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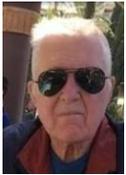
Gran Canaria

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*"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints." (Philemon 4-7)*

Thank you to all of you who support us prayerfully, financially and practically. You are a real blessing to us and our prayer is that you will be refreshed as the Lord refreshes us through you.

## Reg and Pepe



On 30<sup>th</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> May of this year, respectively, Reg and Pepe went to be with their Lord. Both men were regulars at our church in Playa del Inglés; you would have been greeted by Reg at the door and Pepe may have made you a coffee. We miss them both but have the assurance that they both knew and loved Jesus as their Lord and saviour. Please continue to remember Reg's wife Doreen and Pepe's family in your prayers.



## Weekly meetings

Our regular Sunday services continue to be well supported by our local regulars, long term winter visitors and returning holiday makers. Most weeks we also welcome new visitors who have discovered us via the internet. The live streams of our Sunday meetings are reaching out to many others both locally and around the world and we regularly receive words of encouragement and requests for prayer from those who are unable to be with us physically but can join us in the virtual world. (Problems with internet connection over the past couple of months have hindered the live stream). You do not have to be a Facebook user to view our page or watch the videos ([www.facebook.com/englishchurchgc](http://www.facebook.com/englishchurchgc)). Our Facebook page is also where you will find the most up to date news about what's going on.

Tuesday and Thursday times of fellowship, sharing and prayer continue to draw in good numbers and during this year we have had many good in-depth bible studies and discussions.

## Baptisms

Earlier this year we had the privilege of baptising Gary Lister and Petra Forde at Puerto Rico beach. What a great opportunity to publicly demonstrate and celebrate leaving the old life behind, having been forgiven, and walking forward in new life with Jesus as Lord.

## Cross in my pocket

In March/April the ladies got together in the Scandinavian café in the Centro Ecumenico, enjoyed Swedish coffee and waffles and made over 200 'cross in my pocket's. These were given out over the Easter period to help people share God's love with friends and neighbours. We are now hearing some of the stories of how these little crosses have brought the Lord's comfort into difficult situations.



## Lydia Prayer Group

We continue to meet once a month to pray for our church, community, Gran Canaria and the nations after spending time reading and meditating on God's word. We are privileged that this island is a place where nations come together and different needs are brought across our path. Our ladies have a real heart for prayer and we give thanks as the Lord answers and also press on in as He leads us to persevere in our prayers.

As a church our desire is to see God impact the community around us as the lost encounter Jesus and that we would grow in spiritual maturity through the power of the Holy Spirit as he reveals more of himself to us.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

It has been said in jest "How do you make God laugh?" with the answer being "Tell him **your** plans." Pray with us that we will walk in God's plans for the church here in Gran Canaria.

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