

Holy Trinity Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Report for the AGM – 2025

1. Introduction

This year has seen a steady growth in the life and outreach of Holy Trinity. We are greatly blessed by visitors as well as by our faithful members, and we seek to offer a warm welcome to all who come to worship or visit us in Gran Canaria.



2. Worship and Spiritual Life

Regular worship continues to be at the heart of the life of Holy Trinity. Three Songs of Praise services were introduced during the year and have proved very popular. Our **Remembrance Service** continues to be well attended, and strong links remain with the British Vice Consul.

During Creation Season, a **Care for Creation service** was held, with pledges offered by the congregation as part of an ongoing commitment. **Morning Prayer** continues daily at 8:00 GMT via Zoom. Over the last 2 years we have had more than 800 of these services. Up to 20 people participate and usually there are 5-6 each morning.

You can join our Morning Prayer by visiting our **Zoom Chapel**:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9089390528?pwd=NKdbaPtASgYcEwZ9MGZ2pOK26Zsfa9.1&omn=8965129774>

3. Church Community and Ministry

The church gardens provide a valued space for fellowship after services. A small team works faithfully to maintain them. A weekly Toddlers' Group meets at the church, and a food bank operates at the rear of the building under the care of the Honorary Curate.

Four Garden Parties were held during the year, serving both as community-building occasions and modest fundraisers.



4. Music and Cultural Use

The formation of a **Holy Trinity Church Choir** has been a particular joy. We are so impressed by the beauty of their singing and very grateful for their faithful support in our worship.

The church continues to host concerts, school events, and the annual Swedish Church Santa Lucia service.

5. Outreach and Visitors

Built in the early 1890s, Holy Trinity is a building of historical interest and is opened for tours several times each year, including school visits. The church seeks to **offer welcome and support to visitors** and English-speaking tourists.

Online participation within the Diocese and Archdeaconry continues, alongside an active social media presence.

We are grateful for our close links with the British Club which is such an asset to the Island.

David has over 1800 followers for his daily TikTok talks. He normally asks 2 questions and suggests answers and tells a story. Each of these takes under 60 seconds.

6. Pastoral Occasions

Memorial services, interments, and wedding blessings have taken place during the year, all marking important moments in the lives of those involved.



7. Fabric and Buildings

Woodworm in the organ has been treated and a new soundboard installed. The wooden roof is showing signs of disrepair. A number of maintenance and improvement needs have been identified, including toilet renovation, lighting improvements, and additional storage. As a listed building, permissions are required for all such projects. **An architect has been engaged to cost the various works.**

8. Governance and Planning

Bookings for groups and school visits are already in place for 2026, and planning for future events continues.

9. Finance

The chaplaincy operates on a broadly break-even basis, with **income sufficient to meet routine running costs**. However, reserves are limited and there are no designated funds for major capital works. Identified building projects should therefore be regarded as medium- to long-term aspirations, dependent on future fundraising, grants, or external support. The Chaplaincy Council remains committed to careful stewardship and financial sustainability.

10. Challenges and Areas for Growth

Key challenges include deepening spiritual life, caring for buildings and gardens, outreach to the underprivileged, work with young people, strengthening ecumenical relationships, supporting tourists, and responding positively to growth.



Conclusion

The chaplaincy remains grateful for all who contribute to the life of Holy Trinity and extends a warm welcome to all who visit.