

# All Saints Tenerife “Lock Down” Express

## June 2020 Edition

Notes from the Parsonage.....

I don't know about you, but when I go on line I have to be extremely disciplined as so many things can distract me from my central task, it might be a news story, or an item of interest, some music or history. You have to be focused as the world is before you at the click of a mouse and you can be off on another trail.

Part of this world is watching BBC iPlayer and the fascinating series by Professor Mary Beard where she takes us through the lives of the ancient Romans. Recently she took us along the famous Appian Way (312BC). The Appian Way was the first long road built specifically to transport troops outside the smaller region of Rome. The Romans had expanded over most of Italy and were masters of road construction. Their roads began in Rome and extended to the borders of their domain - hence the expression, "All roads lead to Rome".

Professor Beard translated some of the inscriptions along the road written on the long line of memorials, one says, "Stranger hang on a minute, take a look down here to your left, that's where my bones are buried. I was a kind man, a good man...please don't mess with my tomb... traveller on your way now, goodbye". These inscriptions reveal real people not imaginary figures and they show the deep human feelings of those who lived and died in those ancient days. In Rome itself there are many more such memorials here is one inscription for a young girl who died.

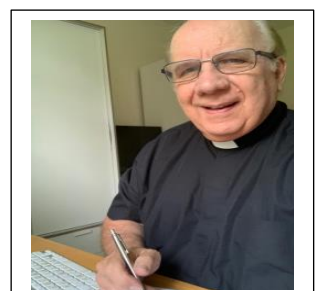
"To the spirits of the dead and to Laberia Auxime who lived 10 years 6 months and 12 days. Lucius Laberius Hermes made this... Father." This inscription is amazingly precise and to the point and above the inscription carved figures of praying women, one of the sure pointers that this is most likely a Christian tomb.

It says in the scriptures, "But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8). Human beings have always been inflicted with the realities of life and death and these tombs remind us that what we go through and what we experience is nothing new, even this horrific pandemic and that we are a part of another important page in the history of human life. As we pray to the Lord so did that little family long ago, and the Lord was there for them as he is with us now.

During Pentecost, where we celebrate the giving of the powerful, burning, transforming Holy Spirit to all Christians. Let us open our hearts to that same eternal Spirit of God whom Lucius called upon for his beloved Daughter two millennia ago. For this is the God who sustains, loves and guides us in this life and wants us to blossom to the full, and then in the world to come receives us into his eternal kingdom for the next stage in the astonishing life giving faith of knowing our Lord Jesus Christ!

Fr. Ron Corne.

Chaplain





## Do not give in to despair

*'When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.'*

*James 1:2 NLT*

When difficulties come to us in life and in our relationships, as they inevitably will, it is easy to succumb to the 'dominoes of despair'. First, we become disappointed with an event or relationship. Then as the trial lingers, we topple into discouragement and surrender our expectations that things will change. Finally, as we feel the impossibility of moving the object against which we lean, we succumb to the last domino of despair. We feel powerless and hopeless, and do not know how to see our way clear. Instead of running our life's race, it feels like we are swimming below the surface in an ocean of jelly. Often when we cannot understand life's circumstances, we limit our expectations of who God is and what He can do. We think there is only one good outcome – the one we want! Instead, we need to trust our heavenly Father because He may have bigger and better things in mind. We must try to see Him at work in whatever trials come our way. Remember, God's expectations are bigger than our own, and only our heavenly Father and His purposes, no matter how painful they seem at the moment, truly satisfy our souls. James writes: 'Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So, let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing' (vv. 2-4 NLT). Keep that truth uppermost in your mind today, and you will not give in to despair.

**Bible in a Year:** [2 King 1-3, Acts 8:1-25](#)

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# Lives of the Saints

## By

## Krysia Claxton

Sainthood has been given to people who have shown 'Heroic virtue, humility, charity and prayer' which has inspired others. Many abandoned worldly interests, worked miracles, and have been considered Holy people and/or messengers of the Almighty God through their Christian faith.

I have selected a deeply humble Saint who has been a great inspiration for the churches of the world.

### **Saint Francis of Assisi. 1181-1226.**

Saint Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. He established the Franciscan Order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy into a wealthy Italian family in 1182. He grew up leading a privileged life as the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. Although St Francis was expected to be a soldier, God spoke to him and guidance was given to encourage him to holy orders. He was imprisoned for cowardice, but unrelenting when he was released, he spent his life in poverty preaching the word of God and begging for bricks to build a monastery.

Pope Innocent III authorised Francis and eleven others to be "roving preachers of God." Living by begging, he even travelled to the Holy Land. Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis on 16 July 1228. He was designated Patron saint of Italy.

He cared for the sick and needy, animals and birds.

According to Christian tradition, in 1224 he received the stigmata during the apparition of Seraphic angels in a religious ecstasy, which would make him the second person in Christian tradition after St. Paul (Galatians 6:17) to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of 3 October 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 142.

Saint Francis wrote this famous script: "Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

St Francis is in my painting at the parsonage.

