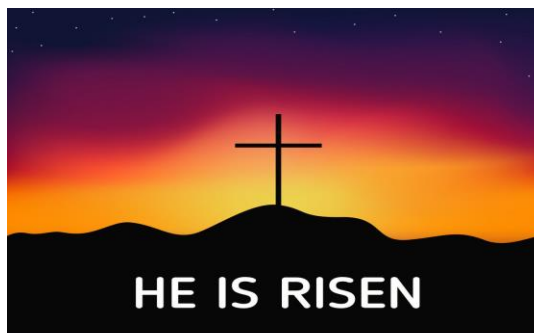


Newsletter March – April 2020



All Saints Anglican Church Puerto de la Cruz



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

As March rapidly approaches, hailing the start of a new Lenten and Easter season, it may be a time to reflect upon the events of the last church year at All Saints, and the goal the council set itself of focusing on moving forwards to serve “in the name of Christ”.

The church council in 2019 strived to encourage a more Christian and religious outlook in our duties as members of All Saints to help us grow in faith, hope and love. The fortnightly Taizé services on Thursdays, Bible Study group and Prayer Group after Holy Communion on alternate Wednesdays, have been a welcome addition to our Christian worship, and the Council extends a warm thank you to all our visiting locums who have contributed to their ongoing success and growth.

One of our locums, Revd. Ron enjoyed his time with us so much, he felt called by God to join us as our next permanent Chaplain and has signed a contract for a five-year period with All Saints. This appointment has brought great joy to both the church council and the congregation and will end many years of interregnum at All Saints. He will be joining us on 15th March 2020, and his licencing will be on the following Sunday 22nd.

Lent is now upon us, a time to reflect upon our lives as Christians and the sacrifice Jesus made for us all. Lenten lunches will be served after bible study or prayer group every Wednesday during this period starting on 4th March.

Our Easter Services can be seen on the calendar to the right. The Maundy Thursday Service will take place at 7pm and the Good Friday Service at 2pm. The Easter Sunday Service on the 12th April will be followed by the traditional All Saints Easter Sunday Lunch in the parsonage.

Please come and join us for one of our regular services, groups or events. If you are a visitor, swallow or regular church member you will be made very welcome. **Be Blessed this Easter.**

The Church Council



Church Services – March to April 2020

Weds 4 th Mar	Holy Communion 10am Prayer Group 11.15am Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
Sun 8 th Mar	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 11 th Mar	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
Thurs 12 th Mar	Taizé 5.30pm
Sun 15 th Mar	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 18 th Mar	Holy Communion 10am Prayer Group 11.15am Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
Sun 22 nd Mar	Holy Communion 9.30am Licensing Rev. Ron Corne & Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 25 th Mar	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
Thurs 26 th Mar	Taizé 5.30pm
Sun 29 th Mar	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 1 st Apl	Songs of Praise 10am Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
Sun 5 th Apl	Holy Communion 9.30am Palm Sunday Service 11am
Weds 8 th Apl	Holy Communion 10am Prayer Group 11.15am Lenten Lunch 12.30pm
Thurs 9 th Apl	Maundy Thursday 7pm
Fri 10 th Apl	Good Friday service 2pm
Sun 12 th Apl	Holy Communion 9.30am Easter Sunday Service 11am
Weds 15 th Apl	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am
Sun 19 th Apl	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 22 nd Apl	Holy Communion 10am Prayer Group 11.15am
Thurs 23 rd Apl	Taizé 5.30pm
Sun 26 th Apl	Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11am
Weds 29 th Apl	Holy Communion 10am Bible Study 11.15am

Bible Study

Context
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The 2020 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.

Over the next few months we shall continue studying Romans in its entirety. The Apostle Paul wrote the letter to the believers in Rome. He wrote it to give them a foundation on which to construct their faith and to live for and serve God effectively. Faith in Jesus Christ in the golden thread that runs right through Romans.

The book of Romans reveals the answers to important questions and explains many topics, such as salvation, the sovereignty of God, judgment, spiritual growth, and the righteousness of God and much else.

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:

- 11th Mar : Romans 9 – God's sovereign choice
- 25th Mar : Romans 10 – Message of salvation to all
- 15th Apl : Romans 11 – The truth revealed
- 29th Apl : Romans 12 – Love and live in peace



All Saints Prayer Group



Meeting every fortnight on Wednesday at 11.15am, is the recently formed All Saints Prayer Group. We meet after the Holy Communion Service and following our regular, post communion coffee fellowship.

