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# From the Editor

Last month we speculated about the size of the deficit in Chaplaincy Funds. In the event there was a slight improvement in the level of our collections in December. The end of year accounts, which have just been sent of to our auditor, showed a final deficit of just under 6,000€. Council have just held a special finance meeting to see if they can come up with a solution to the problem because obviously the current deficit cannot be allowed to repeat itself.

We ask for all your prayers for God to give Council the wisdom to analyse the situation and the power to correct the problem. At the end of the day we need to generate more funds and this will result in more fund raising activities but this can only provide results if everyone of us participates. We have already started to plan a Spring Bazaar in the Los Gigantes Plaza for 13<sup>th</sup> March; this will be smaller version of our annual Christmas bazaar held in November each year. (See page 12.) If you will be on the island during February and March please consider what help you could give and offer your services.

Do you get these annoying chain emails? I'm sure you do. I usually zap them on sight but I received one the other day which I thought was worth passing on; its from Benjamin Jeremy "Ben" Stein the American actor, writer, and commentator on political and economic issues. See page 10.

Finally on page 19 you will find, I hope, a clarification of the article I included last month. Basically I got it wrong and I apologise.

***The Editor***

**Deadline for March contributions  
15<sup>th</sup> February**

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## From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. It is the time during which we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and resurrection within us. Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and the familiar, and being reborn again into a new hope, a new trust, and a new love. The death and resurrection of Jesus therefore is not just an historical event that took place a long time ago, but an inner event that takes place in our own heart when we are willing to be attentive to it.

Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a gentle but demanding time. It is a time of solitude but also community; it is a time of listening to the voice within, but also a time of paying attention to other people's needs. It is a time continuously to make the passage to new life as well as to life with those around us.

When we live Lent attentively and gently, then Easter can truly be a celebration during which the full proclamation of the risen Christ will reverberate into the deepest place of our being.

As some will know, last year saw us in the red (financially) for the first time in many years and whilst the Council are actively working on solutions to ensure that 2010 is healthier, I would ask each one of you to search your own hearts as to how you can help us and to pray daily for this Chaplaincy which is so important to each one of us.

I pray that the grace of the good Lord will help us discover how to make this a truly blessed Lenten season.

May God Bless you all and may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts.

Your Chaplain and friend,

***Fr. Keith***

## Lent Courses

This year's Lent Courses, which start in the first week of Lent, are based on "When I survey.... - Christ's cross & ours" introduced by David Hope. The course consists of five sessions.

1. Darkness at noon.
2. Into great silence.
3. The Child on the Cross.
4. Outside a city wall.
5. Touching the rock.

The death of Christ is a dominant and dramatic theme in the New Testament. So it's not surprising that, over the centuries, the Cross has become the symbol of the Christian faith. But Christians do not honour a dead hero, we worship a living Lord.

According to the Bible, the death of Jesus is not the end of a track - it's the gateway into life. His crucifixion gives rise to many key themes, some of which are explored in this course, including the place of silence in our noisy world; despair & hope; a suffering world; the challenge of living as disciples when Christianity is no longer main stream.

### ***There are 3 locations.***

Shirley Beard's House in Los Gigantes,  
11.00 am Wednesdays led by Marisha Carter.

(EXCEPT the second week when it will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.)

Christine Gaunt's House in Costa de Silencio  
10.30 am Thursdays led by Christine.

(EXCEPT the first week when it will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February)

The Chaplaincy Residence  
4.00 pm on Thursdays led by Fr. Keith.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of these venues and to exploring together this fascinating course.

# Diary for February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tues		The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fri			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat		The Queen's Accession (1952)	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</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
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mon			
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tues			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed			
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
11 <sup>th</sup>	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo
12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.00 am	Book Sale	– Charlesworth's
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Sunday next before Lent</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
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	3.00 pm	Chaplaincy Council Meeting	–
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tues			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said with Imposition of Ashes	– San Eugenio
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri			

20<sup>th</sup> Sat

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung

– San Eugenio

6.00 pm Holy Eucharist

– Espiritu Santo

6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung

– San Blas

(by extension)

22<sup>nd</sup> Mon

23<sup>rd</sup> Tues

10.30 am Lent Course

– Christine Gaunt's

24<sup>th</sup> Wed

Matthias the Apostle.

