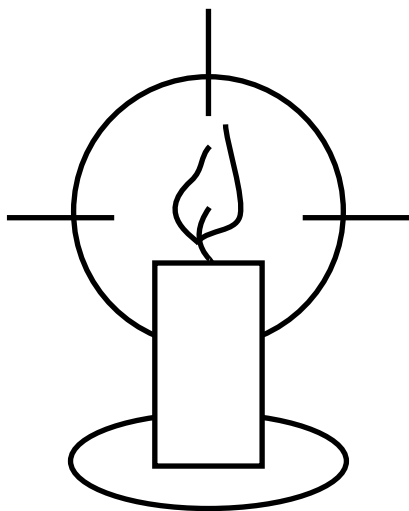


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From the Editor

The one thing about editing a magazine is that one has time to review what one has written before anyone else sees it. Even so things slip through. This is not a luxury that is accorded TV commentators. I heard two classics this week while watching snooker. “. . . that was millimetres away from being inch perfect . . .” And another “. . . that should have been a half ball shot . . .” I think half a ball would have difficulty in rolling at all!!

Its a busy time for the Chaplaincy. Last month we had the Deanery Synod meeting in Madrid and an Ecumenical Celebration. This month we have the start of Lent with two opportunities, one on Tuesdays and one on Thursdays to join a Lent Course. We also have, on the 11th March, our Annual General Meeting, Will you be there? Please try to make it if only to give your support to the people who give so much of their time to keep the Chaplaincy going on a day to day basis. It doesn't run itself and without the behind the scenes 'doers' it would not be the vibrant organisation that it is.

Did you realise that we have a pair of TV personalities in our midst? Turn to page 11 to read about their latest exploits.

Again a plea for you to help me fill these pages. Your thoughts and experiences are all of interest to us all, please jot them down and let me have them.

The Editor

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ,

As I quoted in a recent sermon from a bumper sticker “60 isn’t old – if you’re a tree”! Having just celebrated my ‘big one’ in numerous different ways, I must take this opportunity to thank all of you for your best wishes, wonderful cards and presents and multiple entertaining. Although my wine racks now look replete, unfortunately so does my girth! It’s fortunate that Lent is here and I can cut down on some things but increase others – I’ll leave you to work out which! Seriously though THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Lent started as a period of training for those who were to be baptised at Easter. Then everyone wanted to join in! Today, we too should see Lent as a period of training – training for the rest of our lives. Remember that Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness to prepare himself for his ministry and in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches about: generosity, prayer, fasting and resisting temptation. Those are things which we can include in our Lenten self-discipline, to train ourselves for whatever is to come.

The Archdiaconal Synod in El Escorial, Madrid last month was a wonderful experience. The theme of the Synod was “Loving God, Loving others, Loving ourselves.” (Notice the order!) We were honoured to have Bishop Bill Godfrey of Peru as our guest speaker. He inspired us all by helping us to see God in the ordinary, everyday people and things and encouraged us to get involved with them. As a result, the Archdeaconry is sending a working party out to Peru in November to help their work.

The fact that most of us are unable to help out on this particular initiative, shouldn’t stop us from looking for the ‘ordinary and everyday’ in our daily lives where we are. God is as present here as he is in Peru or anywhere else but perhaps we have to stop and consciously look for him. He may not be as visible amongst the wealth of tourism, but, take time out and you’ll find him in the lonely, the hurting, the homeless, the sick and the poor.

May we use this Lenten season to train for the mission that God has prepared for each one of us and, when that glorious Easter morn breaks may we all be united in saying “Alleluia, He is risen, Alleluia”

And finally; I’m sure you’ll join me in saying that we are sorry to hear that Kate and John Bosley have decided to return permanently to the UK. John and Kate have worked tirelessly over the years in support of the Chaplaincy and we’re all indebted to them. We wish them well in their future in the UK and hope that we will see them back again in Tenerife, if only for a holiday in the sun.