The prayer group is run by our current locum Priest, who is joined by our prayer leaders, John and Sylvia Stuart. Come and join our celebration of prayer and Christian fellowship.

If you have any prayer requests or intercessions, these can be left in the box at the back of the church where you will find prayer request slips.

Prayer Group will be held on the following days:

March : 4th, 18th & April : 8th, 22nd

We are a group of Christians committed to praying together. We offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God. We practice Lectio Divina, a traditional monastic practice. A passage of scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by meditation, prayer and contemplation on the Word of God. There are all kinds of ways to effect change in our world. There are many ways of spreading the gospel, for sharing the name of Christ, for helping the poor, for feeding the hungry, and for combating evil. But all of these efforts come back to one crucial activity — prayer. We are powerless apart from prayer. God answers prayer. He delights to do it! He longs to hear his people pray.

Please, come and join us, God promises to meet you wherever two or more gather in His name (Matthew 18:20). Expect Him to work in the lives of all who participate, especially your own.

Living out our Faith

What is Lent and why do we celebrate? Lent is a season of the year when millions of Christians focus on strengthening their relationship with God. Many people choose to celebrate Lent through a combination of prayer, simple living, fasting and repentance in preparation for Easter. It lasts forty days (or forty-six days if you include Sundays), beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting through Holy Saturday. Ash Wednesday begins the season as we fast and get ashes on our forehead as a visible sign of penance. The ashes are applied by the minister to represent the dust from which God made us. The minister may explain, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

The duration of forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry. Many will go through the motions and celebrations of Lent and Easter. However, we like to take a moment to reflect on what this season really means to us. How does preparation during Lent better us as human beings? What can we do to spiritually strengthen our relationship with God?

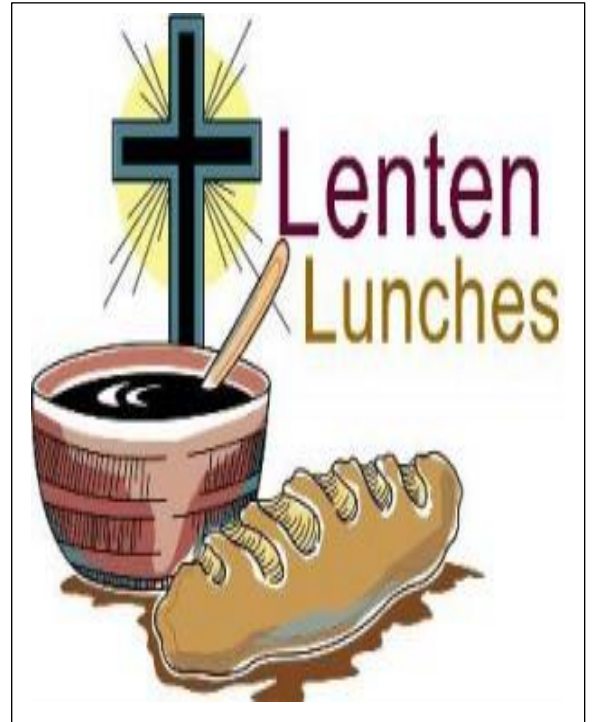
What is Easter and why do we celebrate? The season concludes with the celebration of Easter. On Easter, we celebrate the resurrection and rebirth of Jesus as he rose from the dead three days after being killed, thus defeating evil forever.

How can you strengthen your relationship with God during Lent?

Fast- The most common and recognized way to celebrate Lent is to give up something special to you, like watching TV or eating chocolate, during the season. In this way, many Christians feel that they are making a tangible sacrifice to reflect on the depth of the sacrifice Christ made for us. Some believe that fasting helps to keep the focus on God during the season. Other Christians feel that it makes them look forward to Good Friday and the celebration of Easter, Christ's victory over sin and death

Spiritual Discipline- As another way to prepare for Easter, you may choose to add additional prayers, Bible studies or another spiritual discipline to your routine. Some may decide to go on a spiritual retreat to deepen their faith in God, or come and join All Saints Bible study group, all are welcome.

Lenten Lunches – Keeping it Holy



All Saints Lenten lunches will be held following the Wednesday 10am Morning Service and either Bible Study or Prayer Group every week starting from 4th March until 8th April during Lent.

