

# St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy Tenerife South

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San Blas, Golf del Sur,  
Callao Salvaje.



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## From the Editor

After a quiet summer life, at the Chaplaincy is beginning to hot up. In October we had the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic of Fr Keith's Installation as our Chaplain, and we are now in the thick of organising our Christmas bazaar in the square in Los Gigantes. This will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and is an important annual event in our fundraising calendar.

It costs around 5,000€ a month to keep the Chaplaincy solvent and without such fundraising events we would be in financial trouble. So do offer your help or at least come along and join the fun.

Do you enjoy taking your empty bottles to the bottle bank? It has been said that there are two types of people. Those that are at heart frustrated vandals who enjoy thrusting their bottles in and producing a satisfying crash as they break. Others, who are a little more inhibited, lower them into the bins gently because they feel a little guilty about disposing with anything. Which are you?

After the Chaplaincy Picnic as I crashed the empty Champagne bottles into the bottle bank I got to wondering what I would have done at home in the UK. You see the bottles I was throwing away were made of blue glass. Now here in Tenerife one puts all glass in the same bin but in my home town we have three containers – one for clear glass, one for brown glass and one for green glass – so what would I have done with the blue glass. Answers please on a post card.

***The Editor***

**Deadline for December  
contributions 15<sup>th</sup> November**

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## From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ,

It is said that 'time flies'. That's true in many day to day situations when you find yourself running out of time, but for me it really hit home on the realisation that I have been here in Tenerife, as your Chaplain for 6 years. As you will see later in the magazine, we had a wonderful celebration on the slopes of Mount Teide preceded by a wonderful open air Eucharist.

The saying carries on 'time flies when you're having fun' and for most of the time that has been my experience here with you all. We've had some sad moments and some difficult times but largely it has been a time of sharing joy, happiness and, yes we've all had some fun and all in the service of our Lord and friend, Jesus Christ. I wonder how many people in the business world could say that?

So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your help and support over these more than 2,000 days. Each one of you has helped, in some way or another, in shaping the course of this Chaplaincy and for that I am deeply grateful and indebted to you all.

We are all ministers of Christ's Church here on this beautiful island and we all play our part for whatever period, short or long, we are out here. Despite the fact that we are a constantly changing congregation, there is an amazing continuity as people slot back into place on their return.

Finally, and we must never forget this, we must give thanks for all of this to the One who makes it all possible – our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With renewed thanks and looking forward to our future ministry together.

May God Bless you and those you love .

Your Chaplain and friend,

***Fr. Keith***

## Entertaining Angels

Seen at the Clergy Pastoral Conference in Cologne last month.  
The theme was Entertaining Angels.



From left to right Fr Keith Gordon (Tenerife),  
Fr Peter Ford, (Gran Canaria), and Fr Idris Vaughn, (Lanzerote).

### **What Happened to Mañana?**

From issue 620 of the Canarian Weekly.

**“The Cabildo’s overall plan is to complete a north-to-south railway service – from Santa Cruz to Playa de Las Americas in about 45 minutes, . . .”**

# Diary for November

<b>1st</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>All Saints Day</b>	
		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 (by extension)	– San Blas
2nd	Mon		All Souls Day	
3rd	Tues			
4th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
			Reading of Remembrance Book	
5th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Reading of Remembrance Book	
6th	Fri			
7th	Sat	10.00 am	Coffee & Book Sale	– Charlesworth's
<b>8th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Remembrance Sunday, 3rd Sunday before Advent</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Service of Remembrance followed by Eucharist	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Blas
9th	Mon	2.00pm	Chaplaincy Council Meeting	– Residence
10th	Tues			
11th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
12th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo
13th	Fri	7.00 pm	Service of Dedication	– San Blas
14th	Sat			
<b>15th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung (by extension)	– San Blas
16th	Mon			
17th	Tues			
18th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
19th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo

