

Newsletter Winter 2011

The English Church

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At the beginning of May we saw Eddie and Muriel return to their home in Scotland to take a well earned summer vacation which then became extended into the new year to give them the rare treat of a Christmas with their family. We wish them much love and happiness and thank them for all the hard work they have done in our church through the years.

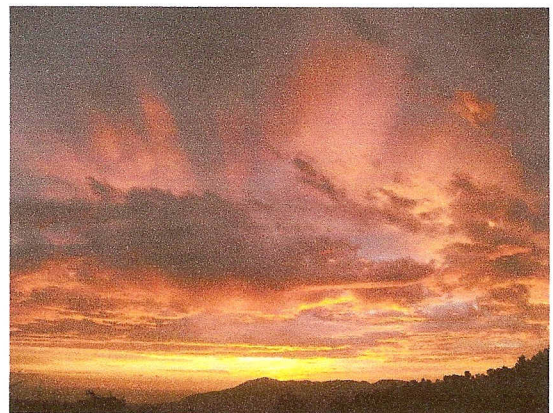
From May through to December we have received many blessings from our Gracious Father in heaven, and as different preachers have come and gone, we have received a wealth of challenging messages, brought by our Lord and Saviour. With these messages we also received encouragement from the pastors and members of distant church families who come back year after year. We love you all in Christ and want to say thankyou for your much needed support and prayers for us and the continuing work here in Benidorm.

As Satan tightens his strong hold in these darker days throughout the world, we need more abundant love, encouragement and support for each other, with our strength and power focussed firmly on the Lord. I urge you all, wherever you are, to come together in prayer and unity to fight against evil, with eyes fixed on Jesus to shine brightly in the darkness.

We want to say thankyou to each one of our visiting pastors and preachers who have freely given their time (and travelling costs) to be with us in our hour of need. They have been willing to obey their Father in heaven, and step out, often into the unknown here in Benidorm, putting their trust and faith in the only one who gives all good gifts to those who willingly surrender to Him, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

Is it December already?

"Are you ready for Christmas," are the words on everyone's lips these days, but our latest advertising campaign puts new meaning into these words. This is our latest card, and this one has been designed to make the reader think.



The glorious sunrise

As seen from our sisters house on the mountain
but one day

**The son will come
and we shall rise to the glory of
His Father's house in heaven
ARE YOU READY?**

Are you ready? I sincerely hope that I am.

Meanwhile get ready for this

Wed 14th Dec Carols at Hope church Alfaz 19.00
Saturday 17th fellowship bring and share meal in
the church at 14.00 Yes, it's party time

Sunday 18th, service at 09.45 and carols at 16.00

Friday 23rd, communion at 10.00

Saturday 24th midnight service starts at 23.30

Sunday 25th celebration service at 10.00
no afternoon service

Mark 16 : 15

Go ye into the world and preach the gospel.

Is the English Church here purely to provide a fellowship place for the saved (and unsaved) Christians to worship while on holiday, or have we been located here by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for another reason entirely?

Through earnest prayer He has put it into our hearts that church services alone are not enough, but that we must also act.



Residents and visitors taking to the streets

As Jesus said, "the seed is the word of God," and during this last year we have been sowing the seeds of salvation by more fervently evangelising. All around us we see that Benidorm is spiritually starving and needs to be fed the good word before it dies and is claimed by Satan forever.

1 Peter 3:2 *The long suffering of God waited.*

God's unfailing, priceless, precious love is for us all, and He is patient when He looks on Benidorm. He knows the state that Benidorm is in. It is a city where people from around the world come to enjoy themselves and feed their fleshly desires. They come with different languages and ethics, and in some cases, with immorality to the extreme. They also come with high hopes, but the beggars and pickpockets come with high hopes as well.

We see our Lord weeping for these poor lost souls who He loves so much.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3 : 16

David was inspired to write Psalm 4, and in verse 2 asks, "how long will you have delusions and seek false gods?"



The London Gospel Choir

But we know that our God is patient with us. This year we have been encouraged by many visitors, and they have helped us to take action, and undertake the great commission.

The Lord also made an opening for the London Gospel Choir to come, and they spread the gospel in Alicante and Alfaz del Pi. What a happy time we had sowing the seed during their stay with us.

Visitors have also arrived bringing gifts of tracts and other literature with them, including some Spanish tracts from America.

So you see, the race to claim Benidorm for the Lord is well under way.

And now, some quotes which sum up our year.

Hebrews 12:1 "and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." **BECAUSE**, in **John 14:6** "I am the way, the truth and the life."

2 Timothy 4:5 "do the work of an evangelist."

Acts 13:15 "brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Please pray for Benidorm that the scattered seeds grow in good soil and multiply. Amen.

The first person you meet in the English Church is probably Stanley, but now he has the responsibility of the last word :

The reverend Eddie McMillan and his wife Muriel will be with us again in January and they wish all the congregation a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Sohee and I will be away for Christmas, in England with family and friends, so we wish all of you a very festive season. On Christmas day we celebrate the greatest event in history, the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ, who shed His precious blood so that we are saved by His grace.

And we thank our heavenly Father for his love and the mercy He bestows on us. Amen.

Location

Behind the café Artigas II, on Levante beach near the cable ski run.

Sunday services 09.45 & 16.00

Wednesday bible study at 14.00

Friday communion service at 10.00