Lord, make me an instrument  
of Thy peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we  
are born to eternal life.

Amen

St Francis of Assisi - 13th century



# A message from our church warden

Wendy Sanderson

## ONE STEP AT A TIME

After eight weeks of lock down in our houses we finally received the good news that with effect from Monday 11th May we would be able to go for a walk during set time slots and that churches could reopen from Sunday 17th May. What joy! However, as expected, this joy was short lived when all the Spanish Guidelines and Regulations were listed in the same publication.

Restrictions were to be lifted in phases of 2 weeks until the end of June. Each phase would increase the capacity usage of the church starting at 30 percent rising to 75 percent in the final phase. SUBJECT TO SOCIAL DISTANCING of 2 metres between each person. Now I do not want to bore you, but the following may help you understand the difficulties we are facing from both the Spanish Government regulations and the Anglican Bishops Robert and David's guidelines:

1. Pews and Floors are to be marked out to show 2m distancing.
2. No kneelers and pew cushions are to be used.
3. No hymn books, prayer books or service booklets. Single use service sheets permissible, collected at the door, (not handed out) and thrown in lidded pedal bin when leaving.
4. No singing.
5. Hand sanitizers to be provided at all entrances and exits.
6. Face masks to be worn by all members of congregation including chaplain.
7. Supervision of movement at all times to ensure social distancing maintained, especially when entering and leaving the church.
8. Communion in bread only format subject to supervised social distancing.
9. Deep cleansing of the church before services commence and after each service.
10. If church toilet used it has to be cleaned after use of each person.
11. No refreshments to be available after the service.



In view of above a decision was made by the Church Council not to open the church until July. However, a specific date cannot be given as Reverend Corne is still in the UK awaiting permission to re-enter Spanish territory.

Fatima is deep cleaning all the church buildings in preparation for the opening and Osmel is concentrating on the church grounds and the cemetery. With the easing of restrictions in Phase 3 an approach was made by the maintenance and gardening groups to recommence their activities. The Church Council gave permission to restart during the week commencing 8th June but only in the church grounds with no access to the church buildings and subject to all the Spanish Government Regulations and The Anglican Bishops Guidelines. The gardening group agreed to start that week, however the maintenance group have decided to wait until the end of June to see what happens next.

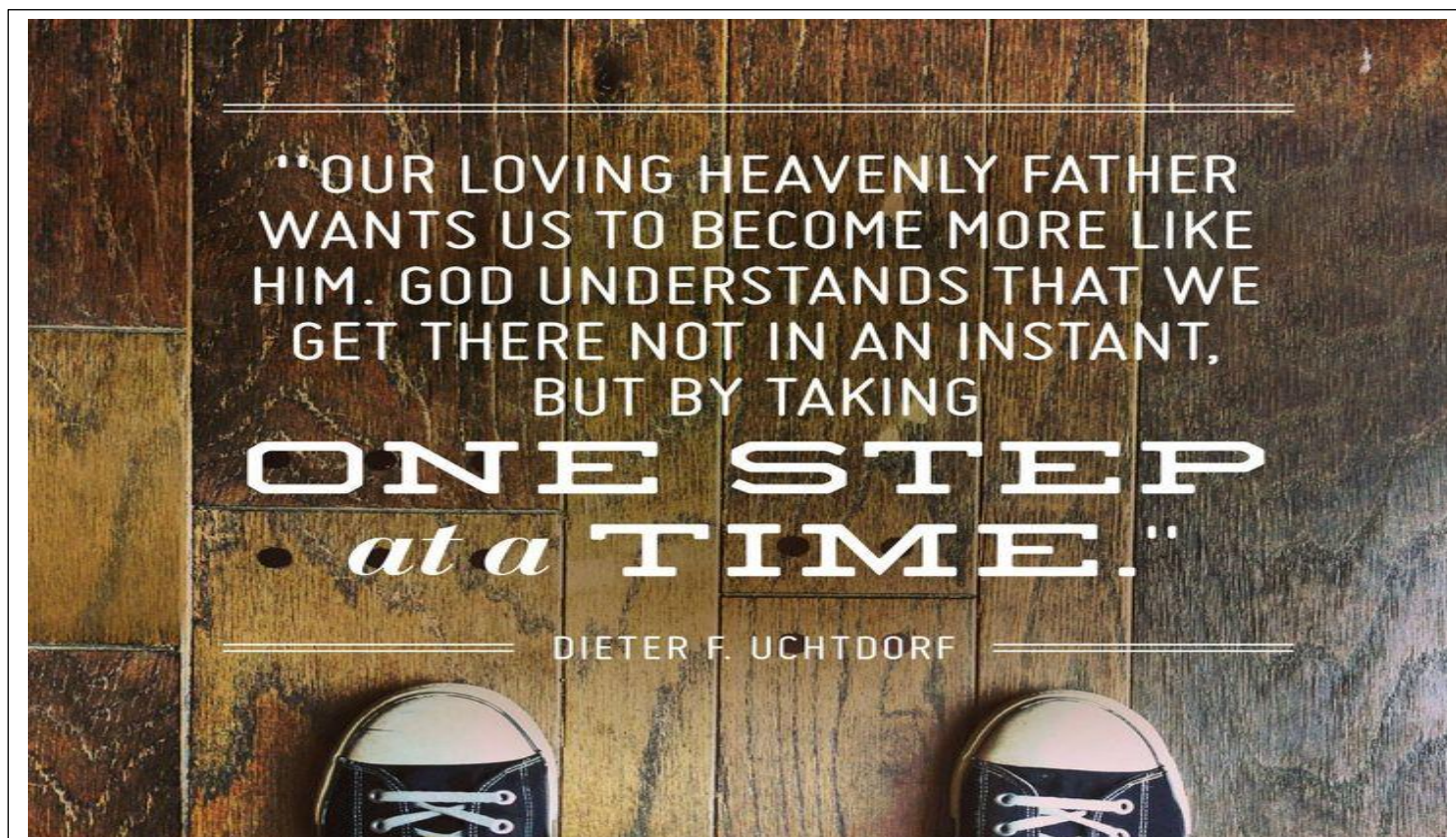
So, rest assured we are doing our best to take each step as it comes towards celebrating again as a congregation in our beautiful church in Taoro Park.