May God Bless you all,
your Chaplain and friend

Fr. Keith



A Birthday Treat for a Mere Sapling

Diary for March

1st	Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent (St David Patron of Wales)	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
			Chaplaincy Lunch – San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas
2 nd	Mon		
3 rd	Tues	11.00 am	Lent Course – Christine Gaunt’s
4 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio
5 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
		4.00 pm	Lent Course – Residence
6 th	Fri		
7 th	Sat		
8th	Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas
			(by extension)
9 th	Mon		
10 th	Tues	11.00 am	Lent Course – Christine Gaunt’s
11 th	Wed	10.15 am	Annual General Meeting – Danish Hotel
			Preceded by Eucharist Calle Salvaje
12 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch – Los Gigantes
		4.00 pm	Lent Course – Residence
13 th	Fri		
14 th	Sat		
15th	Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas
			(by extension)
16 th	Mon		
17 th	Tues		St Patrick Patron of Ireland
		11.00 am	Lent Course – Christine Gaunt’s
18 th	Wed		St Joseph, Husband of Mary
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio

19th Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
4.00 pm Lent Course – Residence

20th Fri

21st Sat

22nd Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)
10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas
(by extension)

23rd Mon

24th Tues 11.00 am Lent Course – Christine Gaunt's

25th Wed Annunciation of the Lord

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio

26th Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
4.00 pm Lent Course – Residence

27th Fri

28th Sat

29th Sunday 5th Sunday of Lent
10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas
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30th Mon

31st Tues 11.00 am Lent Course – Christine Gaunt's

April

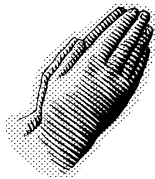
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3rd Fri

4th Sat

5th Sunday Palm Sunday
10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio
Chaplaincy Lunch – San Eugenio
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas
(by extension)



Intercessions

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

The Power of Prayer

Baby Jamie – Edwin & Chioma Azodo – Lesley Bailey – Eileen Baldwin
Trevor Bates – Sheila & Cuni Bonzaier – Alan Bosley – Gwen Bower
Cian Brady – Doreen Brown – Joan Caselton – Marisha Carter
Samuel Coker – David Cole – Milton Cole – Gladys Cole
Doris Dendy – Bro. Edward SSF – Revd. Jeff Engel – Victoria Ford
Beth Gaunt – Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding – Paul Hazelby
Declan Holmes – Joseph Horne – Roger Hunt – David Jutson
Pam & Howard Lacey – Betty Lee-Westworth – Mary Mansell
Beryl Naylor– Hazel Noble – Simon Norman-Ballantyne
Brian Norris – Pam Paterson – Alec Reid – Mary Roe – Ewen Smith
Fr Robert Sterman – Susan Stratton – Hilda Thomas – Edna
Neville Thompson – Rosemary Walton – Bruce Weldon
Harry Wilkinson – Barbara Williams – Frank Winpenny

The Recently Departed

Christine Dorricott, Gillian Hazelby, Annalisa Bolt, Hedley Lacey

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

March 4 th	Hilda Burgess
14 th	Thomas Boyle
22 nd	Robert Powell
24 th	Jean Wainwright
29 th	Phyllis Burgin

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The tough economic times we are facing can give us fresh perspectives on the many blessings that God has freely given us. So during Lent 2009, I encourage you to take time to think about those many people around the world who do not even have the basic necessities of life – and to reflect on what it means to live thankfully in today's world.

By working together and each playing our part, we can make a real difference to people who face hardships beyond anything we could imagine. Please make Lent count this year, through the money you give, the prayers you offer and the actions you take. And remember in particular what I have asked the diocese to support this Lent – the work of Thandanani in South Africa, which helps vulnerable children, including those affected by HIV.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Subalter". To the left of the signature is a plus sign "+".

Please give via the chaplaincy.
Please do not send your gifts direct to Christian Aid.

Anyone for Breakfast?

Sunday February 1st dawned with a chill breeze and lowering skies threatening to wreak havoc with those gathering for the first ever 'Champagne and Croissant Breakfast' at Espiritu Santo.

But nothing was going to spoil the atmosphere on that day. The Brain-child of Mai Curnow, she immediately received the whole hearted support of Margaret and Howarth Higgs who offered their apartment.

Tickets were sold in record time; sponsorship to offset the cost of provisions were obtained from Alan Price Property Maintenance, Dieta Mediteranean, Lavanderia Varadero and Richardson's Restaurant and soon 46 members of the congregation were having a most enjoyable time.