20<sup>th</sup> Fri

21<sup>st</sup> Sat

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

**Christ the King**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – San Blas

23<sup>rd</sup> Mon

24<sup>th</sup> Tues

25<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio  
11.00 am Advent Course – S Beard's

26<sup>th</sup> Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo  
10.30 am Advent Course – C Gaunt's  
4.00 pm Advent Course – Residence

27<sup>th</sup> Fri

28<sup>th</sup> Sat 11.00 am – 3.00 pm Chaplaincy Bazaar – Los Gigantes

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Advent 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)

30<sup>th</sup> Mon St Andrew, Apostle

## **December**

1<sup>st</sup> Tues

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio  
11.00 am Advent Course – S Beard's

3<sup>rd</sup> Thur St Francis Xavier, priest  
10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo  
10.30 am Advent Course – C Gaunt's  
4.00 pm Advent Course – Residence

4<sup>th</sup> Fri

5<sup>th</sup> Sat 7.30 pm Social at David Grove's

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung – San Eugenio  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo  
6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung (by extension) – San Blas



# *Intercessions*

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

## ***The Power of Prayer***

Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin – Cian & Joan Barry  
Laura Brown – Jill Carlyle – Mendoza Chinaea  
Samuel Coker – Lydia Cook – Doris Dendy – Bro. Edward SSF  
Rev. Jeff Engel – Victoria Ford – Lauren Gaunt  
David Gledhill – Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding  
Paul Hazelby – Declan Holmes – Jack & his family – Emeka Job  
Florian Lughofer – Mary Mansell – John McGill – Garry Morris  
Hazel Noble – Simon Norman-Ballantyne – Brian Norris  
Eunice Oates – Carol O’Kane – Danny O’Sullivan – Jill Pratt  
Mary Roe – Joe Slater 6yrs – Ewen Smith – Fr. Robert Sterman  
Susan Stratton – Rose Tomlinson – Rasaan Usman  
John & Anne Vaughn – Rosemary Walton – Harry Wilkinson  
Frank Winpenny

## ***The Recently Departed***

Stuart Nicholas, Orla Tinberg.

## ***Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing***

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christine Laing
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Whenlock
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Rason
23 <sup>rd</sup>	John Davies
25 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Taska

**St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy  
of Tenerife South**

# *Christmas Bazaar*

**Los Gigantes Plaza**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Opens at 11.00 am**

**Stalls will include**

**Books, Jigsaws, CDs & DVDs, Clothes,  
Bric-a-Brac, Cards, Produce, Tombola,  
Gifts and a Grand Raffle**

**In aid of good causes and much needed  
Chaplaincy Funds.**

**We still require people to assist on the day  
and more bottles for Tombola prizes.**

If you are in a position to assist will you please contact

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## A Franciscan Retreat

We have been on retreats. We have even been on 'Franciscan Retreats'. And we've been many times to Alnmouth Friary, to share in the lives of the Franciscan Brothers there. But never before have the two been so inextricably woven together.

The leader of our Retreat was the Guardian of the Friary, Brother Alan Michael. He brought many good things to the task:

His experiences in living on 'problem' housing estates, both in Glasgow and in Birmingham, have taught him the importance of making everyone feel included.

† His Franciscan life gives him that extra dimension of spirituality which exudes the tranquillity and love that come from Our Lord and His follower Francis.

† He has become a 'priest brother' relatively recently, and on this retreat he shared with the retreatants many things which he had learnt on his ordination training.

The Friary day is structured round four services of prayer and a service of Holy Communion. The plan for the retreat had a complementary structure – with a morning session after breakfast and an evening session usually after supper. Moreover, Brother Alan knit these two structures together, by using the following day's readings for study and by incorporating special emphases into the Holy Communion Service that helped us to live out what we had just been looking at.

Throughout the week, the story of the meeting between Our Lord and the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus was a thread that bound studies and worship together.

