

A thought for the day

‘The Spirit empowers Jesus to be continually present in the world.....God’s Spirit conceives Jesus, initiates his public ministry, and sustains his spiritual life. The Spirit is the driving force, the animating creative life of the entire cosmos, responsible, in particular, for the vision of those in human history most attuned to the heartbeat of God.’ - *Diana Butler Bass*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord our God, in this Eucharistic celebration you have let us experience once again how near you wish to be to us through your Son Jesus Christ. Accept our thanks, and in the strength of your Holy Spirit help us to be to your people the voice of Jesus that speaks words of compassion and encouragement, his heart that loves and shares joy, his will that brings freedom and justice, his hands that bless and his feet that journey with them on the dusty road of life to you, our loving Father. Amen.

Contacts

The Revd John Poole, Priest-in-Charge

Tel: 922 74 20 45. Mob: 629 371 664

Or (especially for texts/WhatsApp please) +44 7899 793805

ejpoole165@gmail.com (Rest Day: Tuesday)

Marisha Carter, Licensed Reader & Secretary to Church Council

- 822 69 71 13; marishacarter@hotmail.com

Val Sainsbury, Warden – 711 009 685

vesainsbury55@yahoo.com

The Anglican Church of St. Francis, South Tenerife

Diocese in Europe; Archdeaconry of Gibraltar

www.anglicanchurchtenerife.com

www.facebook.com/stfrancistenerife/

Walking together in faith

26th May 2024 **Trinity Sunday**

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15am **San Eugenio**, Playa de Las Américas

12 noon **San Blas**, Golf del Sur

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. On this first Sunday following the Easter season we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity – ‘God the Three in One.’ If we try to define God, we can do no more than use inadequate analogies or images. We begin to understand God much more easily if we reflect on what God has done. And then we discover that, above all, God has loved us and keeps loving us as a merciful, compassionate God, a Father who cares with motherly tenderness, a Son who became one of us and made us free at the cost of his life, and a Spirit of love, unity and strength who keeps guiding and inspiring us and who prays with us and in us. We come to worship now, praying to God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive in one kind only if you prefer. To receive from the chalice, please drink (sip!) from it. We ask you not to dip the wafer bread into the chalice. It is more infection risky and is not approved in the Diocese in Europe. **If you require gluten-free bread, please let us know before the service begins.***

Today's readings

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 *Here I am, send me*

Isaiah believed in God's presence in the Temple, but he did not expect to see a vision of the holy God. Moved by this experience, he accepted to become God's prophet, unworthy though he thought himself to be.

Psalm 29: 1 – 2; 4 & 8 – 10, with the response:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Romans 8: 12 – 17 *The Spirit makes us God's children*

Through the Holy Spirit of God in us, we know that we are children of the Father in heaven and called with God's Son, the risen Christ, to be heirs to a future world.

John 3: 1 – 17 *Born of water and the Spirit*

Christians are those who are reborn in the Spirit of God. By following Christ who has been sent by God they come to participate in the life of God which is eternal.

Eucharistic Prayer: B (pages 8 – 9) including a short Preface of the Trinity, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (page 21)

A collection will be taken at the Offertory.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelope provided, or available at the back of church. It would increase your donation by 25% with no extra cost to you. Contributions at any time are also most welcome by bank transfer to either our euro or sterling accounts. For security reasons the details have had to be withdrawn from the pew sheet. Please contact our treasurer Gwen Furmston, in church (San Eugenio) or by email to sgfurmston@gmail.com

We are a completely self-supporting Chaplaincy. Your generous giving is very important to us and much appreciated, helping us to maintain an Anglican presence and ministry in south Tenerife.

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

This week open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00am to 2.00pm

For information: Jill Pargeter 711 03 64 74; jillpstone61@gmail.com

Every Tuesday San Blas church is open from 11.00am to 12 noon for private prayer or for someone to chat or pray with you, or just come and find peace and rest for a while. Coffee available.

Thursday, 30th May

Corpus Christi – Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Eucharist

Eucharist: 10.30am at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26; John 6: 51 – 58)

Next Sunday, 2nd June Trinity 1

Eucharist: Times and locations as today.

(Readings: Deuteronomy 5: 12 – 15; Psalm 81; 2 Corinthians 4: 5 – 12; Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6)

Food for the needy. At its recent meeting, the Church Council was concerned that our commitment to provide non-perishable food is being overlooked. So a reminder that **there is a very visible tub in each church** for suitable items to be placed. These donations are taken alternately to the nuns at Santiago del Teide and Vilaflor, from where they are distributed to those who most need them. Your participation in this ministry is much appreciated.