And in addition the healthy sum of €273 was raised for Church Funds.

Ecumenical Celebration

On Sunday 25th January, when Fr. Michael Harding joined us for coffee at one of Pepe's tables prior to the Sunday morning service at San Eugenio, he asked us what we were doing that particular evening.

We replied that we were looking forward to the dinner to celebrate Fr. Keith's 60th with a merry throng of people from the church in Los Gigantes.

'That's a pity' he said and then explained that - at the shortest notice - the Anglican Chaplaincy had been asked to join in a special service for Christian Unity (in the church of Nuestra Senora del Carmen in Los Cristianos) that very evening and badly needed support troops. He called for help before the service, but it turned out that most people were busy elsewhere (including services in Los Gigantes and San Blas, of course).

After the morning service was over we again spoke to Fr. Michael and wondered where duty called us.

So we missed a convivial evening and experienced the joys of contribution by supporting the Anglican Chaplaincy in the wider religious community.

The service this year was more rigorously orchestrated than the previous one we had attended, as the senior Spanish priest seemed to understand English. It was a beautiful service, which had been devised by Koreans North and South. The Canarian version had been adapted for Puerto de la Cruz, with Germans and Finnish, as well as Swedes and English.

The Germans and Finns somehow missed the boat – shortness of notice – but the impassioned plea from Fr. Michael had found a tiny band of volunteers. The indefatigable Homers joined the Ratcliffe carload, and when we arrived at the church square we found Barrie and Jillian sitting there waiting!

The service was mostly conducted in Spanish, but with an English translation of the main bits. It opened with a very moving procession of the four robed priests, who walked in solemnly with three representatives of their congregations each holding a piece of wood. (Gordon carried the Anglican piece). These bits of wood were later symbolically attached to a large cross, with the names of the three religions on them. This was a sign of reconciliation and desire for Christians to unite.

The Swedish pastor spoke lengthily in Swedish. It was a salutary lesson to the rest of us, of what it must be like to listen to English if you know not a word of it!

Luckily, the congregation did seem to have some understanding of English, as they listened with rapt attention to Father Michael's sermon.

The Anglican group pieced together their collective understanding of the Spanish sermon, but we all missed the middle bit – probably something of vital importance!

Gordon and I were also able to make more practical use of our Spanish. In the symbolic bit of the ceremony, Gordon was the only one who could communicate with the other two. And in the prayers, the responses were said in Spanish, and I had to listen eagerly to the Spanish introduction to the Intercessions to work out when to come up to the microphone. I very nearly started up before the sermons were all finished. (Thank you Philip).

We shared many common elements of our faiths:

The Bible readings

The Our Father

The Nicene Creed

The warm exchange of the Peace in the middle of the service gave us a chance to communicate with the other groups. At the end of the service, the four priests distributed a card with a prayer (I Corinthians 13, 4-8)

Love is patient El amor es paciente

Love is kind es bondadoso

It does not envy no tiene envidia

It does not boast no se jacta.

As we walked out and were warmly shaken by the hand by all the priests, we truly felt:

Love never fails El amor no falla nunca.

Gordon & Belinda Ratcliffe

Lent Abstinence

Lent is upon us and how many of us are saying “what shall we give up this year?” Is it going to be chocolate, alcohol or some other indulgence? Giving up this sort of thing may make us feel virtuous but does it make us a better person or do any good to anyone else?

Would it not be better if we used this period to train ourselves to change our attitude. It is all too easy to moan about what is happening. Have you ever said “someone should do ... “, or “they shouldn’t have done it that way” or “Why on earth don’t they do...”?

Don’t just give up chocolate for Lent, give up a negative attitude. Instead of complaining about how something is done, volunteer to do it yourself or at least suggest how it could be done. Then when Lent is over we could continue with our new self in promoting a more co-operative attitude.

If you really feel that there is nothing you can do, and there are very few who really cannot do anything, then at least support those who do with some praise. The best boss I ever knew never let a day go by without writing a note of thanks and appreciation to at least one member of his staff. Everybody needs to feel appreciated and in consequence their mental state is improved and the work they produce is so much the better for it.

