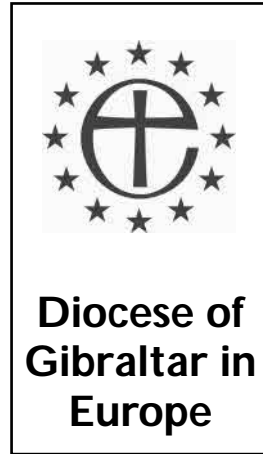


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The Swallows Return

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From the Editor

There is a saying that one swallow doesn't make a summer. The Tenerife swallow, however, turns this saying on its head. Perhaps here in Tenerife we should say that one swallow doesn't mean that summer weather is over. Let me explain for the uninitiated – in Tenerife we refer to the Brits who spend a large proportion of the winter here in Tenerife as Swallows, migrating to warmer climes as they do. Well I for one am back and have done my best not to bring any UK weather back with me.

If you are a Swallow waiting to return, or a holiday maker intending to come out for a well earned break, we look forward to meeting up with you again, be sure a warm welcome awaits you.

Here's a new word origin for you. *Backsliding* was popularised in the 1600's by John Bunyan in his very famous allegory Pilgrim's Progress. In the story the character of Christian and Hopeful are on their religious pilgrimage. While on the journey they begin to discuss an individual by the name of Temporary. He had started the pilgrimage, but along the way he fell by the wayside, or, as Bunyan worded it, backslid. That term was picked up by the 17th century church, and it referred to those once faithful individuals who had lost interest in their Christian pilgrimage, had perhaps lost their faith, or lost the inclination to go to church and worship with other Christians.

So now you know

The Editor

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ,

The long hot summer is drawing to an end (we'll explain that concept to anyone who didn't experience the same!) and we're looking forward to welcoming back the 'swallows' (those who go back to the UK for the 'summer' – a concept I can't explain!). There's no doubt though that the English are obsessed by the weather, in fact, it's almost impossible to have a conversation without mentioning the weather at some point!

In the East it is not customary to talk of the weather as it is in the West. There seems to be no word in the Hebrew corresponding to "weather." In Job 37:22 the King James Version translates "Fair weather comes out of the north," but the Revised Version translates more literally, "Out of the north cometh golden splendour." "As one that taketh off a garment in cold weather (or literally, "on a cold day"), so is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart" (Prov 25:20).

Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for their lack of spiritual foresight when they took such interest in natural foresight. He said, "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the heaven is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day: for the heaven is red and lowering" (Mt 16:2,3). The general conditions of the weather in the different seasons are less variable in Palestine than in colder countries, but the precise weather for a given day is very hard to predict, on account of the proximity of the mountains, the desert and the sea.

But the Scriptures are far from silent on the origin of weather disasters, including drought, earthquakes, famines, floods, hailstones, storms, thunder, tornadoes and wind storms.

God does use weather catastrophes -- even resulting in deaths, or the destruction of beasts or property -- but with a purpose: to unsettle the apathetic, to punish and judge, to alter our course of action, or to instil the fear of God.

God might alter weather conditions to redirect our route, to change our plans.

However, God also responds to His people's pleas for deliverance from destruction - in drought and famine, floods and storms. God also sometimes uses prophets to warn of impending destruction by famine, drought or atmospheric catastrophe.

However, God provides for and protects his own in the midst of storms and troubles, unless it is his purpose to test us.

A sign of the end-times, Jesus said, would be an increase in earthquakes, "signs in the heavens,"

So, next time you talk about the weather trivia, just take a minute to think about God's part in it all – and suddenly it's so much more than a trivial pursuit.

We look forward to welcoming you back to this beautiful island of Tenerife soon.

May God Bless you and those you love.

Your Chaplain and friend,

Fr. Keith

Anniversary Picnic

In October Father Keith will have been with us for six years.

Everyone is invited to celebrate with him on the 14th October.

We will start with the Eucharist at 11.30 am and follow it with a bring and share picnic.

This will take place at the BBQ site in Chio.

For now, do keep the date free.