Lunch will be soup, a cheese salad or egg mayo roll, a piece of fruit and a bottle of water. Lunch will be 5€. All money raised from the Lenten Lunches will go to the Bishop's Annual Lent Appeal. Come and join us in Christian Fellowship at our beautiful church during this auspicious time of the year. Enjoy a beautiful service, some spiritual enlightenment and a little convivial conversation.

All are welcome

Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020 Classroom Building Appeal – Diocese of Mumias, Kenya

2020 is the year of the Lambeth Conference. Some 600 Anglican bishops from all over the world will gather together in Canterbury in July. Last summer, I was privileged to take part in a preparatory pilgrimage that brought together 15 of these bishops and spouses. One of those with whom I shared the pilgrimage was Joseph Wandera, Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Mumias in Kenya. I had previously met Joseph at a Carol Service in our chaplaincy in The Hague. Joseph had studied at advanced level in the Netherlands and was visiting the Hague to examine research theses in theology. I was impressed by +Joseph's sensitivity, care and courage in working in frequently tough conditions with very limited resources. In view of this being a special year for the Anglican Communion, I invited Bishop Joseph to suggest a project in his diocese which could be the subject of his appeal. I therefore join with Bishop Joseph in inviting us to help raise funds for a new classroom at the Bishop Hannington Memorial Academy being built by the diocese of Mumias.

The Challenge In 2013 the Kenyan government introduced a policy of free primary education. This has led to big increases in the numbers of children enrolled in schools. All the evidence suggests that improving primary school participation rates is a key factor in development and wellbeing. However, the number of teachers has not increased and classrooms are congested. Some classes have as many as 150 pupils with students sharing desks. In other cases, a shortage of buildings means children trying to learn outside, despite the vagaries of the weather.

The Opportunity Aware of this challenge, the Anglican Diocese of Mumias has established the Bishop Hannington Academy as their contribution towards better quality primary education in a Christian context. Their current enrolment stands at 38. The school currently consists of just one block with two classrooms, with a third room serving as the administrative wing. At present, they have three grades, Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two, and the Diocese employs three teachers. The Bishop and Diocese would love to expand the school. To do that, they need to build more classrooms.

The Appeal Bishop Joseph estimates it will cost 20,000USD to build and furnish a new classroom. (That is very good value by Western European standards!) Our Lent Appeal could therefore go most of the way to constructing a very tangible expansion of the Diocese of Mumias's mission to educate primary school children.

Safeguarding We expect recipients of appeals to meet safeguarding standards. Bishop Joseph has sent me a copy of their safeguarding policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults, approved in June 2019 by the Mumias Diocesan Synod, which I have shown to our own Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor. To donate to the Bishop Hannington School Classroom Building Appeal please send money via your chaplaincy treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office. I wish you a holy Lent.

With every blessing, **+Robert Gibraltar in Europe**

P.S... A Note Regarding Future Appeals I would very much like my next Appeal to come from within our own diocese. If you have a charitable cause in the field of social mission, preferably run by or in partnership with one of our own chaplaincies, please do discuss with your Archdeacon and then send me details.



Weddings & Christenings



All Saints Church is available for christenings and wedding blessings, and you do not have to be a member of the Church of England to have your marriage blessed or your children christened here. It's an option that is particularly popular with couples and parents who are from different religious backgrounds or who are looking for a service with an international flavour. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the chaplain if you think this might be a possibility for you. You may also use our extensive gardens and installations.

For a dream wedding call the vicar on:
Tel: 922 384038

News & Views from the church warden

Wendy Sanderson

I hope you all had an enjoyable past few months and are ready to accept new challenges in 2020. Heartfelt thanks to all our locums who have served us so well over the past months. Rev. Paul Skirrow will still be with us until Reverend Corne takes up his appointment on March 15th and I would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to him for all his hard work, especially in giving guidance and support to our Prayer and Bible study groups.

It was a real pleasure to announce the appointment of Rev. Ronald Corne as our permanent chaplain. After over 5 years in interregnum it is a great start to 2020. His licensing will take place on Sunday, 22nd March. I have invited members from the chaplaincy in La Palma to attend the licensing considering they are now back under All Saints' wing.

The joint Taizé services with the Lutherans restarted in January and continue on a fortnightly basis. Please check dates on the list of Services each month as dates are adjusted when there are 5 Thursdays in a month. If you have not been to a Taizé service, try it. It is a moving and very spiritual experience.