Take care everyone and hopefully I will see you soon.

Best wishes

Wendy Sanderson

Churchwarden.



## Prayer for the end of the virus

Almighty and merciful Father, you show your endless love to all your creation.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings,

Loving, ever living and compassionate God,

You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life,

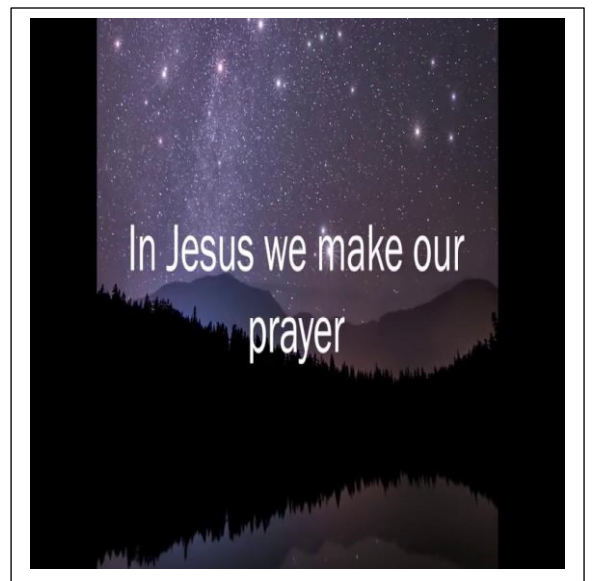
We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

Prayer: Linda Jones

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers>



# Supporting All Saints Church during the Pandemic



Dear Member of the Congregation, Swallows and supporters,

Although the buildings have been closed these past months, I hope you have been able to access the All Saints website, Facebook page and join the Tenerife (and others) virtual church service on Sundays via Facebook where Revd Ron is a regular participant. His Sunday sermons and prayers can be read online.

I hope you have found the services and resources provided by All Saints via internet to enable you to meet with God - the church is still alive and active. As we develop our IT skills, I pray we will be able to be more interactive with worship and other activities. If you have any ideas you would like us to explore then please let us know.

Without wishing to add more stress to what is already a difficult situation, I need to pass on some rather critical information. One of the outcomes of the lockdown is that our monthly expenditure is exceeding our income. This is for a combination of reasons: not only are we not taking collections at services, but we are unable to do any fund raising, so we have no income from the monthly Car Boot sales or other events. If you are able, now would be a good time to take a moment to reflect upon your financial support of the Church and how you give.

As Treasurer, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage those who would normally put a regular donation into the plate to sign up to make their donations via one of All Saints bank accounts, either here or in the UK. If you are not a taxpayer, then you can still make regular payments by setting up a standing order/direct debit if you use internet banking.

Please write your name and PDLC or Tenerife N in the bank comments/dialogue box. If you normally gift aid your donations, and would like to continue to do so, please send me an email to [cheryl6921@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryl6921@hotmail.com) and I will gladly send you a form to complete.

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On behalf of the Chaplain Reverend Ron and the Church Council I would like to thank you for your help during these difficult times. Please take care, stay safe and may God bless you all. Cheryl.



# Love your neighbour as yourself... ..in the midst of a Pandemic

By Doug McClinsey



The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

The COVID-19 crisis provides a unique opportunity for the church to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As Christ's disciples, our calling to the lost around us is two-fold: proclaim the gospel with our lips and practice good works of service and love. Evangelism and neighbour-love go together, and like two-sides of a coin, they should not be separated. This present crisis is a time for us to be good neighbours and meet other's needs in Jesus' name.