Diary for September

1st	Tues			
2nd	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
3rd	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
4th	Fri	6.00 pm	Retirement Party for Fr David Jenkins and Patricia, Bring and share.	–Residence.
5th	Sat			
6th	Sunday		13th Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			No Service	– San Blas
7th	Mon	3.00 pm	Chaplaincy Council Meeting ,	– Residence
8th	Tues		Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
10th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Church Lunch	– Espiritu Santo
11th	Fri			
12th	Sat			
13th	Sunday		Holy Cross Sunday	
			14th Sunday after Trinity	
		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
14th	Mon		Holy Cross Day	
15th	Tues			
16th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
17th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
18th	Fri			
19th	Sat			

20th Sunday

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

21st Mon

15th Sunday after Trinity**Matthew Apostle and Evangelist**

22nd Tues

23rd Wed 10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio
 24th Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

25th Fri

26th Sat

27th Sunday

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

28th Mon

29th Tues

16th Sunday after Trinity**Michaelmass (St. Michael & all Angels)**

30th Wed 10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio

Diary for October

1st Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

2nd Fri

3rd Sat

4th Sunday St. Francis of Assisi - our Patronal Festival**17th Sunday after Trinity**

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

5th Mon

6th Tues

7th Wed 10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio

8th Thur 10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

9th Fri

10th Sat

11th Sunday

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

12th Mon

3.00 pm Chaplaincy Council Meeting – Residence

13th Tues

St. Edward the Confessor

14th Wed

11.30 am Holy Eucharist Said
followed by a picnic – To be advised

15th Thur

10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

16th Fri

17th Sat

18th Sunday

Luke the Evangelist

19th Sunday after Trinity

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

19th Mon

20th Tues

21st Wed

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio

22nd Thur

10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

23rd Fri

24th Sat

25th Sunday

The Last Sunday after Trinity

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

26th Mon

27th Tues

28th Wed

Sts. Simon and Jude Apostles

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said – San Eugenio

29th Thurs

10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung – Espiritu Santo

30th Fri

31st Sat

All Saints Eve



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 Chinae
Samuel Coker – Lydia Cook – Baby Star Deaville
Doris Dendy – Bro.Edward SSF – Revd.Jeff Engel
Victoria Ford – Lauren Gaunt – David Gledhill
Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding – Revd. Michael Harding
Paul Hazelby – Declan Holmes – Jack & his family
David Jutson – Josh Llewellyn-Jones – Mary Mansell
Peter Mayling – John McGill – Muriel – Hazel Noble
Simon Norman-Ballantyne – Brian Norris – Carol O’Kane
Eunice Oates – Danny O’Sullivan – Jill Pratt – Mary Roe
Joe Slater 6yrs – Ewen Smith – Fr. Robert Sterman
Susan Stratton – Rose Tomlinson – John & Anne Vaughn
Rosemary Walton – Harry Wilkinson – Frank Winpenny

The Recently Departed

Val Mace

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

September	17 th	Elizabeth Basnett	23 rd	Greta Grove
October	1 st	Frank Turner	4 th	Emmett Owen
	4 th	Kath Beauchamp	15 th	George Kelly
	16 th	Howard Shapland	21 st	Bella Finegan
	23 rd	George Horsey	27 th	John Willis
	28 th	Jeremiah O’Connor	29 th	Violet Kelly
	30 th	Donald Wainwright		

Signs & Symbols: Communion Cloths

When you visit someone's house for a meal, have you noticed how differently people 'do' things? For example, some people wait for everyone to completely finish eating before they clear away the dirty plates – not wanting to rush the slower eaters – whilst others will clear each plate away as soon as the person is completed – so you're not sitting there with a dirty plate in front of you.

Both attitudes are based on caring for the guest, but are very different.

When we come together in a formal community, like church, it makes life much easier if systems are agreed and set out for everyone to follow; though hopefully not so regulated that they become the 'law' in themselves.

At Communion in the more traditional denominations, there are rules (known as 'rubrics') to help the priest whichever church s/he is conducting the service. These can be very detailed – even the size and folding of the cloths used for a Communion service are covered.

All cloths should be white linen or cotton with traditionally a simple small cross embroidered on them, but nowadays there are often more elaborate designs and some even use colour.

The 'C corporal' upon which stands the bread and wine to be consecrated is approx 12 by 12 inches (30 cms). It is folded twice, both vertically and horizontally, and placed on the altar in such a way as the folds form a bucket shape to catch any crumbs.

The 'Purificator', used to wipe the chalice after each person has drunk from it, is roughly 9 by 18 inches (23 by 45 cms). It is folded like the corporal so that it can cover the chalice and hang down each side of the rim.