So come on! No more moaning and more helping, not only for Lent but for the months to come. It’s your Church and its future is to a certain extent in your hands.

Alan Charlesworth

A priest, who admittedly as a smoker, once announced from the pulpit that you should not give up something for Lent if in doing so you became irritable and bad tempered. If you do, he said, it was not you, but those around you that do the penance.

A Visit from Cash in the Attic

It is said that people are either 'hoarders' or 'throwers'! Well to give you some idea which Michael is, his sister calls him a 'pack rat' – that is a rodent which lives in the desert and makes its home/den with *everything* it can collect! After years of travelling and collecting, things just had to go when retirement came. A lot did go before we moved to Dorset but still the garage, shed, attic and underneath the stairs were full – something had to be done!

The task began by looking at ways of selling 15 'assorted sized' boxes full of stamps and equipment. Then Elise had a brain wave. She had seen 'snippets' of a TV programme called 'Cash in the Attic'. They would help you 'down size' your collectables. She contacted the programme, but not at that stage informing Michael!! A little later Elise had to come clean because her plea for help was accepted and a researcher was on the telephone requesting an appointment.

So that was the start of an interesting adventure.

All went very smoothly. Appointments were made for a first visit by a researcher complete with video recorder and lots of questions. He looked everywhere and videoed items from all angles. This did not mean that we would be accepted for the programme as apparently only 1 in 4 made it through to filming. But a few weeks later we were contacted and dates were fixed for filming and for the auction day.

On Thursday 8th November, bright and early, Liam, the first member of the 'Cash in the Attic' team arrived. He was the general 'gofer' and cook. A Tesco's delivery lorry turned up soon after and deposited a mountain of plastic bags full of goodies. Liam organised and laid out an 'all day snack buffet', and with the run of the kitchen, later produced a magnificent lunch. We were NOT going to go hungry that day for sure!

The rest of the production team of producer, camera men, sound men and researchers arrived a little later having gone first to 'The Model Town' in Wimborne to set the 'local' scene. With them was the interviewer for the occasion, Jenny Bond. She had been the BBC royal correspondent and came second on the programme, 'Get me out of here'. The antiques expert who would choose items that were suitable for the auction was James Ryland.

The filming, interviewing, hunting for treasures and general chat started soon after 9am and went on until gone 7pm!! In all, six main items and six minor items

were selected. We looked at items, and discussed them, pointed at them in silence, walked in and out of set positions, often several times. Some filming was called 'noddies', (that is we looked at something, were asked a question and nodded); we were supposed to be silent so that at a later date the interviewer could add 'a talk over'. We had to film some things several times over as Michael kept (helpfully) answering!

Jenny Bond asked many questions about where an item had come from, and was it of sentimental value but also why had we called in 'Cash in the Attic' and on what would we spend any money raised. Much of the conversation was about our faith - questions such as why Michael was a priest and why was Elise training for ordination. God and religion certainly seemed to get into the conversation a great deal. It will be very interesting to see how much of those chats are included in the televised programme.

The next stage was the auction. For this we went to Sherborne on Friday 16th November. And again it was a full day. Our 12 lots were spread throughout the day so we just walked to a space allotted at the rear of the room as and when an item came up for sale. Again we did 'noddies' and silent looking as well as talking about the items. One such silent action shot is now part of the introduction of every programme at the moment.

The last part of the saga, known as the 'pay off', took place on Thursday 6th December. For this we went first to the site of Staphill church – the one that got run over by a very large lorry – to be filmed looking at the ruin with Laurie Clow the Vicar. Some of the money raised was to go towards the rebuilding project. More silent pointing and nodding. Then we went to the Sarum College Bookshop so that Elise could be filmed choosing books which she needed for her course. Some money was to be used to fund the large number of books that she would need. Another charity to receive financial help was 'Smile Train' which funds operations abroad to correct children's facial disfigurements. We have six (so far!) perfect grandchildren and we wanted to say thank you to God, and help a little one in need. BUT after all that the stamps, which started the process, and some of which went to auction, did not sell! But we have knuckled down and now only one box remains unsold.

