

**Next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July** Trinity 9

**Eucharist:** Times and locations as today.

(Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42 – 44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 3: 14 – 21;  
John 6: 1 – 21)

A thought for the day

‘We who formerly . . . valued above all things the acquisition of wealth and possessions, now bring what we have into a common stock, and communicate to everyone in need; we who hated and destroyed one another, and on account of their different manners would not live with people of a different tribe, now, since the coming of Christ, live familiarly with them, and pray for our enemies.’ - *Justin Martyr (c.100 – c. 165)*

A prayer for the week for ourselves

Our God and Father, we thank you with all our hearts for giving us a sure guide, your Son Jesus Christ. We ask you to keep giving us pastors in the image of your Son: men and women full of compassion and vision, sensitive to people and their needs, open to the demands and potentials of the gospel for our times. May they be true shepherds through the grace and power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### ***Walking together in faith***

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

*(16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

### **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. We hear today's Good News that God cares for us with a love deeper and more tender than even the most loving of parents. God is particularly close to those who need him most: the weak, the suffering, those who in much of the world's eyes count for nothing. That is the quality of love God showed us in Jesus; that is the love God invites us to have for each other: deep, compassionate, patient, always wanting the good in one another to show itself. Let us ask Jesus in this Eucharist to help us embrace such a compassionate and committed love for our fellow human beings, not simply for 'our own kind' and those we find it easy to get on with.

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

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6 *In search of a true shepherd*

The leaders have of Israel have been bad shepherds, says Jeremiah, which is why the flock has been scattered, the people forced into exile in a foreign land. But God is just and will restore his faithful people to their land and shepherd them properly under the leadership of a righteous king. For Christians this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus.

Psalms 23, with the response:

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22 *Christ is our peace*

Through the blood of Jesus Christ, both Jews and Gentiles become God's people; enemies are reconciled, no one is a stranger, all are citizens and members of the household of God.

Mark 6: 30 – 34 & 53 – 56 *Heart for a leaderless people*

Although he and his disciples needed some days off for rest, Jesus could not close his heart to the leaderless people who searched for him. As a good shepherd he nourished them with his teaching and restored them with his healing touch.

Eucharistic Prayer: G (pages 18 – 19). The Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion follow (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](mailto: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 Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

For information, please contact Marisha.

**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.

### **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thanksgiving for the life of Marguerite McElroy Ob.CHC;**  
**11.00am at San Eugenio.** All welcome.

### **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July** *St James the Apostle, Patron of Spain*

**Eucharist: 10.30am** at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes  
(Readings: Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2; Matthew 20: 20 – 28)

**A new initiative at San Blas. Every Friday at noon** there will be a social meeting over coffee at Kiosco restaurant, an opportunity for regular church members and others to meet in a friendly and informal way. All welcome.