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A thought for the day

'We cannot simply say that the highest revelation of God is given through the Bible.....Rather, we can say that, for Christians, the Bible's highest value is in revealing Jesus, who gives us the highest, deepest and most mature view of the character of the living God.' - *Brian McLaren*

A prayer for the week for ourselves and others

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures, and we pray for biblical scholars and theologians. We give thanks for all preachers and teachers, and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared, the Church may grow in holiness and discipleship. We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship, for all study groups and training courses, and pray that the Scriptures may find a home in our hearts and that we may adorn them with Christlike lives, to the glory of God's holy name. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 27th October 2024 **Last Sunday after Trinity**
(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

The Sunday Eucharist:

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. On this Last Sunday after Trinity there are options for what readings we use. We are using the selection for 'Bible Sunday.' It is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the gift and function of Scripture in our Christian lives and worship. The Bible is of deep importance as it provides the primary written testimonies to the word of God, a word that gradually reveals the nature and purposes of the loving God who is finally made known and visible in Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. In him God hopes to shape our lives and enable us to be living signs of the divine presence in the world and to carry out the tasks God calls us to do.

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:

Isaiah 55: 1 – 11 *Seek the Lord while he may be found*
The prophet declares the word of the Lord to the Jewish exiles in Babylon who are about to be set free to return to the land of Israel. This return indicates God's favour to them as and as a renewal of the ancient covenant between God and his people. The people are urged to be faithful to it and to enjoy its blessings and benefits.

Psalm 19: 7 – 11 & 14, with the response:

The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5 *Preach the word at all times*

Timothy is charged to preach the word at all times, a charge that remains relevant today, an encouragement and command to those who preach to be persistent in proclaiming God's word to a troubled world.

John 5: 36b – 47 *Come to Jesus and find life*

For us to experience the life-transforming power of scripture, we need to realize that the Bible constantly points away from itself and towards Jesus. He is the key to our understanding of scripture as this passage outlines.

Eucharistic Prayer: E, (pages 14 – 15), with an alternative preface for Bible Sunday, followed by the Lord's Prayer (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 this week Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 2.00pm
(12.00 – 2.00 on Thursday)

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, 31st October.

10.30am Eucharist at Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes

(Readings: Ephesians 6: 10 – 20; Luke 13: 31 – 35)

Friday, 1st November; All Saints, Puerto de la Cruz, Patronal Festival Eucharist, 11.00am. They extend a welcome to us all.

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, 5th November, All Saints Sunday

Eucharist: Times and locations as today

(Readings: Wisdom 3: 1 - 9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21: 1 – 6a;
John 11: 32 - 44)