The Friary itself is conducive to meditation and prayer. It is a former stately home, with plenty of space for meetings, refreshment and quiet times. There is a beautiful chapel, overlooking the sea and the gardens and with another tiny chapel down a corridor, which houses the Blessed

Sacrament. On Thursdays they have Benediction in this chapel. The light streams in and the incense swirls to heaven.

The retreat was a healthy mixture of silence and discussion. As is normal in the Friary, silence is observed between the ending of Compline and the end of breakfast. Also we kept silence for half an hour after each of the sessions with Brother Alan, so we could think over what he had said.

Highlights of the retreat? Some were from the daily prayer services, some from the retreat sessions and the liturgy of Holy Communion.

- † The Morning Prayer at seven o'clock. At this hour the chapel is beginning to be suffused with light. Before the words 'O Lord open Thou our lips' the Angelus is said in silence.
- † Compline at nine in the evening. Again, the light on sea, beach and garden provides a dramatic backdrop to the service. Listening to the plain song chant of 'Before the closing of the day' somehow seeps into the subconscious and protects our sleeping hours.
- † The 'Emmaus Walk'. This was a structured walk with a companion: praying, reading a piece of scripture, contemplating it in silence for half an hour, then reading it again and sharing our thoughts. One of the beautiful things about walking the lanes in silence turned out to be the enhanced awareness of the bird song.
- † Lectio Divina. The Brothers now have this twice a month, and regularly welcome visitors to share it. Again, we read and re-read a passage of scripture. This time we were asked to look for something different each time – moving closer and closer to a dialogue with God. After each reading we spoke out – or we could say 'Pass' if we didn't want to speak aloud.
- † The Holy Communion Services which led from our studies. For example, we were invited at the first one to gather in the Narthex. Then we went in to chapel singing and kissed the altar.

At the second we kissed the Bible and sang a special 'Alleluia'. These were things that normally only the celebrant does.

† The conversations over the refectory table. The custom at Alnmouth is for the Brothers to spread their presence evenly among the guests, and to converse with them. As well as the resident friars – ranging from the novice Brother Martin John to the very experienced Brother Edward who has been associated from its inception with Alnmouth (on and off, for all Franciscans move about from friary to friary) – there were two visitors, Brother Bruce Paul from Australia and Brother Derek who currently lives in the USA. The backgrounds were varied too – Brother Desmond Alban was a physics teacher, Brother Edward the youngest subaltern in the Second World War, Brother Martin John a practitioner in alternative medicine.

The last time we went on a retreat led by a Franciscan Brother (the recently departed Brother Bernard) our lives were changed very markedly.

We wonder how this retreat will change the lives of the participants.

### **The Two Wolves**

One evening an old hunter told his grandson about what goes on inside of people. He described it this way: "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil. It is angry, proud, jealous, greedy and arrogant. The other is Good. It is peaceful, humble, generous, truthful, merciful and compassionate."

The grandson thought about it for a minute. "Which wolf wins?"

The old hunter replied simply, "Easy. The one you feed."

## **Guild of St. Claire**

If you are fascinated or inspired by any kind of needlework, you might like to visit the Guild which will be meeting at the home of Rev. Caroline Homer for a day's work, actually 10am-3pm, on the dates below.

Tenerife has a unique and beautiful form of needlelace (not bobbins!) which has survived as a commercial craft here to the present day. The Guild aims to teach and promote 'TENERIFFE LACE'. If you would like to learn the craft, teaching and materials will be available on Guild Days. (Cost 5 euros)

'TENERIFFE LACE' from the old spelling of the name of the island is known from the fifteenth century in its present form and was particularly popular in the sixteenth and seventeenth century. Spanish sailors and settlers carried this craft across the world, and to the New World where 'Sol' or 'sun' lace developed distinct motif patterns, country by country. It particularly appealed to craft 'persons' (both women and men make lace) on board crowded ships with limited space, and to the Colonial aristocracy who had limited ways of displaying their wealth. However, there are also portraits of kings and queens in Europe wearing this kind of lace around the same time.