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said

– San Eugenio

11.00 am Lent Course

– Shirley Beard's

25<sup>th</sup> Thur

10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung

– Espiritu Santo

4.00 pm Lent Course

– Residence

26<sup>th</sup> Fri

27<sup>th</sup> Sat

10.00am Book Sale

– Charlesworth's

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## March

1<sup>st</sup> Mon

St. David, Patron of Wales

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues

11.00 am Lent Course

– Shirley Beard's

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said

11.00 am **Chaplaincy AGM**

– Callao Salvaje

4<sup>th</sup> Thur

10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung

– Espiritu Santo

10.30 am Lent Course

– Christine Gaunt's

4.00 pm Lent Course

– Residence

5<sup>th</sup> Fri

6<sup>th</sup> Sat

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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



# *Intercessions*

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

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

Brent Aspinall – Anne Astley – Baby Jamie– Eileen Baldwin  
Cian & Joan Barry – Bronwen Battye – Laura Brown  
Mendoza Chinaea – Samuel Coker – Gladys Cole – Lydia Cook  
Doris Dendy – Ann Dobson – Bro. Edward SSF – Revd. Jeff Engel  
Victoria Ford – Lauren Gaunt – Malcolm Gaunt – Betty Gilroy  
David Gledhill – Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding – Paul Hazelby  
Emeka Job – Fr. Philip Lamb – Audrey Lancaster – Florian Lughofer  
Mary Mansell – Garry Morris – Peter Mulloch – Hazel Noble  
Simon Norman-Ballantyne – Brian Norris – Eunice Oates  
Jill Pratt – Mary Roe – Rita Selbie – Sue Shapland  
Joe Slater 6yrs – Ewen Smith – Amanda Stead – Susan Stratton  
Dudley Thomas – Stephen Thomas – Rose Tomlinson  
Rasaq Usman John & Anne Vaughn – Eric Wilkinson  
Harry Wilkinson – Frank Winpenny

## ***The Recently Departed***

Samuel Geddis Reid – Stella Bright

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

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Brian Parsons
6 <sup>th</sup>	David Gilmore
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Morrison
11 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Beard
18 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Lowe
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ada Manning
19 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Braithwaite

## Signs & Symbols: Ashes

Many churches offer a service on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent where ashes are used to mark each person's forehead with the sign of the cross – known as the Imposition of Ashes.

It's a strange feeling; first the grittiness when they are first placed, then a tingling sensation, then a time of self-consciousness of knowing they are there like a dirty smudge. Lastly comes the 'Decision'. Should I wipe them away before leaving the church or later?

But what is the point of it all?

There are many references in the Bible to people using ashes as signs of either penitence or preparation for an important event (Jeremiah 6:26). In church records, ashes are used for penitents by the sixth century, but it is not until the beginning of the eleventh century that the faithful took part in a ceremony on the Wednesday before Lent that included the imposition of ashes. It is only later that this came to be called Ash Wednesday.

At first clerics and men had ashes sprinkled on their heads while women had the sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads.

In the twelfth century the rule developed that the ashes were to be created by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday – and in most churches this is still how they are made today.

Over the centuries the emphasis of meaning for the imposed ashes has changed, from a preparation for baptism, a renewal of baptismal vows, to an understanding of a community's preparation for the event of the Paschal mystery of rebirth at Easter.

*In Tenerife the of imposition of ashes will be during the Eucharist in San Eugenio at 10:15 on Ash Wednesday the 17th February.*



## Lent – a good time to pray

Lent is traditionally a time when Christians take stock of themselves spiritually. They set aside extra time for prayer. So there you are, tentatively wanting to pray... Here are some helpful things to remember as you settle down to it:

People have been praying since Adam had a grandson named Enosh. At least the Bible tells us in Genesis 4:26 that it was during his days when “men began to call on the name of the Lord” . They have been doing it ever since.

People have been answered by God since Genesis, too. But if you want to read some beautiful prayers – and answers to them, browse through the Psalms. Again and again the psalmist writes: “the Lord heard my cry”.

So – what do you need to bring to prayer? Just the tiniest amount of faith that God is even there.... Jesus assures us that even faith as big as a tiny mustard seed will be effective.

What gives you the right to come before Almighty God? Jesus does. The Bible is clear that “there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ”. (1 Tim 2:5)

The Bible makes clear that God does not stand on ceremony – he wants our personal, spontaneous prayers. Jesus was very matter of fact about it: “When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:6)

The Bible assures us that prayer will bring us good things: “we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need”. (Hebrews 4:16)

Above all, prayer must be made with a pure heart. “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” (Psalm 66:18) That simply means that if you know you are doing something wrong, and intend to keep right on doing it, don’t waste your time praying.