But what does it actually mean to be a good neighbour? In Luke 10:25-29, we read:

*On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"*

This expert in the Jewish law (or lawyer) asks Jesus "who is my neighbour?" Jesus answers by telling a story about a man in great need (verses 30-37). While traveling, this man was attacked by robbers, beaten, and left for dead. A priest and a Levite, who were a part of the religious community, walked by the man and ignored him. But a Samaritan came and cared for the man and provided for his needs at great cost to himself. Jews and Samaritans despised each other, so the fact that a Samaritan helped, and not a priest or Levite, was a shocking statement. Jesus then asked the lawyer *"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"* Two important things have been pointed out by teachers of the Bible about this parable. First, the primary point of this parable was to expose to the lawyer that he needed a Saviour, which was the only way the lawyer could "inherit eternal life." Second, this parable teaches us what it looks like to love



our fellow man. True love is sacrificial and meets the needs of others. This lawyer asked Jesus the wrong question. He asked Jesus “who is my neighbour?” Better questions to ask are “*whose neighbour am I?*” and “*what kind of neighbour should I be?*”

As Jesus taught, we were created to love God and others. And like the lawyer, we all have fallen short of this. Sin is the result of our failure to love God and neighbour. God, however, acted on our behalf in sending His Son. As our Saviour, Jesus lived the life we could not and died the death we deserve. He lived a perfect life of love to both God and others. And through His death and resurrection we are now forgiven and delivered from sin and its effects. In Jesus – we are free - free to pursue love for God and others. In fact, God may even use our acts of love to draw others to Himself.

So, in the midst of a pandemic and a quarantine lifestyle, what kind of neighbours should we be? What does neighbour-love practically look like? Some ideas are:

**First, obey the quarantine orders placed over us.** They are intended for the well-being of the community and abiding by them shows that we take genuine concern for others and their health. It also shows that we take concern for the economic well-being of others, as abiding by these orders will aid in people being able to go back to their place of business sooner.

**Support local restaurants.** Order take-out and frequent the same place. By doing so, you can begin to build relationship with the owner or workers of that restaurant and show them continual support. Once restrictions are lifted, a relationship is established that you can continue to pursue for the sake of the gospel.

**Find realistic and practical ways to engage with your neighbours.** Mail them a note or card introducing yourself (if necessary) and let them know that you are available in case they need help. Provide your contact info. Keep in mind that you cannot meet every need but should be committed to meeting needs as able and appropriate.

**If you know people who have a higher likelihood of experiencing loneliness during a quarantine (singles, widows), reach out to them through a phone call or something like FaceTime.** Just your presence (even if it is through technology) can mean the world to them.

**Consider young families with children.** Many parents have to now juggle working from home and taking care of the children. If the parents lost their jobs, they also have an unexpected financial stress to deal with. Consider writing them a card, calling them to pray with them over the phone and ask how they are doing, or even do something fun like have a pizza delivered to their home to supply a meal for them. Consider ways you can bless them.

**Consider non-profit organizations in our community.** Many organizations are seeking to meet the needs of others in this time. Consider if there are ways you can help them.

**Continuing to be a faithful and active participant in the local church.** As a church, we are seeking to love others, so staying alert to future instructions and announcements for this will help us to continue to work together as a local church to bless others.

**Consider the elderly and immune-compromised.** They may not be able to leave their homes during this time. We can reach out to them and offer to pick up groceries for them or something else they may need. Let us make sure to take in consideration their need for social distancing and good hygiene practices (washing hands before touching their doorknob, wearing gloves, etc).

**Consider those who work on the front lines.** If you know healthcare professionals who are working long hours and directly with those suffering from COVID-19, write them an email, text, or note of encouragement and thank them for their service. They need our support right now.

Think about the people that surround you in your family and friendships, your neighbourhood, and your workplace. How can you be a good neighbour to them? May we be known by our love!

<http://thechapel.com/blog/love-your-neighbor/>

Please feel free to copy the “assistance card” below and give them to your neighbours and those you feel may need help.



Love your neighbour as yourself  
from 6 feet away, please.

**Hello Neighbour!** If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

My phone number is \_\_\_\_\_

If you are self-isolating, alone or have coronavirus, I can help with :

- Order/Pick up shopping
- Pick up Prescriptions
- Being someone to talk to
- Items you have run out of

Just phone or text me and I'll do my best to help - no charge!!

Guidelines, wash your hands regularly, don't touch face, avoid physical contact. Anything you need that I drop off will be placed outside your front door, I'll ring you as I leave to let you know they are there.

Card by [www.neighbourhoodprayer.net](http://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net)

## A message from Revd. Ron our parish priest

Dear Friends,

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

These powerful words from St Paul proclaim the change that will take place when the Lord comes at the end of time. It may not yet be the end of time, but this pandemic has brought upon us massive change in almost every way. In fact, a deep crisis, not only in the financial markets but in the way people think, so many are changed from within.

If I had told you in January, that by March you would witness a shut-down world with most of the world's aircraft grounded, the loss of countless loved ones to a pandemic and most everything different, you would have called me a mad man. Yet this is dramatically what has happened. In other words, this experience has helped us to realise that life is fragile, that our human lives are precious and vulnerable, and that, as St Paul said, things can change in the blink of an eye. The world cannot return to how it was, in fact we are living through the emergence of a world that is basically up for grabs. We need to figure out what now is important to us?