In San Blas church, you will see a lectern cover with a modern motif, made by the Guild.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-12, there will be a coffee morning when Guild members will show some of their work. Proceeds to the Chaplaincy.

### ***Come and join us***

27<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December

12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March

13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June

10AM – 3PM VENUE: AIXIN, Calle Finlandia  
(10 minutes walk from San Eugenio church)

# October Council Meeting (précis)

## Finance

Alan distributed graphs showing the financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Alan also distributed the end of Q3 figures in our normal format and in a new format which had been agreed between Alan, Philip and Gwen during their meeting in September. Alan explained the figures and the layout of the new format and expressed the hope that it would enable the Council to have a better understanding of our financial position.

### ***Outside Giving:***

Our treasurer, Philip, referred to the change of wording at the last AGM to allow for an adjustment to the normal 10% if it was felt necessary. In this respect Philip proposed that for this year this should be halved to 5%. Alan advised the meeting that we had a projected loss of €5,000 this year. Discussion followed and the proposal by Fr Keith from the chair that we should keep to the 10% was passed with the aid of a casting vote from the chair.

### ***Fundraising***

Discussion followed on future fundraising and Marisha agreed to set up a fund-raising group. Marisha requested ideas from Council and congregation members prior to the next Council Meeting on any future fundraising projects. Marisha requested that this be placed in the Church announcements. Marisha's e-mail address is

[marishacarter@hotmail.com](mailto:marishacarter@hotmail.com).

### ***Deposit Account***

Discussion was held on this matter and it was agreed unanimously that we should not transfer any monies to the UK in a Sterling Account but that Gwen should make further enquiries at the Bank Santander about changing the existing Investment Account which is Unit Trust based, to an Interest yielding account.

## **Church Reports**

### ***Espiritu Santo:***

Fr. Keith reported that numbers were creeping up slightly, 36 on Sunday but was a little worrying at present.

### ***San Blas.***

Christine advised that the Altar and Lectern would be ready for 11<sup>th</sup> November; the pew pads would be ready on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. A Service of Dedication would be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November and this would be a joint service with the Roman Catholics at which everyone would be welcome.

### ***San Eugenio:***

Fr.Keith reported that numbers were now increasing; over 100 yesterday.

### **Car Boot Sale and Bazaar:**

Elizabeth advised the meeting that they had done the Car Boot Sale at Guaza The total raised was €146.60. Adeje had just started car boot sales at 4.00 p.m. on Sundays €10 for a table and the site was clean and undercover. Possible venue for a Car Boot in January.

Alan had held a Bazaar meeting and had distributed minutes. The next meeting would be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Raffle tickets which would now be printed in books of ten tickets and would be on sale before and at the Bazaar. The prizes included a Holiday Apartment in Los Gigantes for one week; a 5 speed Ladies Mountain Bike; Iceland Hamper; Restaurant Meals and other prizes.

### **Common Cup**

This subject had been requested to be discussed again due to members of the congregation at San Eugenio asking why we did not give wine at the service, as they have wine at their services in England.

Fr.Keith advised the meeting that at the recent Pastoral Conference of Clergy they had been advised to stay as we are. It was noted that we on Tenerife are more vulnerable due to the amount of air travel involved.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm in the Chaplaincy Residence.

# Fr Keith's 6th anniversary picnic.



The Gathering

The Eucharist



Toasting the Chaplain

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

***Alan Charlesworth***

Editor

### **Recipe Book**

The much talked about recipe Book is now available on a computer CD. This enables one to browse the contents on a computer and then print off any that one wants to try.

The CD is now available in the UK for £8 inc P&P. To obtain a copy please send a cheque, made out to "The Chaplaincy of Tenerife South", to

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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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Tenerife

## 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 .....

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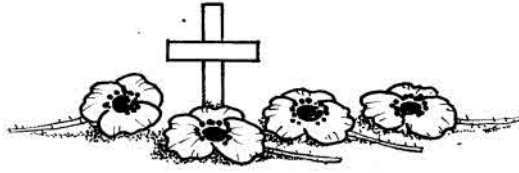
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You only need to register for the service once and then update your account when you make a new trip abroad. You can even add planned trips abroad up to a year ahead.



