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A newsletter wouldn't be complete without a
poem written by my father:
Ralph William Jebbett 1924-2001

"April's the month that I like best"
Chirped the bird from its cosy nest
"Skies are blue instead of grey
And summer's almost on its way"

Said the squirrel, high up in the tree
"This is the time of year for me.
I'm wide awake from a winters rest;
I, too, like the Springtime best"

And a voice croaked out from the valley bog,
Yes, I'm here" said the bright eyed frog,
"I'm happy too on this April morn
For I've found somewhere to lay my spawn"

In the stream swam a silvery fish,
He said "At last I've got my wish
The water's warmer and gone is the ice
I, too, say that Springtime is nice.

I'm certain that we'll all agree
With the squirrel in the tree.
Join the chorus with nature and sing
"Welcome again to the glorious spring"

Local Church Warden—Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962. If you hear of anyone who is ill
please let the local church warden know so that he
can pass the details on as necessary.

PALM SUNDAY—I was away
for this service but I have been
told that it was a very moving
service with a congregation of
25. I experienced the worship in
Tarragona Cathedral.

GOOD FRIDAY

This service at noon was led by
Fr Steve with twelve in
attendance. A thought
provoking homily—thank you
Fr. Steve.

FUNDRAISING

If you have any ideas for
fundraising—please talk to any
member of the committee.
Fresh ideas are always welcome
and also very necessary!

The Curry Night at Elaine &
Geoff's apartment was a huge
success. 19 members and
friends sat down to a four
course meal—plenty of laughter
too. The total raised was
€220—watch out, there will be
another chance to join in at
some time in the future.

COMING UP- "Mavis in May"

Mavis will be doing a sponsored
swim at Ciudad Patricia's in
May—the sponsorship forms are
around—PLEASE support Mavis
in this fundraising event.

ALSO—please don't forget both
Meka and the Gandia Hospice—
funds for these are important.



DIOCESE
IN EUROPE



The Miracles of Easter
The sleeping earth awakens,
the robins start to sing,
the flowers open wide their eyes
to tell us it is spring.
The bleakness of the winter
is melted by the sun,
The tree that looked so stark and dead
becomes a living one....
These miracles of Easter,
wrought with divine perfection
are the blessed reassurance
of our Saviour's Resurrection.
Helen Steiner Rice

**Easter is a symbol of hope,
renewal and new life.**

FATHER PETER

This Easter we wish you a
LONG & HAPPY RETIREMENT
Your responsibilities, keeping us in order, are now
behind you and we hope you are looking forward to
having the time to walk and enjoy your surroundings.
We know we will still see you and will continue to
invite you to join us on occasions.

**CONGRATULATIONS
& ENJOY YOURSELF**

Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy Albir Church

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EASTER SUNDAY

5th April 2015

NEWSLETTER



**CHRIST
HAS
DIED**

**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

**CHRIST
WILL
COME
AGAIN**

God we are blind,
but you open our eyes,
To see your glory revealed
through your son Jesus Christ,
Who died and rose again,
to lead us into life.
God we are deaf,
but you unstop our ears,
To hear the power,
of your resurrection story,
Once we were dead,
but now in Christ we are alive.
God we are dumb,
but you release our tongues,
To rejoice and sing,
with all the hosts of heaven,
Holy, holy holy is the one,
who redeems and renews,
all who respond.
Holy, holy holy is the one,
through whose power,
all creation is being made new.
Holy, holy, holy is the one
who transfigures our world
with the Spirit of life.

LOOKING BACK: This is the first Newsletter of 2015 and a lot has happened since the Christmas Newsletter which was issued at the Carol service. Our Carol service was wonderful with 23 members and regulars plus 36 visitors. Then on Christmas day we welcomed a congregation of 20 which included 5 visitors. Both delightful services were led by Fr. Gerry Reilly. In general all of our services have seen a steady increase with some visitors becoming regulars.



On the 20th December Hazel, Tony, Geoff & Elaine and Mavis travelled to the Fransiscan Hospice at Palma de Gandia where we prepared and served the 60 men, together with the Brothers and Sisters with a 3 course Christmas Dinner. We were joined by Fr. Steve and after dinner we sang carols to a rapturous



applause! A bag of gifts was given to everyone—from YOU our congregation—this is why we ask for your donations of toiletries, hats, gloves, socks etc. So we can build up over the year. If we don't get enough throughout the year the men still get their gifts—these have to be paid for by someone!!!! We visited them again on the 6th January to celebrate the THREE KINGS with them, this too was a heart warming and very moving occasion. Such a beautiful, loving, tranquil place.

On the 1st Sunday in January we had the delights of a Christening lead by Fr. Peter, this also coincided with our fundraising "Soup Sunday".

Soup Sundays will continue, as this is not only for the much needed funds to enable our church to keep afloat but a lovely time of fellowship after the service. This is once a month usually on the first Sunday.

Sunday 15th February was Albir AGM—with 21 members present

Friday 6th March, Women's World Day of Prayer, written by the women of the Bahamas. This is NOT exclusively for women, it for everyone. There were 15 people (Men & Women) taking part, with colourful displays, eight hymns. Some known and some not! There were 45 in the congregation including some of our Norwegian friends. The afternoon service was concluded with food and drink from the Bahamas. Banana Cake, Pineapple cake and fruit juices.

If you missed it this year, pop the date in your diary for the 1st Friday of March 2016. The title will be "Receive Children, Receive Me" written by the women of Cuba.

An old INCA quote:

"Looking behind I am filled with gratitude; Looking forward I am filled with vision
Looking upwards I am filled with strength; Looking within I discover peace"

The Cross. Our Inspiration

Jesus carried the rugged cross upon His back that day, they would not believe just what a loss His crucifixion would convey: No one was allowed to give Him a drink, nor help Him bear the weight, they did not stop, they did not think, until it was too late.

Our Lord's crucifixion went ahead and darkness fell around. Then came the words that Jesus said, these words that did astound: "Forgive them Father", said the Lord, "For they know not what they do". So now for all eternity We know He died for me and you.

It was a glorious morning—the blossom on the almond trees, tubs of yellow daffodils and on our landing my pansies were all ablaze with colour nodding their agreement in wonder at the God-given day. Suddenly the sky darkened, the mountains disappeared under black clouds and the heavens opened.

For only a few minutes we had driving rain and high winds the palm trees indicating such a different world. Yes, but even in this dark period the heartening, warming sun yellow of the daffodils and the bright colours of the pansies lived on.

A bit like life itself, perhaps? No matter how dark our problems, there's always a chink of lights to encourage us to keep on keeping on.

You know, there is something about this time of year—Easter always strikes me as being particularly special. Easter is a time for thoughtfulness and reflection. It never fails to bring to my mind the wonderful words of Psalm 46:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

It's a loving reminder to us all and it is worth keeping in our hearts, not just at this season but at any time when the demands of our world seem set to overwhelm us.

I am sure that there are times in everyone's life when the path ahead seems hard. I like these words written by Victor Hugo: "Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones, When you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace because God is awake" That is a comforting thought.

Hymns for different professions

- The Dentist's Hymn ...*
- Crown Him With Many Crowns*
- The Weatherman's Hymn ...*
- There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing*
- The Contractor's Hymn ...*
- The Church's One Foundation*
- The Golfer's Hymn ...*
- There Is A Green Hill Far Away*

A rule I have had for years is: to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. His is not a creed, a mere doctrine, but it is He Himself we have in our lives

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so
Love the people who treat you right.
Pray for those who don't.