We are witnessing that Lockdown has caused clean air and that pollution has declined drastically. People in Venice seeing fish swimming in the canals and others living in Bihar have reported that they can see for the first time in living memory snow-capped mountains and others that they can see the visible peak of Mount Everest.

Can we now clearly see the way forward as Christians? Are we prepared to answer the big questions in life about the environment and the purpose of life and can we proclaim this to those who are seeking? Can we answer the important and fundamental truths of our faith and are we ready to explain to seekers that they too can share in the wonderful message of God's love for them? That is certainly our task and privilege.

As Spain and other countries proclaim a time of mourning for those who have died let us remember them by going to the garden prepared for the Chelsea Flower Show which itself could only happen online. One of the gardens is based on the 23rd Psalm. The creator of the garden said, "It's a 'found' place in which to escape, to re-engage with nature and strengthen mental health and wellbeing. It has dark valleys and still waters and has a strong resonance with contemporary life and its stresses. It is a garden that represents a spiritual oasis. Inspired by the landscape of Dartmoor. It is a 'found' place in which to escape, to re-engage with nature and strengthen mental health and wellbeing.

Let us find that place for ourselves where we can sit in prayer with the Lord.

With Blessings

Fr. Ron Corne

Chaplain

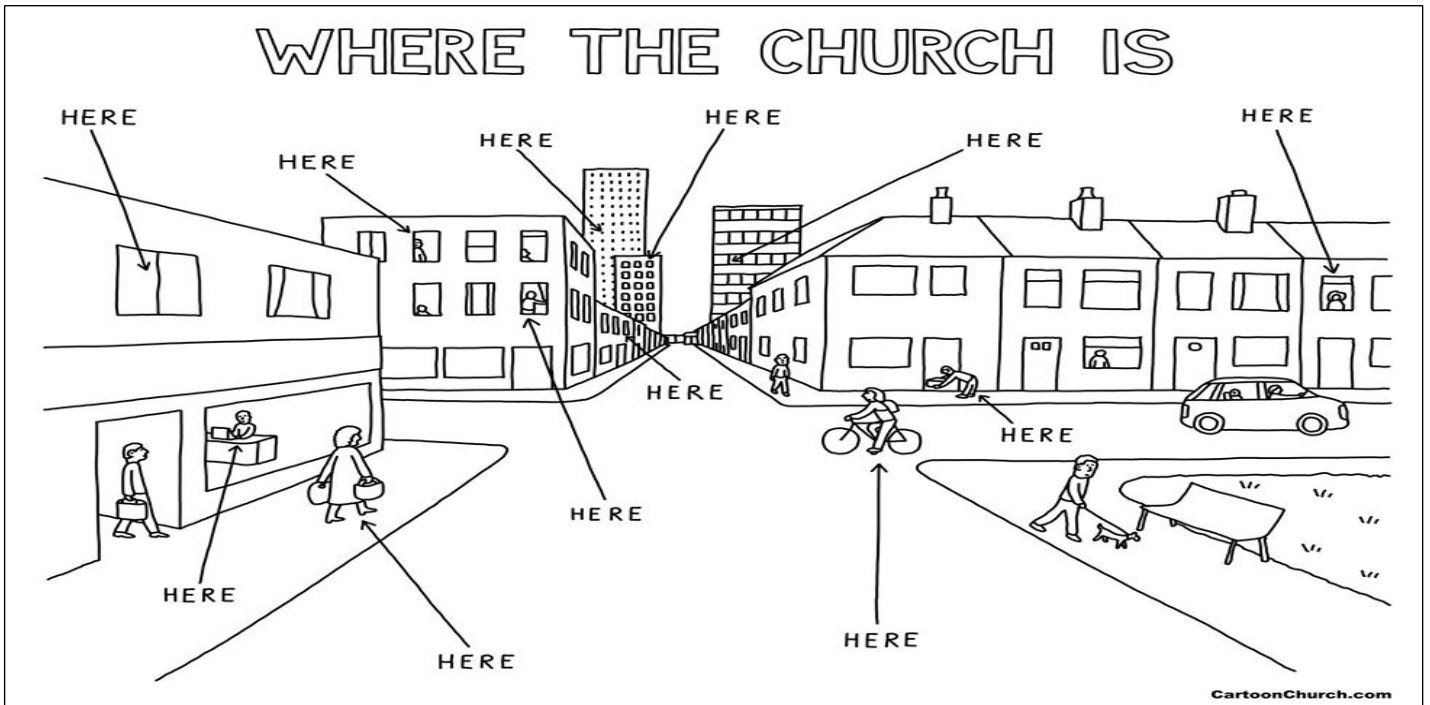
An open book is shown, likely a Bible, with text overlaid on it. The text is in white and black, matching the background of the image.