Note that both the Corporal and the Purificator are folded in three in both directions – making nine 'squares' in total on each cloth. Why should this be?

In the Bible, numbers are often used symbolically rather than literally, e.g. 'forty' meant 'a very long time' as well as 'probation, testing, closing in victory or judgment'.

Three refers to the 'Godhead', the Trinity of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and many priests will say a prayer to the Trinity as they unfold or refold the corporal.

The other linen cloth that is used at a Communion service is very different, both from the previously discussed cloths and in different churches. This is the 'Pall' – not to be confused with a very different cloth of the same name sometimes used to cover a coffin (another time we'll consider that type).

In many churches a plain white or simply decorated cloth is laid over all the bread and wine to protect it from impurities or flies settling. In Anglican churches, the Pall is a stiff 6 inches (15 cms) square piece of linen, used to cover the Chalice to prevent impurities from falling into it.

It's made like a flat cushion with a piece of card or plastic in the middle to keep it rigid. If it is embroidered or has one side made of silk, the side touching the Chalice should still be made of linen. Before and after the Communion itself, the Pall is arranged so that the coloured cloth lies upon it; and it is the strength of the Pall that gives the shape and structure.

Humorous Graces

These can work on two levels: as a shared human amusement, but also with a statement of Christian gratitude .

**For apéritifs and appetisers,
entrées and desserts,
for cheese and biscuits,
coffee and mints,
for Rennies, Bismag and Gaviscon
we thank you, Lord.
Amen.**

We Went to the Holy Land.

Three intrepid worshippers from St Mary's and St Michael's, Mistley, plus myself made our way through the Holy Land at the end of May. It was a journey of a life time which I will never forget. After a four and half flight from terminal 5 at Heathrow, we touched down at the Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv. I have to confess as the aircraft came into land I felt quite emotional to think at long last I was visiting the land where my Lord and Saviour had lived, died and rose again for us all some two thousand years ago. After a short journey from this amazing airport, we reached the outskirts of Jerusalem , paused to pray at the outset of our pilgrimage where we were to spend five nights in this outstanding city to retrace the steps of Jesus.

Rather than give a day by day account of events, I thought I would rather mention some key points which may be of interesting information. On the first day, however, we were bussed up to the top of the Mount of Olives from where we walked down to the Kidron Valley via the Dominus Flavit (Jesus wept) and the Garden of Gethsemene pausing on the way to celebrate Holy Communion. It is possible that the Garden is authentic as indeed is the pool of Bethesda which we found on entering the city via the St Stephen gate. Then up through the Via Dolorossa, the street down through which Our Lord carried the cross, we passed the many tiny market stalls advertising their wares. But the place of crucifixion and resurrection are still hotly debated, which I found disappointing, impressive as the memorials to commemorate them are.

Water has always, and still is a problem in Israel and Palestine and so to bring this important commodity in the city, the Jews built tunnels along the side of the western wall which have been restored and made available for visitors to walk through. The wailing wall is the only remaining part of the Temple completed by Herod the Great and is sacred to the Jews. The city is divided into four by Christians, Jews, Muslims and Armenians who have each set up their own communities. I discovered that the city is quite safe to roam through by day or by night. It was a delightful surprise after all that the media conveys on the news.

On another day we visited Qumran (the location of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and Herod the Great's fantastic fortress at Masada set high above the Dead Sea which was accessed by a cable car made in Switzerland. The Dead Sea itself is unique with its very high salt content. One doesn't swim in it for fear of

swallowing the water which would ruin the lungs. Instead one must sit and look at ones toes and, if so inclined, could read a newspaper!

Bethlehem seemed rather sad. It is inside Palestinian territory so we had to go through the wall which the Israelis are building to curtail the expansion of Palestine. Christians have been leaving in numbers and there are very few remaining due to the pressure put upon them. We visited two orphanages which a Christian lady set up to provide a home and education for children without parents. Most of us took gifts which were a token of our concern for children who have so little. It was a joy to meet them and a challenge to us who have so much.

