

Locum pastoral cover

Please give a warm welcome to the Revd Tony Bell and his wife Pat who will arrive on Thursday this week and be with us for 12 days including the next two Sundays. Fr Tony will be contactable on the vicarage number (below) or on +44 7957811125.

A thought for the day

‘The core message of the incarnation of God in Jesus is that the Divine Presence is here, in us and in all of creation, and not only ‘over there’ in some far-off realm.’ *Richard Rohr*

A Prayer for the week for ourselves

Loving God and Father, we thank you for the bread of himself which Jesus our Good Shepherd has given us. May he be the cornerstone, the foundation, on which we build our lives and your kingdom on earth, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace, and of solidarity with each other in Christ, with other people indiscriminately, and with the creation. May we learn from him to live for one another and for all. We ask this in his name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

21st April 2024 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The Sunday Eucharist:

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

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

6.00pm **Espiritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome to everyone to our worship. It is very reassuring to know that our pastors or community leaders know us personally, care about us, and call us by our name. It enables deeper trust, loyalty, and love on both sides. On this ‘Sunday of the Good Shepherd’ we are reminded that Jesus himself knows us personally. It changes our whole life. For in knowing him, we know God. We experience in him God’s goodness and care and close presence in everyday life. Would that we could also be near to one another, as shepherds who care, and as sheep who are cared for!

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

Acts of the Apostles 4: 5 – 12 *Saved in the name of the risen Lord*
Without fear Peter professes his faith in the risen Christ, in whose name he has saved a man from his disability. It is the name by which, whatever our experience in life including our death, we are all saved.

Psalm 23, with the response:

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

1 John 3: 16 – 24 *Really children of God*

That we who follow Jesus are God's children is not just a beautiful thought but the deepest reality, because we are united with Jesus, God's beloved Son. If we follow him, try to live as he taught and showed, he lives in us through the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10: 11 – 18 *Jesus, our Good Shepherd*

The image of a shepherd and his sheep is perhaps not familiar to all of us, but we can understand this: Jesus has lived as a shepherd of people and has given his life for us, his sheep. As our risen Lord he leads and unites us, not by force but by personal knowledge and love for each one of us.

Eucharistic Prayer: **B** (pages 8 – 9) with an Easter Preface, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (page 21)

The Easter Dismissal responsory is:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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%.

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

More volunteers would help to keep the shop open daily during the 'quiet' months. Please contact Jill Pargeter if you can help on one day a week (training given): 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.

There will be **no Thursday Eucharist** at Los Gigantes this week only. John and Rosemary leave for a post-Easter break on Wednesday, and the locum priest arrives on Thursday.

Next Sunday, 28th April Easter 5

Eucharist: 10.15am San Eugenio; 6.00pm Espiritu Santo

(Readings: Acts 8: 26 – 40; Psalm 22; 1 John 4: 7 – 21; John 15: 1 – 8)

On Sunday, 5th May the services will be at San Blas (12 noon) and Los Gigantes (6.00pm).