

News from St Vincent's Church, Praia da Luz (Church of England)

August 2017

Welcome to the Newsletter from Luz Anglican Church

Service Information for August Please note that the service times are the same but please note some of the services are changed.

Thursday 3rd 10:00 Said Eucharist

Sunday 6th 8:00 Morning Worship, 11:30 Sung Eucharist

Thursday 10th 10:00 Morning Worship

Sunday 13th 8:00 Said Eucharist 11:30 Morning Worship

Thursday 17th 10:00 Morning Worship

Sunday 20th 8:00 Morning Worship, 11:30 Sung Eucharist

Thursday 24th 10:00 Said Eucharist

Sunday 27th 8:00 Said Eucharist 11:30 Sung Eucharist

Please note Morning Worship will not include Communion.

Pancake Breakfast

This was held at the home of Jan and Jack MacLeod on Saturday 8th July. It was very well attended and raised around €730 for chaplaincy funds. A very big thank you to Jan and Jack for hosting this event and to all the people who helped on the day. The picture below shows Sharon choosing her toppings for her pancake from the delicious selection.



Message from our Chaplain

Dear Friends

Well, three months has passed rather fast here for us in the Algarve, and we have to say that we have loved every minute of it. One of the great things about being part of a church community is that you are never short of friends, and never short of invitations! Thank you to everyone who has made this first three months a very welcoming and joyful time.

Like many of you, we are off on holiday for a couple of weeks this month – oddly enough, we had a cruise booked long before we arrived here (or I even knew about the position as Chaplain), and comically, we now fly back to Southampton to board a ship, which will then spend three days bringing us to Portimão! Will you all give us a wave on Wednesday 9th please?

I did wonder what we would now do *holiday-wise* and where we would go in future for our holidays now that we live in Portugal – it seems a little pointless seeking out sunny climes or beach holidays now that we have both the sun and sea on our doorstep, so it will take a little while to think about that one – city breaks, back to the UK?

Holidays are important for all of us – even if we live in a place where people come to spend theirs. Holidays are more than just a change of scenery – they are also about renewal and re-creation. A way of recharging our batteries and getting away from the usual, the routine – whatever that routine might be. We all suffer from routines – whether we live in the Algarve or in the UK, and it's good to break those routines and get some rest and recuperation. It's during those times that we can often reconnect with God too.

I hope that you get some rest, some re-creation this August, and if you are not going away, perhaps spending some time somewhere peaceful will recharge the batteries.

See you soon.

God bless

Fr Rob

Autumn Amigos Date for your diary Friday September 1st 2pm at Bob and Jeans House, food and fellowship, €15 a head, proceeds to the chaplaincy.

Lent Appeal Christian Aid have sent of thanks for the £1200 which was collected during this years lent appeal for South Sudan, thank you again for your donations

Chaplaincy Web Site This has up to date information and reports about things happening in our chaplaincy. The Luz entries are being updated by Tricia Bechgaard, if you have anything about our church contact Tricia.

<http://www.stvincentsalgarve.org/>

100 Club This is a valuable way of supporting St Vincent's financially. To join the monthly draw of 3 x €100 prizes, the cost is €120 per year but you can join at any time. Please contact John Payne johndavidpayne@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 282 789 946

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