On Wednesday 22nd January we tried a new form of worship. Alan Chopping from the chaplaincy in La Palma flew in to lead a "Songs of Praise" event that started at 10am. This will be instead of the Holy Communion service. Members of the chaplaincy in the South were invited to join us. After the service a Bring and Share Lunch was held. It was a delight to experience a different style of worship – Alan made sure it was an uplifting experience!

Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions regarding services or social events at the church.

Wendy

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.

Taizé services are held on alternate Thursdays on the following days at 5.30pm:

March 12th, 26th and April 9th, 23rd



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.



Charitable Giving at All Saints 2019

Some of you may remember last year that one of the many aims of the church council was to improve the percentage given by All Saints in charitable donations to assist others in need both locally and further afield and thus bring the church in line with other churches in this area.

After much work and dedication, we are pleased to confirm that this has been achieved. Council members are most grateful to the many parishioners and friends of All Saints who have assisted us over the past year, fundraising, collecting coppers and giving donations. May God bless you all for your generosity.

It says in the Bible (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) ⁶ whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully^[a] will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Our chosen Charities this year have been:	The Bishop's Lenten appeal	1100
	Red Cross	200
	Hermanos de la Cruz Blanca	350
	British Legion	500
	Hospital Inmaculada	350
	Children's Society UK	500
	Hogar Santa Rita	200

All Saints Church - Songs of Praise Service

We will be holding a Songs of Praise service at 10.00am on April 1st followed by a Lenten lunch. This will be led by Alan Chopping, the congregational worship leader from La Palma. Come and join us in Christian Fellowship and celebrate in joyous song on this special day. It promises to be another interesting, lively and enlightening event. This will be followed by a Lenten Lunch of Lentil soup, cheese salad or egg mayo roll, fruit and a bottle of water. The cost of the lunch will be 5€. All money collected will be donated to Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal. The last Songs of Praise was a wonderful success. Bring your musical instruments, and if you feel inspired to share a psalm, a reading from the bible or a personal experience with God please come forward. Why not join us in a feast of Christian fellowship and fine homemade delights? You will not regret it. **Everyone is Welcome!**



Love thy neighbour as thyself

By looking into the story of the Good Samaritan, we can learn how to better love our neighbours by the character's example in the story. Here are the first 3 ways we too can put into practice loving our neighbours as ourselves. We shall consider further examples over the coming months.

1. Love In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the victim, he went to him. The Samaritan was on his way somewhere, but he stopped when he saw the man in need. We live in a fast-paced world where it is easy to overlook the needs of others. But if we learn from this parable, we will be careful to be aware of those who are around us. Who is God placing on your heart to show love to?

2. Be observant One of the first steps in being a good neighbour and loving others as yourself is noticing others. The Samaritan first saw the hurting man. *"But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds".*

Granted, a beaten man on the road seems like a scene that's hard not to notice. But Jesus also shows us the importance of seeing people. He sounds very similar to the Samaritan *"When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."* How can you be prayerful and mindful of people in your life?

3. Love is compassionate.

Luke goes on to state that when the Samaritan saw the injured man, he had compassion on him. He went towards the injured man and responded to his needs rather than simply feeling sorry for him. How can you be active in showing compassion to someone in need?

<https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/10-ways-to-love-your-neighbor-as-yourself.html>

A letter from Revd. Ron Corne - our future Chaplain

Dear Friends,

St Augustine who eventually became the first Archbishop of Canterbury was sent to Britain by Pope Gregory who advised St Augustine to bundle together 'whatever things are devout, religious and right' and use these things to inspire and teach the English'

I am delighted to say after very careful, prayerful and scrutinized preparation by the Diocese of Europe, the Chaplaincy and a time of discernment by me, that I have been appointed Chaplain Designate to serve in All Saints Puerto de a Cruz Tenerife.

I served at All Saints in September for a few weeks and I am returning now to be appointed Chaplain on 22nd March 2020.

A short-potted history: I have served throughout the Church of England in Suburban, City, Rural and Town ministries. I have served as an Area Dean for over seven years, guiding the Deanery and Clergy in the usual areas of the Christian Life, focusing on Mission and Pastoral Care in particular, and acting as a conduit between the Bishops and the Deanery Clergy.

We are beginning a new decade, this is both exciting and daunting but with God guiding and supporting us in our endeavours as Julian of Norwich said,

'All will be well. And all manner of things will be well'.

We have a journey to undertake which I trust will be a Christian family, with friends, visitors and pilgrims moving together with a Godly vision and a golden thread of love binding all things together.

