

## The Lord's Light Within

Lord, we reflect with thankful hearts  
On the wonder of your birth  
The love you expressed when you left  
Your glory to come to earth

For your life was like a beacon, Lord  
Shining brightly in the night  
Filling the world with the radiance of  
The Father's glorious light

And we, too, long to have inside  
Your light for others to see  
The beautiful reflection of your grace  
And the wonder of your majesty

For as your life indwells our hearts,  
We can shine wherever we are  
And arise to take hold of each new day  
With your light ablaze in our hearts

So rekindle the flame within us, Lord  
So it will not flicker nor dim  
Ignite us with the light of your love,  
So you will shine brightly within  
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praying for  
**J****OY**  
and peace to the world

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

Or visit the Chaplaincy website: [www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org](http://www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org)



joy  
*Noel*

peace  
manger

*Wise Men*

Halleluja

Mary & Joseph

*Silent Night*

Love came Down at

**CHRISTMAS**

**REDEEMER**

Saviour

**JESUS**

Services of Holy Communion at the  
Norwegian Seaman's Church, Carrer  
Mart, Albir. Every Sunday at 9.45am.  
Followed by coffee & biscuits.

Also, every Thursday, there is a mid-  
week service of Holy Communion at the  
Forum, Mare Nostrum, Alfaz del Pi.

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## Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy Albir Church

Carrer Mart 8, Albir Playa



**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER**

**2015**

*A Child is Born*



Pope John Paul II in his address on Dec. 18, 2002 said, "The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."



May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace.  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope and  
The Warmth of Christmas grant you love.



Christmas must always start with  
**CHRIST**  
because He has saved us and changed our lives.

## LOOKING BACK

The Sponsored Sky Dive which Fr. Marcus terrifyingly completed had raised a wonderful £420 from our church, the overall total raised was in excess of €4,000

This is a short period of time since the Harvest Newsletter so not a huge amount to report back on. The on-going essential fundraising events are the Soup Sunday, usually (but not always) on the first Sunday of the month. Cards made by Hazel and cakes made by Elaine.



“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel which means ‘God with us’ [Matthew 1:23].

On Christmas day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This is the day when God showed His love to this world by giving his only Son – Immanuel. So each and every time we celebrate Christmas we should know that it comes with Good News – good news especially to the suffering world. It is a time to remind everyone that God is with us. No matter the suffering you might be in, don’t run away from it. You have to embrace it. Jesus was brought into this world to suffer for our iniquities. He never ran away from his suffering because he knew that His Father was, is and will be always be with Him. King Herod tried to kill Jesus as a small baby, but did he succeed? The same applies to us. Suffering may discourage us and destroy our faith if we don’t focus on the meaning of Christ’s coming into this world – ‘God with us’. Christmas is therefore there to remind us that God is with us. Whatever situation you might be in, perhaps it is the loss of a loved one, just know that it’s a matter of time. God is with us. God knows the plans he has for us. Through Christmas we are encouraged to continue believing for God is with us.

No weapon against him shall prosper. No-one or power can thwart His plans. **God is with us.**



## Christmas Thoughts

It’s sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;  
It’s not wrapping presents, its being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love;  
It’s not getting Christmas cards out on time,  
It’s sending any card, anytime, at the right time;

It’s not having the biggest and best Christmas light display,  
It’s displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart;  
It’s not Santa coming down the chimney,  
It’s Jesus coming down from heaven, and giving us the gift of eternal life."



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—COMING UP**  
**Monday 15th February Fundraising:**  
**One Hundred Minutes with Haydn.**



Starting at 10.30 at the home of Geoff & Elaine Mitchell, enjoy some music while you natter, drink tea/coffee and eat home made cakes and biscuits. Elaine will stop playing at ten past twelve. Come and have fun!

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Another important date for your diary—As always this will be on the first Friday of March. - **March 4th** . The 2016 service has been prepared by the Christian women of Cuba.

The title is “**RECEIVE CHILDREN. RECEIVE ME.**” This is a service for everyone and will be at 4pm.

*We were excited about the singing of carols on Albir Beach at the Anchor on Monday 14th December. This was be the first time we have sang on the beach, with planning to obtain the necessary permission from the Town Hall and also the printing of new Carol Sheets; we were really pleased that it was a success. There were around 140 people with some passing through and singing a couple of carols with us. We had a collection during “Ding Dong Merrily on High” and €150 was donated. An event we are sure that will be repeated.*

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

~ Matthew 2:10-11