**In a moment, in the  
twinkling of an eye, at  
the last trump: for the  
trumpet shall sound, and  
the dead shall be raised  
incorruptible...**

**—1 Corinthians 15:52**



## Coronavirus: Local Churches in Lock down by Norma Wright



During the Coronavirus pandemic it has been a real blessing to see how the grass roots of the church have come to the rescue with Sunday services on Face Book, YouTube, and daily prayers. The mother church of the five in my group are doing this and sending out the printed order of service as an email. Christian Unity is extraordinarily strong in this area with each of the three towns which make up the Isle of Thanet each having a Churches Together well-established group.

We come together for monthly prayer breakfasts; Easter Day sunrise service on the beach; Palm Sunday procession; Remembrance Sunday in November and of course The Week of Christian Unity, where a different denomination hosts the prayer meetings throughout the week, followed by a final Thanksgiving Service.

One area which has had to re-organise is the local food bank. This is run on a voucher system, with different churches used as distribution points. They now have an army of volunteers who make up food parcels for distribution. The homeless are suffering too, as the popular weekly dinner and chat, where people were also able to have a shower, has had to be abandoned.

A glimmer of hope on the horizon is that a kind donor has given some portacabin type units to be converted into homes. A fund has also been started and we need to pray we can find a suitable site to base them on.

It is quite an interesting exercise for Peter and myself to decide which church we will attend each week, without having to drive anywhere. There is a song called the UK Blessing, not the most inspired tune, but it is uniting Christians across the country, and they reckon statistically at least church attendance has risen.



## Getting Brexit ready – a guide for UK nationals

The UK left the EU at midnight on 31 January 2020. Under the terms of the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement, an 11-month transition period took immediate effect, during which freedom of movement, trade and travel continue as before. The Agreement specifies that if you establish legal residence in Spain before the end the transition period: “you will be covered by the Withdrawal Agreement, and your rights will be protected for as long as you remain resident in Spain.”

Here are some of the key considerations for UK nationals living in Spain Visas and residency. Currently, you must register within the Registro Central de Extranjeros and obtain the Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la Union if you want to stay in Spain for more than three months. According to the law, you have 90 days from the date of arrival to do this. Once the registration is correctly processed, you will receive a green card indicating your name, nationality, home address, NIE number and date of registration which will allow you to demonstrate that you intend to settle in Spain. If you are legally resident in Spain before the transition period ends on 31 December 2020, you will be permitted to stay indefinitely. In other words, you will have secured the ability to travel between the UK and Spain as and when you would like.

From 1 January 2021, if you have not already secured your residency in Spain in 2020, you will likely be subject to one of the following situations: 1. Short stays (up to 90 days) from 2021 As things stand, as for other third country (non-EU) nationals, UK nationals will likely need to apply for permission to travel to Spain once the transition period ends. In the long-term, this will be done through the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) - a ‘visa waiver’ system similar to the US ‘ESTA’. However, ETIAS is not due to take effect until late 2021 or early 2022. While we do not know what system will be in place before ETIAS is ready, we can expect similar rules to apply from 1 January 2021: UK citizens must register online in advance of travelling; There will be an application fee; Authorisation is valid for three years; Allows unlimited entries into the Schengen region; Enables stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period. Find out more at: [www.etiasvisa.com/etias-news/etias-visa-how-will-it-affect-uk-citizens](http://www.etiasvisa.com/etias-news/etias-visa-how-will-it-affect-uk-citizens). The European Commission has said UK citizens will not need visas to visit the EU for short-term stays. However, this is dependent on the UK continuing to offer reciprocal visa-free access to EU citizens. The UK government has stated that freedom of movement will end at the conclusion of the transition period. However, it has mooted a visa-free travel scheme for EU tourists which should ensure travel continues very similarly to how it does today.

### Brexit and living in Spain : During and after the transition period

Long stays (over 90 days) from 2021 : if you wish to stay in Spain for longer than 90 days in any 180-day period but have not secured Spanish residence in 2020, you will likely need to

apply for a long-term visa. We do not yet know what the rules and requirements will be for UK citizens from 1 January 2021 onwards. Until we get more clarity on this from the Spanish immigration authorities in the coming months, the current conditions required for third country (non-EU) nationals moving to Spain offer an indication of how things might be. As third country nationals cannot currently apply 'in-country', you may have to apply for your visa in person through a UK consulate, not in Spain, from 2021. The current rules for non-EU applicants wishing to settle in Spain with a 'non-lucrative visa' require each individual to demonstrate some minimum financial requirements to prove sufficient economic means for the period of residency in Spain. Whatever is decided, we can expect UK nationals will face more complex and stringent requirements for applying to live in Spain from 2021 than today.

### Healthcare

If you are lawfully settled in Spain before 31 December 2020, you will have healthcare rights in Spain as you do now, provided you remain Spanish resident. You must register for healthcare as a resident in Spain. State healthcare: S1 If you are living in Spain and receive the UK State Pension or other exportable benefit, you can continue receiving free Spanish healthcare while you are resident there. You will need to apply for a certificate of entitlement known as the S1 form. If you are entitled to an S1, you can also hold a UK-issued European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This enables you to receive free healthcare when travelling in other EU member states, at least until 31 December 2020. Access to Spanish healthcare for UK nationals who are not resident in Spain post-transition period has not yet been defined.

