

CAROL SERVICES

Albox

*Sunday 20th December, at 11.00 am
Carol Service*

Almuñécar

*Sunday 20th December, at 11.00 am
Carol Service*

*Tuesday 22nd December, at 7.00pm
Carols by Candlelight with mince pies
and mulled wine
at El Faro, Plaza de las Magnolias*

Mojácar

*Sunday 20th December, at 11.00 am
Carol Service*

Nerja

*Sunday 20th December at 10.30 am
Carol Service*

Salobreña

*Sunday 20th December at 5.30 pm
Carols by Candlelight with mince pies
and mulled wine*

Viñuela

*Wednesday 16th December at 5.00pm
"A Family Christmas" with Judy Slater
Gavin and the children*



FELLOWSHIP OF THE KING

Serving the King of Kings in southern Spain

December 2009, Welcome!

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Fellowship of The King is a charismatic/evangelical community church network seeking, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to be Christ-centred, and endeavouring to faithfully live out Biblical Christianity in the Spanish provinces of Málaga, Granada and Almería. We are a family of eight churches, organised by language or location, with a vision for this number to grow.

First established in 1997 in Salobreña, we are a family bound together in love for Christ and for one another. Indeed our name highlights both the desire to be welcoming, to function in the context of genuine, committed friendship, and, to be a church which works together to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the King of Kings.

The Fellowship is affiliated with FEREDE (Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities, de España), linked with the Evangelical Alliance, whose basis of faith it subscribes to, and part of New Community Network, based at Community Church, Southampton, UK.

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One of the first instructions that God gave mankind was “be fruitful and multiply” How frequently do we see this reflected in our daily Christian lives? In our kitchen we have a pomegranate that

was picked weeks ago by a visitor, it looks to be full of potential with plenty of seed although it is small and undeveloped. Sitting on a shelf in our home it cannot now mature having been separated from the tree; it may even become diseased and rot. Are there Christians sitting on the shelf waiting for God the Holy Spirit to move when God is waiting for us? Do we look and sound spiritually healthy but after years of sitting on church shelves (presumably to be matured), little fruit is evident. Jesus did not intend merely to rescue us to be left at a church collection point to grow old waiting for the heavenly bus; there is important work to do. Are we expecting a spiritual revival in our community without our participation? God responds to the prayers of His people. Scripture tell us that we are to work out our salvation *Philippians 2.12*, unpack it, learning who we are and what seed it is that God has given us in order to grow into fruitful maturity. Jesus taught prophetically in *Matthew 21* of the pointless reliance of Israel on merely external religious systems, speaking of “leaves but no fruit”.

Many desire to preserve their way of life; this is why the Brits are fighting in Afghanistan (so the politicians tell us). The reality is that we cannot prevent continuous economic, social and spiritual change; change is here to stay. Those outside the church see no need to change (yet), but more seriously many Christians are not up for change either, many are comfortable with their lifestyle and are unwilling to change. I have suggested here in Albox that we order some T shirts printed with “inconvenience me” to open conversations or opportunities for service, but no one has taken up the offer. These are unprecedented times of opportunity in a world of increasing uncertainty, there is an end times harvest that will come and I want to be a part of it, I believe God is urgently seeking planters and reapers. Will it be too inconvenient for church attenders to change their set priorities or weekly routines, or shall we get involved? I pray many will begin to see the urgent need to develop more than leaves of (church attendance), the world is looking for evidence of the love and power of God; tell God you are willing to begin sharing your spiritual seed with others.

Tony Classon

Where we are ... and whom to contact

With the addition of another congregation this month we have had to save space here by reducing the contact details for each local church to a single number rather than the full local leadership team as before.

Albox

Aguaviva, Albox Christian Centre, C/ Arrabal 20

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Cell Groups: various days and times, please phone

Albox Local Leadership:

Tony & Eila Classon (950 064 402)

Almuñécar

Centro Familiar Cristiano, Avda Costa del Sol

Sunday: Morning Worship 11.00am

Thursday: Life Groups

Almuñécar Local Leadership:

Pat Mingorance (958 881 358)

Granada

Tim & Mary Slegg are in the process of planting in Hueter Vega. Contact them on 958 303 863

Mojácar

Living Water Church - Virgen del Mar Hotel

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Mojácar Local Leadership:

Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Nerja

Pasaje San Miguel

English-speaking church and

Iglesia de habla hispana

Sunday: English Family Service - 10.30am

Domingo: Reunión de alabanza y predicación 19.00hras

Wednesday: Prayer meeting at 11.00am

Miercoles: Reunión de oración 19.00 hras

Nerja Local Leadership:

James & Nieves Moorhead (952 525 352)

Liderazgo de la Iglesia Española:

Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Salobreña

English-speaking church and

Iglesia de habla hispana

Calle Blas Enfante 39 local 2B

Domingo: Reunión de alabanza y predicación 12.00hras
(cada 15 días)

Sunday: Family Service 5.30pm weekly

Tuesday: Prayer meeting 10am

Viernes/Friday: Youth club de jovenes 19.00hras

Salobreña Local Leadership:

Leslie & Chris Thomas (958 658 439)

Liderazgo de la Iglesia Española:

Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Viñuela Area

**Beneath Inmobiliaria Maroma, El Cruce,
Puente don Manuel, Alcaucín.**

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Wednesday: Fellowship Group

Viñuela Area Local Leadership:

John & Maureen Laycock (952 033 021)

Sunrise Village

Last month we included an item about Rafa and Adriana and their long-standing vision to open a Christian retreat and holiday centre in the hills behind Almuñécar. This is nearing completion and along with the newsletter this month you will receive a "Night Voucher" form from them. We would urge you to invest in these vouchers - you will be able to redeem them by enjoying a stay in Sunrise Village and it will bless Rafa and Dri by helping their cash-flow at this critical juncture.

Please also pray for baby Christian who is to have a heart operation in mid-January.

Viñuela

Overtaken by Blessings *"And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."* Deut. 28:2. When you walk in fellowship with God, you do not have to ask Him to bless you. He *wants* to bless you! Just as you enjoy surprising someone you love with unexpected gifts, God delights in giving you His gifts in times and ways that you might never expect. Well He blessed me on Friday 20th November, I went down to the Farmers Market at Puente Don Manuel to visit the FTK bookstall established by Mo & John Bamber and the sense of His love which surrounded their activities and members of the Viñuela church who were helping was such a rich blessing and I give thanks for the love He has exposed us to. He continues to bless us as a body for not only has there been a real sense of His love surrounding us this past week but we have also found a new meeting place which we fully intend to utilise to the maximum in our desire to express His love to the surrounding communities both expatriate and Spanish. Some of the activities we plan to reach out through are Art classes (already taking place), Dance classes, Computer Lessons, Information on living in Spain, Coffee mornings, and guided by Loli & Salvador of the Spanish church in Mondrón support for Spanish families. Please continue to hold us up in your prayers as we seek to purpose His will.

After the "false start" of believing we had new premises, only for that door to close before it had even opened, we are now rejoicing at the Lord's provision of a new home for the church in Viñuela. It is literally across the road from the building we shared with a Spanish church for the last year or so, but it is a much more useful and flexible building. It is located beneath the large Estate Agents Maroma, which is the most visible local at the crossroads.

We are pleased to have Gavin and Judy and the children with us for our special Christmas event, their "Family Christmas" presentation, for this powerful musical will not only clearly proclaim the true message of Christmas but will have the by-product of putting the new premises on the map for the local community. It takes place on Wednesday 16th December at 5pm.

Blessings from **Colin Lavender**

Almuñécar

It's that time of year again – Christmas is almost upon us and, as usual, it has crept up almost without my noticing. At the beginning of November it seems like there is plenty of time to think about Christmas celebrations and services, then all of a sudden it's the beginning of December and time has almost run out. As I wonder, yet again, at how fast time passes, it occurs to me that we often fall into the same 'time' trap when it comes to our Christian walk. We can be lulled into thinking that there is plenty of time to get ourselves right with God and prepared for His purposes, but the reality is that we need to be being prepared as a continuous priority. We never know when God is going to move mightily in His world, nor when Jesus will return and Scripture tells us to 'seek the Lord while He may be found and call on Him while He is near' (Isaiah 55:6) – that means now, every day, not some time next month or even next year. As Christmas approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, it's our opportunity to rededicate our lives to Him and decide to make our relationship with Him THE priority at all times and in all circumstances.