## **Remembrance Services Sunday 8<sup>TM</sup>. November 2009**

### ***The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance***

Westhaven Bay, Costa Del Silencio at 10.30am.

(You Are Advised to Bring a Sunhat and a Bottle of Water)

### ***Church Services with Acts of Remembrance***

#### **Anglican Chaplaincy of South Tenerife (with Eucharist)**

San Eugenic, Pueblo Canario, Las Americas at 10.15am.

San Blas, Golf Del Sur at 6.00pm.

Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes at 6.00pm.

#### ***South Tenerife Christian Fellowship***

Apollo Centre, Los Cristianos at 11.00am.

Coral Mar Square, Costa Del Silencio at 11.00am

#### ***Anglican Chaplaincy of North Tenerife***

All Saints, Puerto De La Cruz at 10.45am.

***All Are Welcome***

## Last Day

Just another normal day  
The sun rose in the sky  
Nothing seemed unusual  
On the day that I will die

Breakfast in the mess tent  
Bacon eggs and bread  
Just a few more hours  
And I'll be lying dead

A briefing, then manoeuvres  
Tanks roll on dusty track  
I didn't realise at the time  
They'd bring my body back

The ambush came from nowhere  
The bomb the blast the roar  
Then the tank exploded  
My life it was no more

Someone from the army  
Phoned to tell my wife  
He was a fine young soldier  
He bravely gave his life

Gave my life! I don't think so  
Life's not a gift to give  
For if my life was in my hands  
I would choose to live

No time to laugh with family  
No time to hold my wife  
No time to say I love you  
No longer have I life

I used to buy a poppy  
And wear it with great pride  
So this year buy one for me  
And remember I have died

*Elizabeth Thomas October 2009*

# Letter from St James the Least of All

## On the ferocity of the church's Bridge drive

The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St. James the Least. While you certainly raised some money, I feel that £5.43, along with assorted foreign coins no longer in use, may mean that the purchase of your pneumatically adjustable stage for liturgical dance, along with equipment for producing holograms of the Holy Land to illustrate sermons, may be somewhat delayed. It makes our fund-raising to repair the tea urn seem somewhat mundane.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, which are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence – which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver half way through “Onward Christian Soldiers” at last Sunday's Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments are regarded by one half as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled

ham; the others see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents.

Drawing the raffle is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly-mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round card tables at another location for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt, the only difference being that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,

***Eustace***

*(The tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace' are written by The Rev Dr Gary Bowness.)*



## The other side of the door

A very sick man visited his doctor in a small rural village. As he was leaving, he suddenly blurted out: "Doctor, I am afraid to die. You go to church on Sundays. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. He opened the door and the patient's spaniel sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice your dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened he sprang in without fear.

