Anglican Church of San Fulgencio, Spanish Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 30 March 2025 * Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

WELCOME: A very warm welcome to our church newsletter. May God bless us this Lenten Season. PLEASE DON'T FORGET: <u>clocks</u> 'spring forward' by <u>one hour this weekend.</u>

LENTEN REFLECTION: This year's reflection explores the *Nicene Creed* as Christians mark the 1,700th anniversary of the *Council of Nicea (Nicaea)*. The material is emailed to all those on the church contact list and made available on the website. As part of our Lenten journey, we are invited to pray the Nicene Creed every day.

MOTHERING SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY: Mothering Sunday grew out of a tradition of Christians visiting their cathedral or 'mother church' on the *Fourth Sunday of Lent*, when the Bible reading set for that day recalled that *"Jerusalem above...is our mother."* It's an occasion to give thanks to God for Mother Church, for Mary, mother of Jesus, for all mothers, and for all who show motherly care.

The Mother Church of the Spanish Episcopal Church is the *Anglican Cathedral of the Redeemer* in Madrid. *Canterbury Cathedral* is the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Mother's Day is a day for people to honour their own mother rather than all mothers, (hence "Mother's," not "Mothers'"). It was founded by Anna Jarvis who was inspired by her own mother's Christian charitable work during the American Civil War (1861-65). It is observed in the USA on the **2nd Sunday of May** and **1st Sunday of May** in Spain.

CHURCH 'BUSINESS' CARDS: A big thank you goes to Dave, for designing and getting printed, church 'business' cards for us to carry and to handout to anyone who wants to know about our church. The cards are available in church.



EASTER SUNDAY CHURCH LUNCH: Our church lunch is FULLY BOOKED. Gill has 32 on her list. The cost is €25 per person. Menu – to choose on the day. Any allergies – please let the waiter/waitress know on the day. <u>gill.gray7@btinternet.com</u> ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Please pray for the *Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*. NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send all notices to Rev Richard – rev.rdm@gmail.com

We are an English-speaking Anglican congregation under the care of Bishop Carlos López-Lozano, of the Spanish Episcopal Church, *Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal (IERE).* We follow the liturgy of the Church of England.



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