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**The Right Reverend David Hamid**



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To the People of All Saints, Tenerife North, and St Martín de Porres, La Palma

Dear Friends in Christ

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of the Revd Ron Corne last Tuesday. Many of you may not even know that Ron had been seriously ill these past weeks, for he was someone who preferred not to trouble people with his own cares and concerns and so kept the seriousness of his condition within a close and private circle of contacts.

Ron was a wise, loving and faithful priest, with whom I enjoyed sharing stories of ministry. His own stories were often laced with a spark of impish humour. I was able to visit him in February when he first went into hospital. It was a chance to administer to him the sacraments of the Church and to pray with him. I was struck, even as he lay quite ill, by the depth of the love he had for the people of All Saints, and how much he valued being your priest. I know that until the last he would be holding you in his prayers.

As his condition became more serious, and in consultation with his children, he decided it was right to return to the UK to continue treatment there, closer to his family. Upon his return to England he did not have very much time left. The cancer with which he was afflicted was quite aggressive, and Ron died peacefully, surrounded by his immediate family.

I am grateful to Judith Rigby who took on the local responsibility for Ron's care in these past weeks, and to the Revd Rachel Ganney, Reader Peter Lockyer, Churchwarden Wendy Sanderson and Secretary Kath Delgado Cabrera, who are giving extra time and commitment to chaplaincy life at this time.

We commend Ron to God's unfailing love, knowing that death for him is the gate to life and eternal fellowship with his heavenly Father. We thank God for all that was good in his life, and for all he shared so freely with us, and for the memories we share. We ask the Lord to comfort his family and all who mourn his loss, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead.

*Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of Ron, your servant and priest, whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world, may rejoice for ever in the glorious home of heaven.*

With my prayers and love

In Christ

+ David

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