December 20th will be a Christmas Carol service at the usual time of 11.00 am in the usual meeting place. In addition we are presenting an evening of Carols, Candles, Mince pies and Mulled wine on Tuesday, December 22nd in El Faro, Plaza de las Magnolias at 7.00 pm. We are also planning to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Morning, venue and time still to be decided. Please call me on 627127978 for more information.

Having visited Vicki, Lucy and Nick recently, I can report that they are well but challenged by their new family set-up. Lucy is adapting really well and excited about starting 'big school' in January. Please continue to pray for them to settle quickly and for Vicki to soon find her place in her new church family.

We also need to continue to pray in God's provision for those brothers and sisters who we know are struggling. Let us also be willing to share what we have with those who have not.

Blessings from

Patricia Mingorance.

Once again this Christmas, Judy, Gavin and the children are presenting Una Navidad Familiar. Judy studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and the Royal College of Music in London. She has had a varied career from music, theatre, dance and opera to concerts; classical, jazz, Latin American and Gospel music on concert platform, stage, TV and radio throughout the world. Their four children have inherited their parents musical talents, for Gavin is also a musician who teaches music at the International School in Almuñécar.



Mojácar



Luke 1:31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you

are to give him the name Jesus. v32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. If you are a parent then you will remember the joy and excitement and exhaustion that accompanied the arrival of your child. Babies are hope personified, we look at them and wonder what they will accomplish and know what ever it is they will be unconditionally loved regardless of their achievements and profession.

Jesus as a baby was not just hope personified but he was also the hope of the world. Mary had an incredible reason to believe that Jesus was someone pretty special. She was visited by an Angel who said: "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." – Luke 1:31-33. This promise to Mary echoed the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6-7 given seven centuries earlier.

Joseph, Mary's husband had also received a promise:

"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." – Matthew 1:20-21

What hope in knowing that this child was the one in whom all of God's promises would be fulfilled. Knowing that He was the one in whom God's people would find forgiveness of sins, the one in whom they would find true and lasting peace, the one whose power would establish an eternal kingdom of justice and righteousness.

For Christians the world over we celebrate the birth of Jesus partly because his arrival reminds us of the joy and peace that we have in Christ. At this time in history of our troubled planet, the message of Christ's coming must go out into the world that he is the hope of the world.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13.

Keep looking up.

Love from

Dave and Pam Hamilton

For more info visit www.livingwaterchurchmojucar.com

Nerja

JESUS God's Christmas present to the world. God's Christmas present to YOU.

Before starting on the buying, the giving, the celebrating that this time of year brings – make a difference this year – stop, be still, quieten your soul and spirit and reflect on the awesome, amazing, unique and incredible gift that has been given to you.

What does Jesus mean to you? Is He still, to you, the baby in the manger? Or has the man become your Saviour and friend? Has this gift changed your life? Or has He been consigned to childhood memories?

Jesus is the most precious gift you will ever receive. May this be the year that you receive Him into your own life.

Our Christmas Carol Service this year will be part of the usual morning service on Sunday 20th December.

Please continue to pray for Sheila Matthews; following her recent operation her remaining lung is not functioning properly and she has developed a heart problem.

Salobreña

It was a great beginning to the monthly men's meetings that started on 17th November and which we aim to continue on the third Tuesday of each month. A baker's dozen of us met for breakfast and a time of sharing together followed by a powerful word about Men for God (on DVD) by David Pawson. This month's meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 9.00am in the church.

We live in an instant age - just add water and it's ready ... now! The Kingdom of God is not like that, however. For several years we've dreamt of having a Spanish-speaking church in Salobreña; indeed local believers tell us they've been praying for that for 40 years. We've been praying for that for five years. It's all about God's timing, and we sense that now is that kairos moment. So at 12 noon on Sunday 29th November Carlos and Loida will celebrate our first ever Spanish service in Salobreña and they will begin the process of planting a Spanish church in the town, meeting fortnightly initially. Praise God for this moment - and pray for the protection of this new church and those who are involved in its planting and nurture.

It may seem strange that our annual Carols by Candlelight service on the Costa Tropical "comes of age" this year, celebrating its 21st birthday, given that the Fellowship is only in its 13th year. However, these hugely popular services, initially held in the Centro Evangélico in Motril, were certainly one small part of the way in which the Lord spoke to us about first planting the Fellowship back in the 1990s. This year's service is on Sunday 20th December at 5.30pm - as ever with mulled wine and mince pies!