Galilee is something out of this world. It is the lowest fresh water lake in the world and becoming lower day by day due to lack of rain. I swam in it, devoured St. Peter's fish caught in it and stared at it for ages as I soaked up its beauty. We crossed the Sea by boat, pausing to pray and sing the hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' while the engine was idle. Capernaum still exists as does the ruins of Peter's house with a monstrosity of a church built over it. We were motored up to the Syrian and Lebanese borders on one occasion beyond the Golan Heights which are still an area of dispute. The hotel in which we stayed at Tiberias has a view of the Lake Galilee in every bedroom and one morning I took a photograph of the sun rising above the Golan Heights. It was breathtaking.

There is so much more I could write but space calls me to close. There was so much to take in over the ten-day visit. Severus, Nazareth, Jericho, Caeserea Philippi and many more places were included in our pilgrimage.

What are my lasting impressions after such a privileged tour? I feel renewed in spirit having walked some of the paths Jesus trod. Memories of the Holy Land are imbedded in my mind and soul as I reflect on them time and again and I am so grateful that we have the Scriptures to authenticate the locations which can still be seen and to reveal those places which are no longer visible as different invaders down through the years have removed them. Thanks be to God for the testimony of the Bible.

Christopher Woods

Tenerife South Chaplain 1998-2000.

Hermano Pedro, Franciscan Saint of Tenerife:

Part 3

The Bethlehemite Order

In an earlier article, we wrote about the Bethlehemite Sisters of Arona and Vilaflor, whom we at the Anglican Chaplaincy of Saint Francis have such delight in helping. The founder of their Order was Hermano Pedro.

However, it is inconceivable that Pedro even considered for a moment the possibility of founding a new religious Order. His project was to found a hospital specifically designated for convalescents.

And yet, as time wore on, his hospital required new and dedicated workers. These workers had common living quarters and fixed rules. Pedro wanted to institute a charitable life of hospitality for his fellow workers; to live like Religious, with exercises in prayer and mortifications, to be an example to others and to be virtuous carers for the poor and sick.

The companions and co-founders of the Bethlehemite Order came to the hospital because they were inspired by Pedro's own conduct. All were Franciscan Tertiaries. They brought to their work the kindness, meekness, patience and willingness to serve which St. Francis himself had prescribed for those living in the Order.

The title 'Bethlemite' came about because, when Pedro had acquired the additional land for his project, he went to see a friendly Franciscan friar to share his joy and happiness. This man was devoted to the mystery of the Nativity.

When Pedro told him of the purchase, he immediately stated that it was a present from the Child of Bethlehem.

The two Franciscans went to an alcove where the friar had constructed a rustic nativity scene. They said their prayers and agreed joyfully that Pedro's house and everything to be built should be called Our Lady of Bethlehem.

Many stories are told about Pedro's simple faith. His joy in Bethlehem and the nativity story was constantly manifested in his actions, which were often simple and therefore readily understood by simple folk.

His hat became the indicator of the church year. Never on his head, this hat (which he carried in his left hand) held a tiny altar. People knew the liturgical season from the engraving in the hollow of this hat. At Christmas he placed in this hat an image of the infant Jesus wrapped in clean swaddling clothes.

He is credited with originating the Christmas Eve *posadas*, processions in which people representing Mary & Joseph seek a night's lodging from neighbours.

He also used to write the names of the recently departed on little strips of paper and distribute them to passers-by so that they might pray for their souls.

In March of 1667, Pedro came up with the strange idea of writing his own name thus, as if he were already dead.

On April 25th as his friend and historian Father Lobo puts it:

At two in the afternoon, at the age of forty-one and after fifteen years of residence in Guatemala, he paid the debt of his life, as a ready and watchful servant, and entered into the well-earned joy of his Lord.

In 2002, on 30th July, he was made the first saint of the Canaries.

Where can we see the Holy Places of Hermano Pedro in Tenerife?

Vilafior

In the highest town in Spain, there are two places of interest for pilgrims – the church and the birthplace.

The ancient church where Pedro was christened still stands in the square. On entry you will find the font to the left, near the other entrance. At Mass the Bethlehemite Sisters act as servers for the priest.

The Brothers purchased the birthplace not long after Pedro's death.



However it was only in the late twentieth century that the sanctuary and convent were built on the site. After Mass in the sanctuary, a special hymn is sung to the saint and his relics are venerated.

The Cave (*La Cueva*)

On the road from the motorway to El Médano you will see on the right a bar named after Hermano Pedro. If you turn right immediately after this, and follow a most unpromising road, you will arrive at Hermano Pedro's Cave. It lies at the end of an airport runway.