Finally, what can be the results of your prayers this Lent? Well, here are seven, for starters....

1. Joy and deep happiness. (John 16:24)
2. Relief from your worry, stress and tension (Philippians 4:6,7)
3. Wisdom and more mental clarity (James 1:5,6)
4. Protection and deliverance from temptations (Matthew 26:41)
5. An ability to share the Good News of Jesus to other people (Matthew 9:38)
6. Strength to persevere when you feel under spiritual attack (Ephesians 6:18)
7. A growing thankfulness to God, who is worthy of all glory (Revelation 4:11)

## **Chaplaincy AGM**

**This year's Chaplaincy AGM will be held at  
The Danish Hotel in Callao Salvaje on the 3rd March**

It will start with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10.15 am which will be followed by the business meeting at 11.00 am. Lunch will be available at the hotel afterwards for those who have booked in advance.

All are welcome but only those people on the electoral role will be allowed to talk or vote.

Forms for entering your name on the role and nomination forms for the 2010 Council are available after services in all our churches.

## ***Hands***

A teacher saw a student entering the classroom with very dirty hands. She stopped him and said, "John, please wash your hands. My goodness, what would you say if I came into the room with hands like that?"

Smiling, the boy replied, "I think I would be too polite to mention it."

## My confession:

### I Only hope we find GOD again before it is too late

*The following was written by Ben Stein and recited by him on CBS 'Sunday Morning Commentary'.*

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejewelled trees, Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are, Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a **manger scene** on display at a key intersection near my beach house in **Malibu**. If people want a crib, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

**Billy Graham's** daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and **Jane Clayson** asked her 'How could God let something like this happen?' (regarding **Hurricane Katrina**). Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, 'I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman

He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?'

In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbour as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem ( Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said okay. Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with 'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.'

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

*Are you laughing yet?* Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it..

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass it on if you think it has merit.

If not, then just discard it... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

My Best Regards, Honestly and respectfully,

**Ben Stein**

**St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy  
of Tenerife South**

# *Spring Bazaar*

**Los Gigantes Plaza**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Opens at 10.30 am**

**Stalls will include**

**Books, Jigsaws, CDs & DVDs, Clothes,  
Produce, Tombola,  
Gifts and a Raffle**

**In aid of 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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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

### 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 .....

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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 .....

## God in Music

### **'Glorious the song when God's the theme': the Nunc Dimittis**

**S**t Paul exhorts the Christian community to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. St Luke tells us in his Gospel that the angels sang praises to God at the birth of Jesus, and he has given us three poems that have become part of Christian song: the Magnificat, the Benedictus and the Nunc Dimittis.

The first two are full of praise and rejoicing. The last comes as Mary and Joseph fulfil the Law of Moses and bring the child Jesus to Jerusalem. In the temple they meet Simeon and Anna. Simeon represents each of us who can look back over life with gratitude in the face of death as he says, 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.' It is a story that has inspired preachers (Origen preached four sermons on it) and artists, and also composers.

In the Christian Church these words of the Nunc Dimittis have become part of worship at the end of each day, not just the end of life. Cathedral and parish church choirs have sung settings of these words in that great tradition of Anglican choral music at Evensong – settings that have captured the sense of quiet resignation, but also conveyed the glory of the light that is Jesus shining for all people. The setting I commend to you this month is by Rachmaninov. It is part of his Vespers, the night-long vigil sung in the Russian Orthodox Church of the eve of great feasts.

Rachmaninov composed the work (and it comprises 15 pieces) at great speed. After just two weeks he finished it in this month of February 1915. In this country the work was only heard at All Saints Church, Margaret Street in London until recent years, when its place in choral music was reassessed. Performances and recordings soon followed, and the Vespers are now seen as one of the great masterpieces of religious music.

This was no more so than in the beautiful setting of the 5<sup>th</sup> canticle, the Nunc Dimittis. Just 36 bars long, it begins with a rocking, undulating figure in the upper voices. A solo tenor enters as the voice of Simeon, and it ends with the basses moving down to a low B flat: 'a sigh of wonder and resignation on the threshold of eternal rest and peace,' one critic has called it.

Rachmaninov later recalled, "After I played the passage at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> canticle where the basses slowly descend to that low note, the conductor

shook his head, saying, 'Now where on earth will we find such basses? They are as rare as asparagus at Christmas!' Nevertheless he did find them.' It was one of the composer's favourite pieces, and he asked for it to be sung at his funeral in the hope that it would send his 'ship of death gently towards the unknown region.'"