### Pensions

If you are living in the EU/EEA or Switzerland by 31 December 2020 you will continue to receive cost-of-living increases to your UK State Pension every year for as long as you continue to live there. This will apply even if you start claiming your pension on or after 1 January 2021, only if you meet the qualifying conditions for the UK State Pension and are settled in Spain before the transition ends. There is no guarantee that UK retirees moving to Spain after 2020 will be eligible for this benefit. Brexit and living in Spain: During and after the transition period 4 You can find further guidance and keep up to date with developments for UK nationals living in Spain on the UK government website at [www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-spain](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-spain).

To spend the majority of the year in Spain – without restriction – and secure lifelong healthcare and pension rights, you need to take steps to secure your residency in Spain during 2020. If you are yet to formalise your status in Spain, you can contact the British Consulate in Santa Cruz on 928 262 508 , a local gestor or an administrative company such as Blevins Franks in Tenerife (the authors of this document): Blevins Franks in the Canary Islands - Paul Montague on 922 716 079.

## News from La Palma

Hi Everyone,

Cheryl asked if our fellowship would like to contribute towards this newsletter. For those who might be unaware of us here in La Palma. I thought it best if I give a small description of who we are and the makeup of our church family. We are a small number of Christians from various background churches Anglicans, Catholics, Quakers, Plymouth Brethren, Baptists so it is a lovely mash up. I have tried to work out the average number we have on regular Sunday attendance I think it is around 14 under normal circumstances, this is of course increased when we have holiday makers and special services.

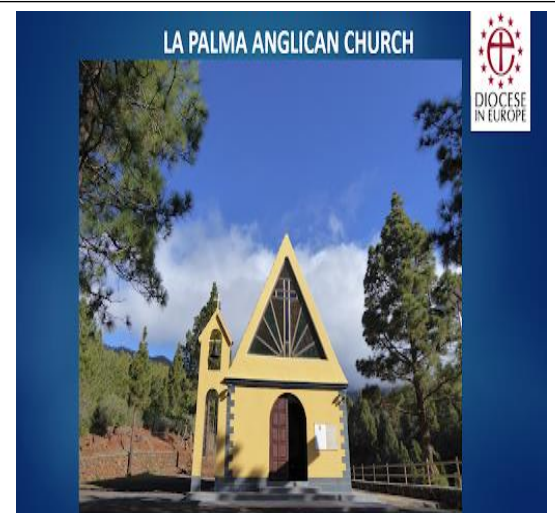
The Anglican church was planted by the Rev Jennifer Elliott and Mary Stewart back in 2000. We are currently without a priest following Jenny's return to the UK, but we are very blessed to have a monthly visit from the priest at All Saints (Covid 19 allowing) and other visiting priests who administer communion. For other services we organise these amongst ourselves, be it bible studies, songs of praise and the personal sharing of our faith, both its struggles and many joys. We meet at a beautiful church above the town of El Paso just at the foot of the striking forest and mountain. Our Catholic brothers and sisters let us use the church to worship and at the old church in the town, where we meet on the last Sunday of each month. For this we are grateful. We have positive, friendly relationship with the Catholic church. With which we share ecumenical services on occasions and celebrate the annual San Martin fiesta.

On a personal note I have always likened our fellowship to a safe harbour, a place where we can gather each week to experience God's love and be strengthened by it. While like most churches, it would be wonderful to have more people attend but rather than our faith being diminished in small numbers I find it encouraging and positive, as we share an immediacy and a healthy closeness in our worship. In this I find honesty and authenticity which makes church very real. That is why I am so glad we have been able to worship together over the last three Sundays, following the gradual lifting of restrictions, and although limited by facemasks, distance, not sharing the peace by an embrace or communion, it has been wonderful to share fellowship once again. This morning the Guardia Civil cruised past the church doors as we began our service, thankfully they were happy with our set up and drove off.

I met a guy last year. He told me he had been struggling over a difficult relationship breakdown. To try and clarify his thoughts had been walking the forest tracks up and beyond our church. There he sat down and there amongst the breeze in the forest he could hear the voices of our small congregation singing. He told me that although the sound could not fix his problem or stop his pain, it gave him hope. I think that is wonderful, that even in unknown and the smallest of ways our fellowship could bring comfort. I know it certainly does for me. If you are ever over in La Palma it would be great to see you.

May God Bless you, much love

Alan



## Volunteers Corner

Dear all,

it has brought great joy to the church council and volunteers alike to welcome back some of All Saints volunteers on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, even though we are still having to work within the lock down regulations and the restrictions regarding hygiene and social distancing. The maintenance team has decided to wait until June 30<sup>th</sup> to give them time to see the outcome of the “new normal” post lock down measures that must still take place. If you are in any doubt, please refer back to Wendy Sanderson’s article regarding current measures in place at the church. Please contact Wendy or another member of council if you have any doubts.