There are in fact two caves – one for the goats and one with a hole in the roof where the little fellow used to sleep.

Being much more easily accessible, it is a major place of pilgrimage for the people of Tenerife. It is full of photographs, flowers, candles and poems, which have been left by the hopeful or grateful. Interestingly, there is a large heap of L-plates.



We guess Pedro's help has been prayed for and he has not failed!

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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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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

Autumn Bazaar

The date for the annual Autumn Bazaar has now been fixed for the 28th November on the Plaza at Los Gigantes (in front of the church)

That may seem a long way off but for it to be its usual success we need to start thinking about it now.

How can you help?

We will need people to organise each stall and people to man it.

We will need people to help set out the tables and clear away afterwards.

We need goods to stock the stalls. Have you anything suitable?

We are looking for objects for the

Clothes Stall

Books, DVD's and Jig Saws

Small items for the Bric-à-brac Stall

Items for the TomBola

And anything else which has a reasonable chance of selling.

(Because of storage and transport problems we cannot cope with items of furniture.)

Fuller details will be available towards the end of September but in the mean time please start thinking about how you can help or what items you could offer.

Above all please keep the date free.

AMY

She knew when she first met him
From the flutter in her heart
That she would fall in love with him
And hoped they'd never part.

He so handsome, kind and loving;
So perfect, Mr. Right.
For a radiance shone from him
That filled her life with light.

That love between them blossomed,
Their lives together planned
And patiently she waited
For the day he'd take her hand.

The months then years passed quickly
With her busy hectic life,
But her heart was full of yearning
To one day be his wife.

Then one evening made for romance
He went down on bended knee
And said the words she'd longed to hear;
Amy, marry me.

Her heart once more a flutter
Though she knew his love was true,
Through tears of joy, she softly said
Yes, I so love you.

So with loving words and promises
Among family and friends
They celebrate their wedding day
And a love that never ends.

For a marriage knot is binding
Two hearts forever one;
And a love knot tied securely
Can never be undone.

For eternity united
Stood together, side by side
For he is now her husband
And she his blushing bride.

And when the day draws to a close
And all the guests have gone,
So tenderly he'll lay her down;
In passion they'll be one.

So surely when she's far from him
Or maybe stressed or blue,
She'll find comfort that he said to her
Those precious words, I do.

And as the years they roll away
In memories oft she'll linger
Of their wedding day, when he did put
A ring upon her finger.

Elizabeth Thomas.

*Elizabeth's Daughter Amy and Jason were married on 18th July
in Lucerne Switzerland.*

Letter from St James the Least of All

On the peculiar stains and smells of old choir robes

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your withering comments, saying that our choir robes, were “surplice” to requirements did not go down well at last week’s practice. I will concede that Mr Baddeley’s robes smell somewhat kippered and are laced with burns – but you can expect little less from 40 years of enjoying a final cigarette behind a gravestone before the start of Mattins.

Certainly, Mr Timmins’surplice has that strange series of red and blue polka dots, but that is only because he uses his time in the choir stalls when not singing to catch up on marking his pupils’ essays. And we are only too conscious of Miss Thripp’s red gash down her front, making it look as if the choirmaster has just stabbed her for coming in one bar too soon – but trying to eat a jam doughnut just before that wedding five years ago was an unwise decision.

But you have no right to disparage choir uniforms. Your own music group’s T-shirts, jeans and baseball caps are no different from our robes – even though, unlike ours, they haven’t seen their way through the death of Queen Victoria, the relief of Mafeking, and two world wars.

Our robes are steeped in history – which can have unintended consequences. There has always been keen rivalry between our two tenors. Some weeks ago one was given an elaborate solo, much to the other’s disgust. Come the Service, as Major Clough warbled his way through his party-piece, Admiral Flagg developed an ostentatious cough. In an attempt to silence him, I found a cough sweet in my cassock and gave it to him. After the Service, he commented that it had a strange taste; I pointed out that it was not surprising, as it was in the pocket when I was given the cassock 50 years ago from Canon Ball’s widow after he died.