"I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

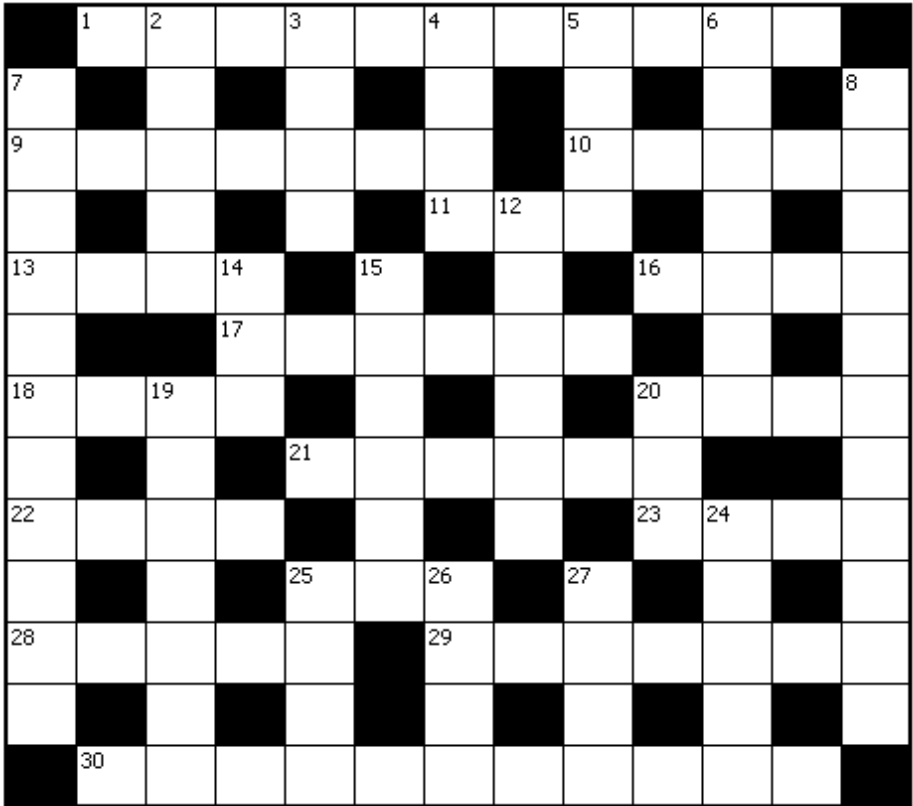
### ***Some Observations on Being a Christian***

- Give God what's right – not what's left.
- Man's way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
- In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma – but never let him be the full stop.

## I Couldn't Have Said it Better

- n If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. – *Mark Twain*
- n I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. – *Winston Churchill*
- n A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. – *George Bernard Shaw*
- n Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. – *P. J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian*
- n Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else. – *Frederic Bastiat, French Economist (1801-1850)*
- n I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. – *Will Rogers*
- n Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! – *Pericles (430 B.C.)*
- n The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. – *Ronald Reagan*
- n The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. – *Winston Churchill*
- n The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools. – *Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)*
- n What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. – *Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)*
- n A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. – *Thomas Jefferson*

# Crossword



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

## Clues

### Across

- 1 & 20 Down 'Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
- 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)
- 11 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — — ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

### Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem... how — I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

***Solution on page 30***

# Sudoku

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3		5				1		4
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*Solution on page 30*

# From the Chaplaincy Recipe Book

## Citrus Chicken

### **Ingredients:**

(Serves 4)

500 gm skinless chicken breasts

2 tbsps olive oil

2 navel oranges and watercress to garnish

### *Marinade:*

4 cm. piece root ginger (grated)

grated rind and juice of 1 orange

grated rind and juice of 1 lemon

200 gm apricot preserve

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

### **Method:**

Mix all the marinade ingredients thoroughly.

Wash and dry Chicken and place in a non-metallic dish.

Pour marinade over and toss gently to cover all chicken pieces.

Leave in a cool place for a minimum of half an hour.

Heat the oil in a non-stick pan.

Remove chicken from marinade and brown on all sides, in batches if necessary.

Add marinade to pan with all the chicken and simmer briskly until chicken is cooked through and marinade slightly reduced.

Add peeled and segmented navel oranges for last minute to warm but not disintegrate.

Garnish with the watercress.

Goes well with cous cous, Bulgar Wheat or savoury rice.

***Dot Schofield***



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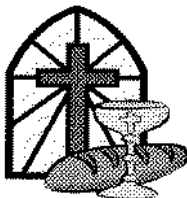
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## **Playa de las Americas**

San Eugenio	Sunday	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist, Sung
	Wednesday	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist, Said

## **Los Gigantes**

Espiritu Santo	Sunday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung
	Thursday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist, Sung

## **Golf del Sur**

San Blas	Sunday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung. By Extension
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## **Callao Salvaje (Services to be resumed shortly)**

*(See the diary on pages 4-6 for detailed times)*

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