So there you are, a very interesting experience and at times great fun; tiring but worthwhile – and Jenny Bond wants an invitation to Salisbury Cathedral when Elise is Ordained!

Michael and Elise Harding

February Council Meeting (précis)

Accounts

Lesley circulated graphs from Alan to the end of January. The last week in January showed a big leap in Gift Aid donations, on a par with last year. Expenditure about the same as last year, cash flow was slightly down, but basically everything is going along as normal.

Lesley advised the meeting that Edna Goodall will complete the audit on the books this week and these will be returned with a letter of completion via Elizabeth or Jean, during Lesley's absence.

Church Reports:

San Eugenio:

Fr. Keith reported that numbers were keeping up fairly well in the 200's.

Espiritu Santo:

Kate advised that the Champagne and Croissant Breakfast had been very successful, 40 tickets being sold and €273 being raised.

Congregation numbers were holding at the moment. Problems were in evidence once more when notices are put up and these are removed. Kate had one order for a copy of The History this week. The change tubs have raised a further €13.

San Blas:

Christine reported that numbers were keeping up very well with people from many parts of the world. Better now with the new CD's, but a Mission Praise Music Book would be welcome so that if there is an organist available the organ could be used.

Fr. Keith advised that he had been talking with Fr. Pedro and the local community want to put pews in San Blas. They would provide the labour but the cost of the wood would be as high as €2,000 and an appeal is being proposed for the village to take part.

Annual General Meeting – 11th March 2009:

Fr. Keith will confirm the menu and lunch price with The Danish Hotel this week. Jean reported that there was only Fr. Keith's Report and Edna Goodall's letter remaining and then the Report would be complete and ready for distribution by e-mail to all those on the Electoral Roll.

Kate reported that there were no nominations for election from Espiritu Santo. Marisha Carter would like to be considered for Synod. Fr. Keith advised that there were no rules precluding Lay Readers from serving as Synod Representatives or as Council Members. Four forms for Council Representatives had been received at San Eugenio together with one form for Church Warden. Christine advised that she had given two Electoral Roll forms out at San Blas.

Synod

The Synod had been a great success the highlight of the meeting being the talk given by the guest speaker who was Bishop Bill Godfrey who was present with his wife Judith. They come from Peru and he spoke of his work and experiences in Peru, he oozed spirituality and everyone felt the depth of his speaking. The next meeting in 2010 will take place on the Algarve, mainly because of local problems they have had and to give them support. Problems have also been encountered on one of the Costas in that the Curate left the chaplaincy and then formed a breakaway church and sought Episcopal oversight of Bishop Carlos of the Spanish Church against the expressed wishes of both our Bishops and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Chaplaincy History

Fr.Keith read out letters he had received from Bishop Jeffrey and Bishop David and also one addressed to David Dunn, following copies of the Chaplaincy History he had sent them. They were very much appreciated and also added to the History of the Archdeaconry.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11th March immediately following the AGM, at The Danish Hotel.

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I know that some of you like to pick up your copy while you are out here on holiday so if you would like us NOT to post certain issues to you this can be arranged; simply circle the relevant months on the subscription form and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

Finally, remember, I am always glad to hear from you with comments, suggestions or articles for inclusion.

Alan Charlesworth

Editor

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My Favourite Hymns

We often hear, after a service at one of our churches, the comment “that Hymn was one of my favourites”. Well we aim to please.

If you would like to have one of your favourites played, and sung, at one of our services, perhaps to celebrate a birthday, anniversary etc or when you are visiting us, then please fill in the form on the back of this page.

We would ask you to confine your hymn choices to the ones in our hymn book, Mission Praise, but if your choice has a particular tune that you prefer please include this information and we will do our best to arrange it.

This is a new venture for us and you will appreciate that depending on the number of requests we receive it may not be possible to fulfil everyone’s wishes but if you don’t ask we can’t help!

When your list is received our Chaplain, Father Keith, will attempt to include your choice if it is liturgically possible (we don’t want Christmas Carols in Lent) on the date requested.

As most of you will realise St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy of Tenerife South is completely self financing , so we are asking for a minimum of 1€ (one Euro) per choice. We are sure that you will agree that this is a small price to pay to sing, and hear one of you favourite hymns sung in church.