In an attempt to improve the look of the surplices, Mrs Wigg offered to starch them all. Unfortunately, her enthusiasm is only surpassed by her ineptitude. She worked on the principle that if one packet of starch was good, ten would be better. When the choir arrived the following Sunday, they found twenty surplices standing round the vestry floor looking like a circle of tents at Scout camp. I half suspected that they would sit on the floor in the centre round a fire and roast sausages.

Once the choir had struggled into them, they had to process up the aisle in single file, as they were all about 6 feet wide. The choir stood rigidly throughout the Service, knowing that any rapid movement risked severing a major artery.

But our style of choir dress has one advantage which yours can never equal. Within our choristers' voluminous robes, there is ample space for peppermints, packs of cards, the Sunday newspapers and balls of wool and knitting needles. Your music group must feel utterly bereft during the sermon.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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



Four-Fold Franciscan blessing

May God bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really CAN make a difference in this world, so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator,

Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Saviour,

and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide,

be with us and remain with us, this day and for evermore.

AMEN.

From the Chaplaincy Recipe Book

Chicken, Avocado and Rice

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp orange juice
- salt and pepper
- 5 tbsp cooked rice
- 110g/4 oz cooked chicken (cut into chunks)
- 2 tbsp walnuts, chopped
- 2 apricots (chopped, dried ready to eat)
- ½ avocado (sliced)
- A bag of mixed salad leaves.

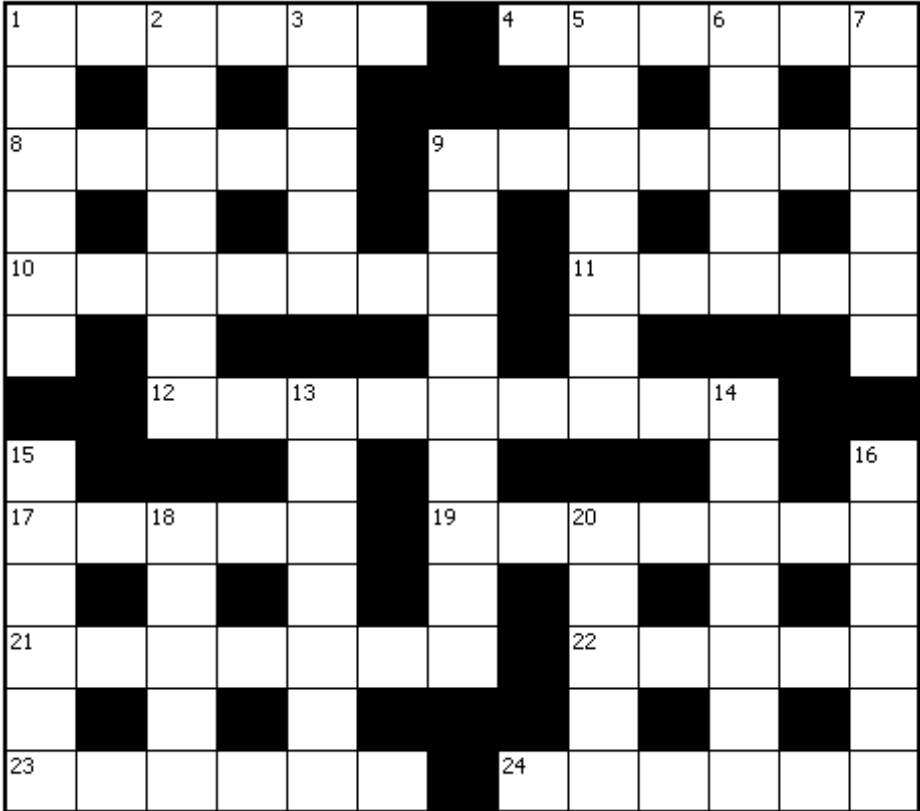
Method:

Beat together the oil and orange juice, salt and pepper.
Mix in the rice, cooked chicken, walnuts, apricots and avocado.
Toss and serve on a bed of mixed salad leaves.

A quick supper that serves 2.

Mai Curnow

Crossword



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

Clues

Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained — by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done — — as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the — I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, — Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 'Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net — ' (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 'There will be weeping and gnashing of — ' (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

Solution on page 30

Sudoku

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Solution on page 30

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

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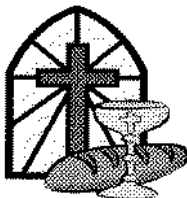
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Playa de las Americas

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

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

Golf del Sur

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