amarillo, Texas. He immediately sent an e-mail back home to his wife, Pamela. Unfortunately, he forgot his wife's exact e-mail address and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. P. Arnold in Rapid City, South Dakota, the wife of a preacher who had just died. The preacher's wife, Penny, took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted. When she was finally revived by her daughter, Penny hysterically pointed to the message, which read, 'Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here.'

After Quasimodo's death, Bishop Thomas of the cathedral of Notre Dame sent word through the streets of Paris that a new bell ringer was needed. The bishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin the screening process. After observing while several applicants demonstrated their skills, he decided to call it a day. Just then a lone, armless man approached him and announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job. Bishop Thomas was incredulous. 'You have no arms.' 'No matter,' said the man, 'observe!' He then began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the carillon. The bishop listened in astonishment, convinced that he had finally found a suitable replacement for Quasimodo. Suddenly, while rushing forward to strike a bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below. The stunned bishop immediately rushed down the stairways. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the fallen figure, drawn by the beautiful music they had heard only moments before. As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, 'Bishop, who was this man?'

'I don't know his name,' the bishop sadly replied, 'but his face rings a bell.'