Completed forms, with the donation, should be given to a Chaplaincy Warden, Fr Keith or sent to

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My Favourite Hymns

Name

Address

.....

Contact

Telephone

Email

Date of Visiting

Which Church

First line of Hymn 1

Tune

First line of Hymn 2

Tune

First line of Hymn 3

Tune

First line of Hymn 4

Tune

Signs and Symbols: The Sanctuary

When you think of a 'Sanctuary' you probably think of somewhere safe: in a retreat, perhaps a refuge from harm, or a shelter in a storm. In the Middle Ages one could flee from the law to a place of sanctuary for so many days.

Even today one hears of cases where people have moved into the sanctuary of a church building to prevent their being taken either by the police or perhaps the immigration authorities.

The word Sanctuary comes from the Latin, 'Sanctus' meaning 'Holy', so hence a church or other sacred place would count as a place of 'sanctuary'.

In a church the most holy place is considered to be where the bread and wine are consecrated and become, or represent, the body and blood of Christ himself – the altar. So hence the close area around the altar is called 'The Sanctuary'. You can normally see where it begins by it having steps rising up to it and there being a rail around it. The rail reminds people that they are approaching a special place, and not to enter unless authorised to do so.

Some people will genuflect or bow to the altar (give it reverence) when they pass in front of it – whether a service is taking place or not - as their recognition of the uniqueness of what takes place there at the consecration.

In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem only the priests could enter the sanctuary, and the most central area – the Holy of Holies – was entered by only one priest on one day of the year. Hence the importance that Christians place on the tearing apart of the temple cloth when Christ died on the cross – the Holy of Holies is now visible and accessible.

Itching to Climb.

Four years, 30kg of typed script in my garage – in hard copy errors leap from the page – and a vertical learning curve ended on 16th February 2009 when my travel autobiography was published. Being a nobody a ‘proper’ publisher was not interested and having researched and read about the copious horrors of self publishing only when one company, for the first time, was recommended in the Writer’s Year Book did I know where to go.

I was in my mid sixties when the wonderful character Doris Cox, until recently a regular attendee at San Eugenio, told me not to scratch; you don't tell cripples not to limp. I decided to write my book *Itching to Climb* in the hope that it would raise both understanding of the health problems and awareness of the need for an eczema trained nurse, to join the asthma nurse, in all GP surgeries.

No one wants to read a grim anecdote of life with a handicap. My goal has been to interest all who enjoy going on walks but do not rock climb, travel in a plane but do not fly one, who have not worked for MOD training infantry junior leaders and who enjoy islands as different as St Kilda, the Falklands and Tenerife.

When I was born in 1938 6% of children had my health problems, now it is about 20% and rising. On top of the possibility of health problems being inherited I believe that all too often the cause is the ever more, unnecessary, chemicals, flavourings, additives being put into food, drinks, furniture and so on. My latest encounter is with prescribed calcium pills containing – unknown to the specialist or the GP – nuts and most of these pills are ‘flavoured’.

I can wear only 100% cotton next to my skin, but now blouses are ‘improved’ with non-iron chemicals & socks with an anti-fungal substance to stop smells (I thought that this was why we have washing machines) and elastane and spandex are in jeans. Usually the amount of unnecessary ‘improvements’ are small but, as with nuts, it takes only a little to result in an unpleasant, or dangerous, reaction. Marks & Spencer 98% cotton bras are no longer available, to find anything to wear is not easy and to

have a choice borders on a miracle; most trousers consist of two rectangular tubes topped with a square in black, white or fawn! Recently my prescription hair shampoo – that I have used for over twenty years – was no longer available after the eczema-sufferer chemist who produced it retired, with him went his formula and with the company I am now trying other formulas.

‘Itching to Climb’ has been an enormous challenge, I’ve needed the support of many helpers and I am very grateful that Sir Chris Bonington has written a foreword.

More information is on www.troubador.co.uk The book will be available in Barbara’s Bookshop in Los Cristianos, Adeje, Smith’s in the UK and via the web

Barbara James

When Push Comes to Chuff

A minister rushed down to the railway station every single day to watch the ‘Ancient Mariner’ chuffing by. There was no chore he wouldn’t interrupt to carry out this ritual.