Much more on that for the future but for the moment I'm packing a few things in a chest and a suitcase and preparing to come over from the UK.

All Saints Tenerife has a long history and I'm delighted to be coming and to be a part of that history and with us creating vision as we move ahead together, appreciating all the efforts of the volunteers, the congregation, the friends, everyone who contributes and looking to the tasks and challenges of the future with faith, hope and love and inviting people to catch the vision for our beautiful church and people for the future.

With Christian love

Revd. Ron Corne.



Revd. Ron Corne

Volunteers Corner

Vacancies still exist for a Second Church Warden, Treasury Assistants and Safeguarding officers. If you feel you may be able to assist in any of these areas, please contact the vicar or a member of council.
Thank you.

URGENT APPEAL

During the dreadful storm at the end of February, much damage has been done to the many trees and areas in the church gardens. If you are able to help with gardening and maintenance tasks, please come and join the teams of volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please speak to Barrie Mapps, Dorothy Charnock or Kit Urch who will be delighted to find you a job!! You can find them all somewhere in the church grounds working away.

The Power of Prayer

To pray is to make our hearts ready to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praying regularly will help us to develop a spiritual rhythm. A discipline of prayer changes the way that we think about our lives, because it creates new habits of heart and mind. Prayer opens us more deeply to the transforming grace of God. We enter into God's presence, allowing the Holy Spirit to pray in us.

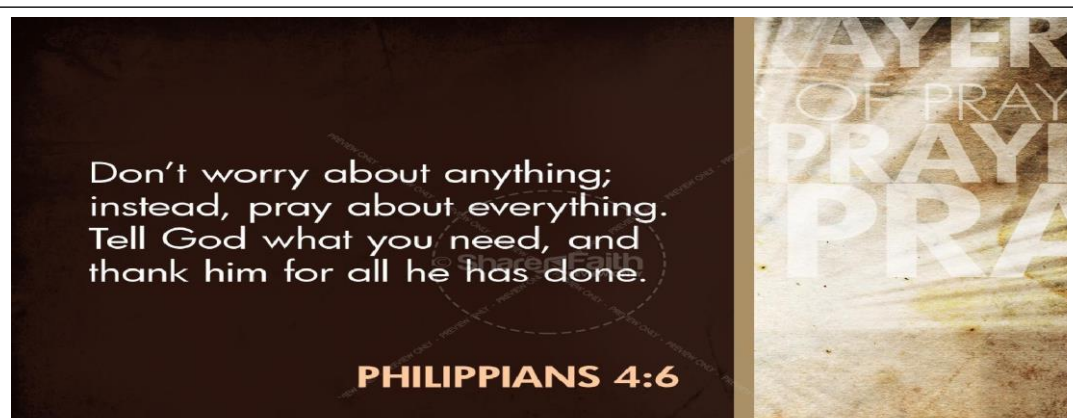
Services like Morning and Evening Prayer, Prayer during the Day, and Night Prayer are designed so that they can be said by individuals or in a group. However, we may often wish to pray by ourselves as we try to share in Christ's prayer to his Father. Whether you are a child, young person or an adult, prayer is easier than you might imagine! Millions of people of every age pray every day.

Remember that God hears every prayer—but not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always pray for his will to be done! Prayer is a discipline - it can be difficult at times, just like keeping fit, being on a diet, or keeping weeds down in the garden. Little and often is best, but don't give up! No prayer, however inadequate you may feel it to be, is ever wasted or of no value.

According to the Bible, the power of prayer is, quite simply, the power of God, who hears and answers prayer. Consider the following:

- 1) The Lord God Almighty can do all things; there is nothing impossible for Him (Luke 1:37).
- 2) The Lord God Almighty invites His people to pray to Him. Prayer to God should be made persistently (Luke 18:1), with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6), in faith (James 1:5), within the will of God (Matthew 6:10), for the glory of God (John 14:13-14), and from a heart right with God (James 5:16).
- 3) The Lord God Almighty hears the prayers of His children. He commands us to pray, and He promises to listen when we do. "In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears". (Psalm 18:6).
- 4) The Lord God Almighty answers prayer. "I call on you, O God, for you will answer me" (Psalm 17:6). "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles" (Psalm 34:17).

A popular idea is that the amount of faith we have determines whether or not God will answer our prayers. However, sometimes the Lord answers our prayers in spite of our own lack of faith. In Acts 12, the church prays for Peter's release from prison (v. 5), and God answers their prayer (vv. 7-11). Peter goes to the door of the prayer meeting and knocks, but those who are praying refuse at first to believe that it is really Peter. They prayed he would be released, but they failed to expect an answer to their prayers.