On 2 February we shall hear these words as part of the Gospel on the feast of Candlemas. Simeon prays them because his cup is now overflowing. He has looked on the salvation of God. Music allows us to look on that glory and salvation also, and Rachmaninov, in his moving setting, has captured the calm trust of that moment, which shines out like the brightness of the light of Jesus.

**Alan & Janet Charlesworth**

Invite you to a

**Book Sale & Coffee Morning**

at

**Sotavento II, El Médano**

on

**Saturdays from 10 am**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Phone 922 176110 for directions**

**Proceeds in aid of Chaplaincy Funds**

## Old Mobile Phones (and cartridges)

Last month I ran an article about recycling mobile phones and ink jet cartridges. I'm sorry but I got it wrong. That is what comes of borrowing an article from another church's magazine and not reading it properly.

To put the record straight The Recycling Factory in Boston UK does do all that the original article suggested but we have not registered with them YET.

I am returning to the UK on the 27<sup>th</sup> January for a weeks holiday (holiday in the UK in January? I hear you say, you must be mad. OK I'll admit it, most people knew it anyway) while I am there I will phone the firm and see if we can join. I think there may be problems.

- 1) The firm produces pre-paid labels for the return of cartridges but do they work from Tenerife?
- 2) If we have to pay to return the used cartridges it may cost more than the scheme would raise.
- 3) We could take the cartridges back to the UK with us for posting but that may involve excess luggage.

So dear readers WATCH THIS SPACE.

In the mean time we have found a shop in Los Cristianos, in the street behind Ofipapel, which does sell refilled printer cartridges and toners who are not only much cheaper than one would pay for originals but who also give an allowance for any used cartridges that you return to them. The Chaplaincy will not get anything out of it (unless you like to donate the allowance to it) but you will at least save some money and make a difference to the environment.

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(Alan Charlesworth Ed)

# Letter from St James the Least of All

## On why pews are better than chairs

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

While it was good to see you when you visited us last Sunday, your casual suggestion to our churchwardens that chairs would be far more comfortable than our pews was not well received. You must remember that significant numbers in any congregation firmly believe that the more uncomfortable they are, the holier they must be. Pews, generally designed several centuries ago when legs were shorter and bottoms smaller, are conducive neither to comfort nor sleep - although Colonel Marchington achieves the latter unerringly every Sunday within minutes of arrival.

At least with pews, parishioners can make some pretence at kneeling, adopting that peculiar crouch only ever seen in church life. Attempt that with chairs and you are assured of sending the one in front sliding across the floor with a shriek any banshee would be proud of. Chairs may be all very well in your own church, so you can create space for the delights of liturgical dance and baby clinics, but we prefer something more immovable. Little Miss Thripp has, over the years, created something of a nest where she sits, quietly bringing in cushions, travelling rugs and her own supply of books and peppermints – although we did have to draw the line at the primus stove, since it encouraged Major Hoare to install a drinks cabinet in his pew.

Pews, unlike rows of chairs, also create territorial behaviour. If a visitor should sit in a pew where regulars have sat for the last 50 years, it is regarded as if it were the invasion of Poland. One innocent family once chose the pew where generations of the Psmith family have sat since dinosaurs roamed the land. The Psmiths had no intention of ceding territory peacefully and so for the whole of Mattins, one pew which should have held 6 people sat 9. When they

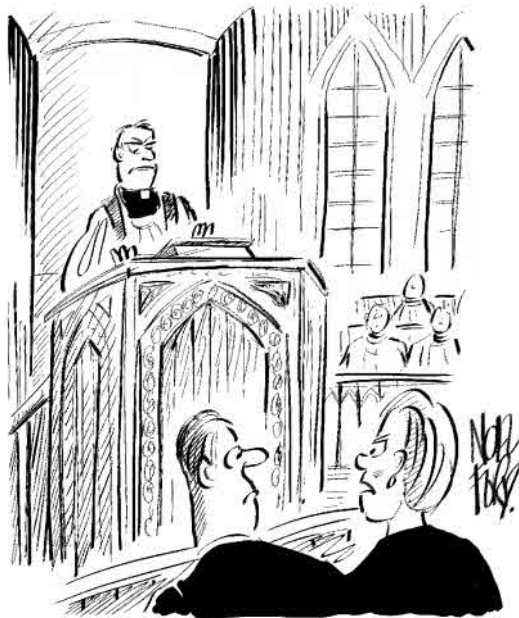
stood to sing, the line exploded into the aisles on both sides, returning to their compressed state, necessitating staggered shallow breathing, when re-seated.