Members of his congregation were embarrassed by his growing reputation for eccentricity, and asked him to give it up.

“No, brothers,” he said firmly. “I preach your sermons, marry you, baptise your babies, teach your Sunday School, visit your sick, bury your dead, and chair every meeting it pleases you to call, but I won’t give up seeing that train go by every day. I’m so encouraged by it! It’s the only thing in the parish that I don’t have to push!”

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From the Chaplaincy Recipe Book

Cheesy Stuffed Aubergines

Ingredients:

(Serves 4)

2 medium aubergines, stalks removed

50g (2 oz) ham, chopped

15 ml (1 tblspn) chopped fresh parsley

1 tomato, skinned and chopped

50g (2 oz) fresh breadcrumbs

½ onion, skinned and grated

Salt and pepper

175g (6 oz) Cheddar cheese, grated

Chopped fresh parsley to garnish.

Method:

Cut aubergines in half lengthways and scoop out the flesh to leave 1cm. (½”) shell.

Roughly chop the flesh.

Combine the ham, parsley, tomato, breadcrumbs, onion, seasoning and 2 oz. cheese with the aubergine flesh.

Place the aubergine shells in a baking dish and fill with the mixture.

Sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

Cover with foil. Bake in the oven at 200C (400F) Gas mark 6 for 20 minutes.

Uncover and cook for a further 5-10 minutes until crisp and golden.

Serve hot, garnished with chopped parsley.

Letter from St James the Least of All

On the advantages of hospital visiting

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I was delighted that you mentioned hospital visiting in your last letter; it is an important part of ministry and has several advantages over general house visiting. It means that when a parishioner is confined to a hospital bed, you have a captive audience and they cannot pretend not to be in.

Should you ever knock on a front door and get no response, try looking through the sitting room window. You will probably see the occupants kneeling under the table or hiding behind the sofa. In which case, pretend that you haven't seen them, but make it quite clear to them that you are pretending. The fact that you politely fail to mention the incident the next time they are in church will discomfit them even more.

If they are in hospital, it also means that after the first five minutes, they can't excuse themselves with having to collect the children from school/take some clothes to the dry cleaners/visit an elderly relative. You can stay as long as you want while eating their grapes. In their desperation to get you to go, they will agree to anything.

Thus one hospital visit could procure you a new Sunday school teacher, finance committee chairman or bell tower captain. The only lady to get the better of me in this game was Lady Burlingham, who generally said after five minutes: "Well, it has been nice seeing you." It's the most unavoidable "clear off" I've ever received.

I happened to be visiting our local hospital myself this last week – to see our Verger, Mr. Overall. Part of his duties is to protect the guttering with black paint every Spring; it is a job he hates, since he's terrified of heights. This year, he came up with a novel solution. He parked his car on the side of the church opposite to where his ladder was, tied one end

of a rope to the car bumper and threw the rest over the church roof. When he ascended the ladder – and English Perpendicular architecture tends to be rather high – he tied the other end of the rope round his waist. Thus, if he fell off, the rope anchored to the car, would hold him.

Unfortunately he did not allow for Mrs Overall. She was passing the church, laden with shopping. Seeing their car and having a set of keys with her, she decided her husband could easily walk home, so loaded the car and set off. For those who witnessed the event, Mr O's airborne arc over the church roof was a truly magnificent sight. The holly tree on the other side may have cushioned his landing, but not in the most comfortable way.