All Saints Traditional – Easter Sunday Lunch 12th

April 13.00hrs

Don't forget to book your places at the All Saints Easter Sunday Lunch. Come and join us in the parsonage grounds for a delicious lunch. Ladies & Gents – don't forget your Easter Bonnets and hats – a prize for the winner.

The church council would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those people who have come forwards to volunteer in and around the church in answer to previous advertisements, word of mouth or by pure chance. Please contact Wendy Sanderson, Dorothy Charnock, Kit Urch or Barrie Mapps if you are interested in Volunteering. There is always room for more! "Welcome" to all our new gardeners, refreshments servers, car boot and church welcoming volunteers and all others, in whatever way you help at All Saints church.

Without your assistance the church would find it difficult to survive, so a huge **THANK YOU** to you ALL.

Volunteers, both old and new.

God Bless you all for giving your time so generously.

Friends of Tenerife – Spring Bake a Cake Competition

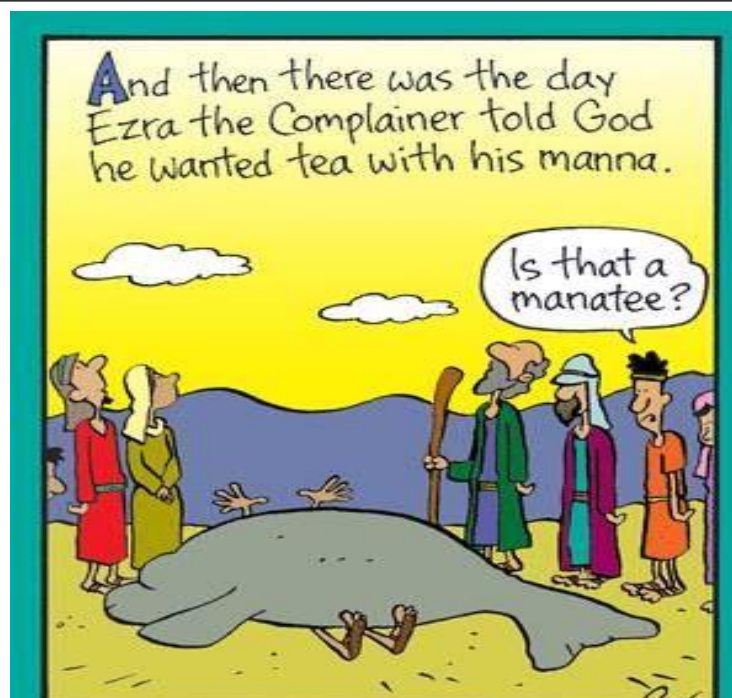
Tuesday 19th March at All Saints Church Gardens

FOT are hosting a cake baking competition followed by High Tea. Please come along, support this wonderful event and help all the many charities assisted by FOT.

High tea will be 5€ per person and includes unlimited tea and cake. Entries for the cake baking competition will be judged between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. The winning cake will be the star raffle prize. For further information please contact Jean Warner on 653061948.



Holy Humour & Events - God loves to see us smile



Classical Concerts at All Saints

A series of concerts will take place during March, please make a note in your diary and come along to support these events:

Reyes Bartlett will be performing on

21st March – 5pm - Vocal Quintet with organist

22nd March – 8pm - Baritone from Puerto de la Cruz and Guitarist from Gran Canaria

28th March – Trio Atenea - 7pm – Soprano, Tenor & Pianist



Events

Sat 7th Mar - Car Boot Sale 11am
Tues 10th Mar- Inter Club Quiz 6pm
Sun 22nd Mar - Licensing Rev. Ron Corne
Weds 1st Apl - Songs of Praise 10am
Sat 4th Apl - Car Boot Sale 11am
Tues 7th Apl - Inter Club Quiz 6pm
Sun 12th Apl - Easter Sunday Lunch



A priest and a pastor stood near a sharp curve on a busy road holding signs. "The end is near!" read the priest's sign, while the pastor's warned, "Turn around before it's too late!" As he passed by, a man in a sports car yelled "Idiots!" and shook his head. Then he blasted his horn and accelerated past them. Moments later the clerics heard the sound of screeching tires, followed by a big splash. The priest turned to the pastor and said, "Maybe we should change our signs to 'Bridge Out'."