There are always vacancies to be filled at the church and volunteers are most welcome to join any of the groups. Please see below for further information.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful lock down, Cheryl.

### Gardening Group

Do you have green fingers? Enjoy meeting like-minded people and have a spare morning or two a week? Then come along and join the merry throng in the gardening group. New members are always needed, and you will be assured a warm welcome.

Please speak to Dorothy Charnock, All Saints head gardener.

**Gardening Group meets: Tues mornings**

**Maintenance Group meets: Thurs mornings**

### All Saints Environmental Officer

An interesting new post has been recently introduced by the diocese. Details of this post can be found on the following link:

<https://europe.anglican.org/diocesan-policies-and-guidelines/environment-policy-of-the-diocese-in-europe>

### All Saints Treasurer

The position of Treasurer will be available after the AGM. If you have experience in accounting and have sufficient time on your hands, please consider applying for this interesting, rewarding and stimulating role.

### Synod Representatives

Two vacancies may become available at the AGM. If you are interested in representing the church at Synod please speak to Reverend Ron regarding the duties involved and the level of commitment required.

### Maintenance Team

Do you have any woodworking, plumbing or DIY skills? Or just fancy having a go helping out around the church or grounds? Come and join the team and make new friends.

Please speak to Barrie Mapps or Kit Urch who will be only too willing to find you a suitable task!

**If you are interested in any of the current church vacancies:**

**Environment Officer**

**Treasurer**

**Church warden**

**Synod Representative**

**Please speak or email Reverend Ron on:**

**Telephone: +44 7852 257491**

**Email: [cronandrew@aol.com](mailto:cronandrew@aol.com)**

### All Saints Church Warden

We currently have a vacancy for a second church warden who will work jointly with Wendy Sanderson under the leadership of Reverend Ron. This is an interesting role and Archdeacon David is keen to see this position filled as soon as possible. There are endless duties for church wardens at All Saints. Wendy has done a sterling job as our solo church warden, but another church warden is still needed to share the extremely heavy workload.



# Holy Humour & Puzzles

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a waterslide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whisky around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the Catholic church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

And not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.



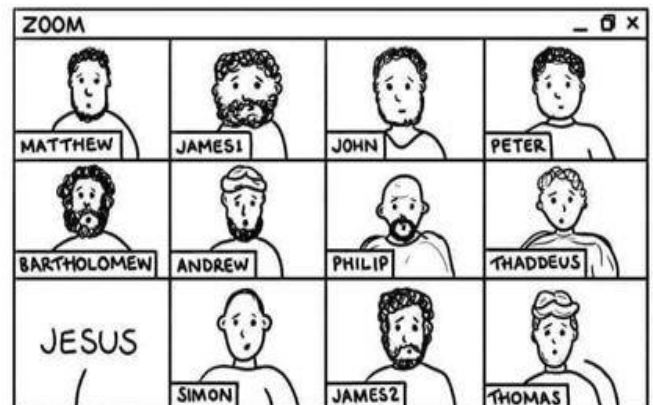
Fr. Murphy taking no chances with Covid, seen here using his water pistol at christenings.

Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad." Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard." It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit." "I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Ever since Grace Church of CheeseGrater Wisconsin added a gossip column to their bulletins readership is up 29%.



HEY. HOW ON EARTH IS HE IN THE MEETING? UNLESS HE TURNS ON HIS CAMERA, I WILL NOT BELIEVE IT

Tim Wikel

If they had ZOOM meetings 2000 years ago.

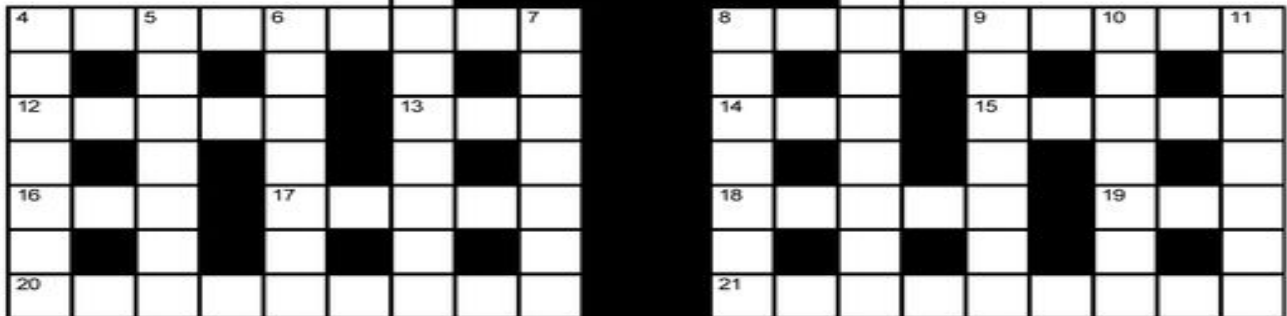
# Bible Crossword X

## Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

## Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Saviour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesek and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)

Answers will be given in the next issue of the All Saints newsletter