I will concede, however, that we made one mistake some years ago when the pews were re-varnished without having been fully cleaned first. The result is that every time the congregation stands, the organ is drowned out by the sound of tearing, while coats and jackets reluctantly part company with wood.

No, your congregation may relax in the luxury of padded chairs, but we will stoutly maintain our holy discomfort.

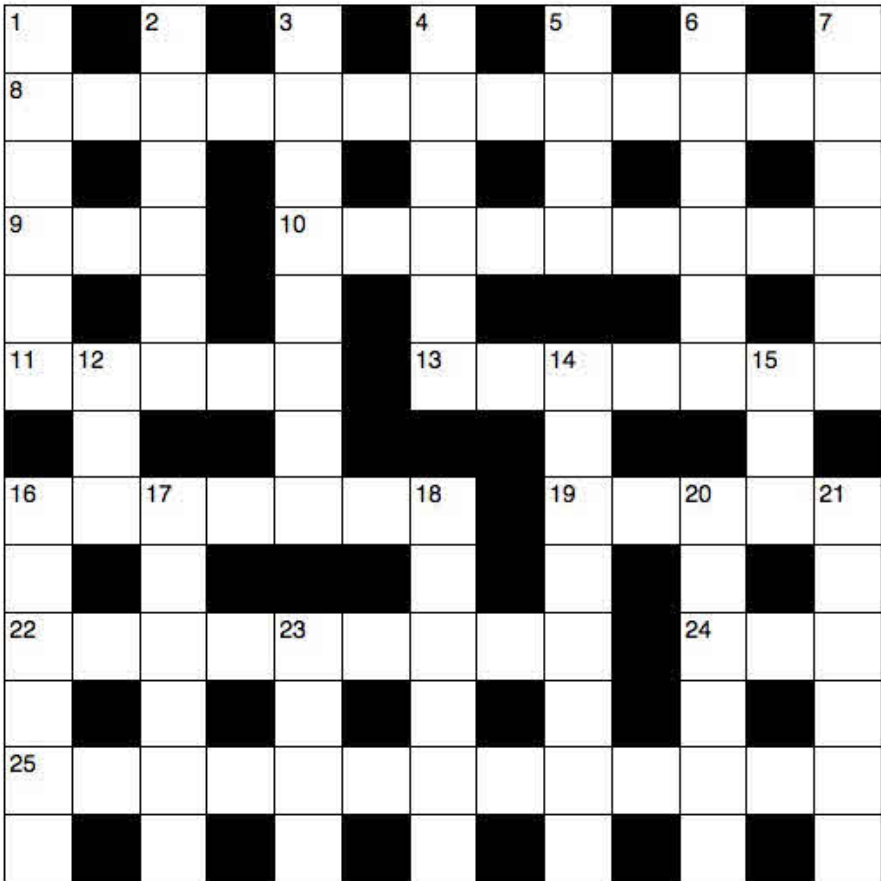
Your loving uncle,

Eustace



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through the sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune.

# Crossword



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

## Clues

### Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)

### Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

**Solution on page 26**

## Sudoku

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*Solution on page 26*

## **THE SNOWDROP**

*The little early snowdrop  
Pushed up through frozen ground  
She lifted up her small white head  
So that she could look around*

*The sky was grey and heavy  
The trees looked stark and bare  
The empty fields were lifeless  
Winters snow was everywhere*

*So patiently she waited  
Until some people did pass by  
Look! it's the first snowdrop  
She heard the people cry*

*The little snowdrop stood up straight  
Her head held tall and proud  
For she was god's first message  
An end to winter's shroud*

*The sun broke through the wintry cloud  
Melting snow and ice away  
He'd seen God's snowdrop message  
Spring was on her way*

*Then spring arrived triumphant  
Flowers carpeted the earth  
With crocus and with daffodil  
She brought nature's rebirth*

*The trees once more were filled with bud  
Nesting birds began to sing  
In fields of green the farmers smiled  
At the wonder that was spring*

*The little snowdrop bowed her head  
God's work it now was done  
She closed her eyes for another year  
Springtime had begun.*

**Elizabeth Thomas 21st January 2010**

# Puzzle Solutions

Here are the solutions to the Puzzles .

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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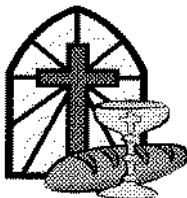
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## **Playa de las Americas**

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 4-5 for detailed times)*

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