

Many thanks to everyone who has provided Harvest gifts today. Please remember that gifts of non-perishable food for those in need may be brought to church on any Sunday and placed in the tub provided.

Thought for the day.

‘If the heart of divine mystery is turned in compassion toward the world, then devotion to this God draws persons into the shape of divine communion with all others.....To deny one’s connection with the suffering needs of others is to detach oneself from divine communion.’ – *Elizabeth Johnson*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

The Sunday Eucharist with Harvest Thanksgiving:

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

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

6.00pm **Espíritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. As part of our celebration today we give thanks to God for the harvest, the gift of creation and its fruits that enable us to live. We bring some tokens of the gifts of life that they may be blessed and shared among those who need them more. Our liturgy today also encourages us to be thankful for a Lord who invites us to share his life. Jesus shows us the life and values that God wishes us to embrace. Above all, we are to bear the rich fruits of justice, love, and peace. It is by our fruits that we show gratitude (or not!) to God and shall be recognized (or not!) as Christians.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. You are, of course, welcome

*to receive in one kind only. To receive from the chalice, please drink (sip!) from it. Intinction (dipping the wafer bread into the chalice) is more infection risky and is not approved in this Diocese. **If you require gluten-free bread, please let us know before the service begins.***

Today's readings:

Amos 5: 6 – 7 & 10 – 15 *Seek the Lord that you may live*

The prophet urges the people of Israel to seek the Lord, to seek good rather than evil, and to establish justice. He warns them of the consequences of choosing evil.

Psalm 90: 12 – 17, with the response:

O Lord my God, in you I take refuge

Hebrews 4: 12 – 16 *God's word is living and effective*

God's word is disturbing. It forces us to face ourselves and make a choice. Are we for or against God? Our answer is decisive for the outcome of our lives. Even in our weaknesses we are urged to hold fast to our faith, not least because we have a great high priest in Jesus who knows about life and all its challenges. His grace is sufficient for us.

Mark 10: 17 – 31 *Come, follow me...without useless baggage*

Like the rich man, we have not given anything to God and our faith is in vain if we learn the rules and the formulas but do not answer God's invitation to live the way God wants us to and as Jesus teaches and shows us.

Eucharistic Prayer: E (pages 14 – 15), with a Preface for Harvest, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion rite (page 21)

Church financial giving

A collection will be taken during 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%. 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

Open 10.00am. to 2.00pm this week **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** (opens at 12.00) **and Saturday.** (Closed on Wednesday and Friday)

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, 17th October.

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Ephesians 1: 1 – 10; Luke 11: 47 – 54)

Every Friday at midday, all are welcome to meet over coffee (or whatever you prefer) at the Kiosco restaurant in San Blas commercial centre (middle square). An opportunity for regular St Francis church members and others to meet in a friendly and informal way.

Next Sunday, 20th October Trinity 21

Eucharist: *Times and locations as today*

(Readings: Isaiah 53: 4 – 12; Psalm 91; Hebrews 5: 1 – 10;
Mark 10: 35 – 45).