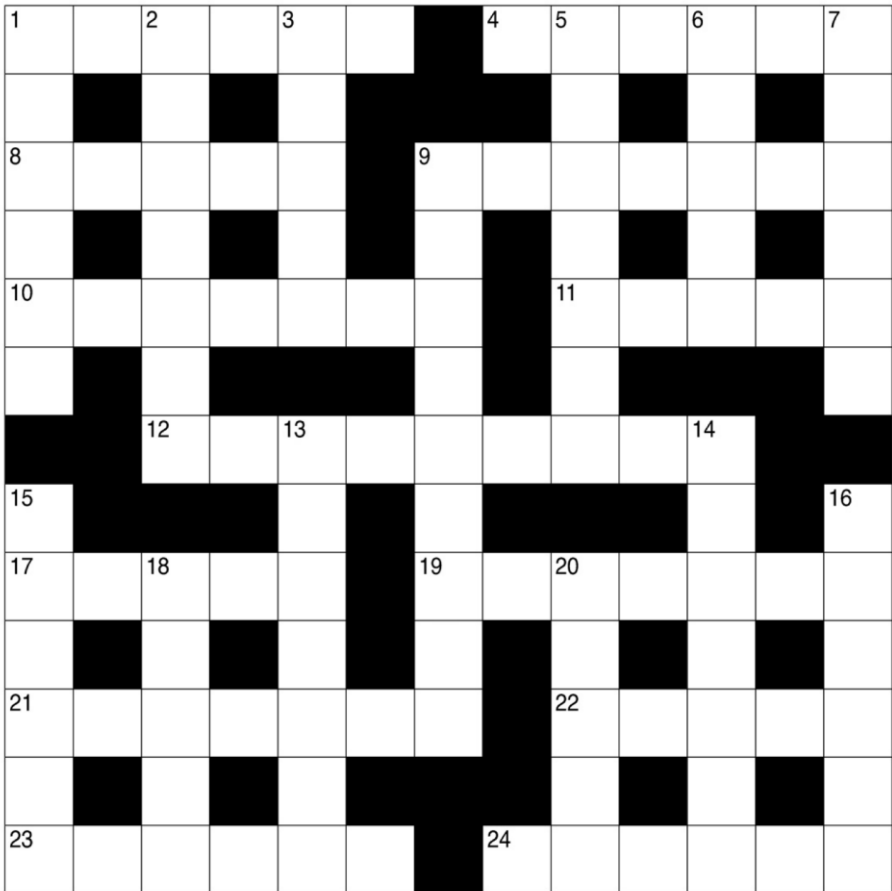
The only problem we are now left with is how to remove a thick black line of paint running up one side of the church roof and down the other.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Crossword



The bible references in the clues all refer to the text of the NIV version.

Clues

Across

- 1 'This is a hard teaching. Who can — it?' (John 6:60) (6)
- 4 'As a bride — herself with her jewels' (Isaiah 61:10) (6)
- 8 'Bless those who — you, pray for those who ill-treat you' (Luke 6:28) (5)
- 9 'He was a — man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures' (Acts 18:24) (7)
- 10 Not properly aligned (3,4)
- 11 Lo, Ben (anag.) (5)
- 12 'All the — of the Egyptians died' (Exodus 9:6) (9)
- 17 Advantage (Daniel 11:27) (5)
- 19 'That — serpent called the devil' (Revelation 12:9) (7)
- 21 'The — took the men into Joseph's house' (Genesis 43:24) (7)
- 22 I bade (anag.) (5)
- 23 'And the — with his sickle at harvest' (Jeremiah 50:16) (6)
- 24 'Remember the — from which you have fallen!' (Revelation 2:5) (6)

Down

- 1 Used to secure a ship at sea (Acts 27:13) (6)
- 2 'Be very — , then, how you live' (Ephesians 5:15) (7)
- 3 Portion (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 5 'Let not my heart be — — what is evil' (Psalm 141:4) (5,2)
- 6 Rhythm and Blues (1,3,1)
- 7 'He said to his sons, " — the donkey for me"' (1 Kings 13:13) (6)
- 9 Source of illumination (Daniel 5:5) (9)
- 13 'Two of them were going to a — called Emmaus' (Luke 24:13) (7)
- 14 'Remember the Sabbath day by — it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 15 Roman Emperor (John 19:15) (6)
- 16 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight — ' (Acts 9:11) (6)
- 18 Stadium (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
- 20 'Day and night will never — ' (Genesis 8:22) (5)

Solution on page 28

Puzzle Solution

Here is the solution to the Crossword Puzzle .

Now I know you would never intentionally cheat but I know how easy it is to see the odd word or letter without meaning to. So, unless you can read upside down and back to front, I have disguised the solution.

You can read it properly by holding this page up to a mirror.

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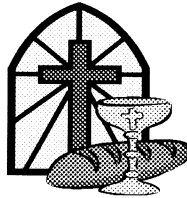
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