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From the Editor

First of all may I wish all our readers, here and in the UK

A Very Happy New Year

This Christmas has been a new experience for Jan, my wife, and me. For the past 6 years, since buying a house here in Tenerife, we have gone back to UK for Christmas. This year we arranged our holiday travels so that we could spend Christmas here in the sun. How strange that was!! For the last 74 years I have always associated Christmas with short, cold days and very cold evenings. Coming home this year from a Christmas party we remarked that we would normally be walking in icy conditions and have thick sweaters and overcoats on but here the temperature was just under 23°C.

Some things don't change though, 9 Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass and the Christmas day sung Eucharist were very much as one would expect in true St Francis tradition and all well attended. The only real difference was that we were all in short sleeves and not a sweater in sight.

On to 2010 then and let us hope the financial conditions will improve.

The Editor

**Deadline for February contributions
15th January**

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ,

First, may I wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year 2010.

As usual, Christmas was a wonderful time here in Tenerife with four services of Nine Lessons and Carols plus all the usual.

Do I feel carolled out? You bet I don't.

Celebrations don't get any bigger than this, and, a bit like my 60th last year it can go on and on as far as I'm concerned!

Among all the presents we received at Christmas none can ever be grander or more beautiful than this gift that God gave us. The gift of his only Son.

I'm sure we all chose the presents we gave very carefully trying to suit each to the recipient, but they all pale in significance compared to what God gave us – himself through his Son.

So, now that Christmas is officially over for another year, let's not put God's gift away in the garage along with the tree and all the trimmings, instead let us take it and use it in our lives throughout 2010.

As the saying goes "Christ is not just for Christmas."

So what about 2010? What will it bring for each of us? The truth is we don't know and we shouldn't ponder on it too much. I'm not saying don't have plans or hope or dreams but rather that we shouldn't become preoccupied with the future and what it holds, just as we shouldn't preoccupy ourselves with the past – warts and all. In other words our Lord is asking each one of us to make a better future for the world by our actions in the here and now

And what about New Year's Resolutions?

Have you made yours yet?

Have you broken yours yet?

Why not this year, as our resolution, ask God to cleanse our lives and with his help get rid of the things that are holding us back from living a more Christ like life. I'm thinking of such things as: old habits, the need to be appreciated, the need to be first or the need to be noticed. Simple things mostly, but without them we would have so much more room for Christ in our hearts and lives.

May God Bless you all in 2010 and may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts throughout the year.

Your Chaplain and friend,

Fr. Keith

From Jean Bates

Dear Friends

I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the recent get-well messages, plants, flowers, chocolates and personal visits recently received following my recent 'mishap' when I fell and broke my hip.

I am pleased to say that I am progressing, albeit slowly, on my crutches (I rather think a young persons forte).

I cannot emphasise both mine and Peter's appreciation for all the help extended to us during this trying time.

Best wishes to you all for the coming year.

Yours in Christ

Jean and Peter Bates

Diary for January

1 st	Fri		Naming of Jesus	
2 nd	Sat			
3rd	Sunday		2nd Sunday of Christmas	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung Chaplaincy Lunch	– San Eugenio – San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung (by extension)	– San Blas
4 th	Mon			
5 th	Tues		Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
6 th	Wed		Epiphany	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
7 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo – Espiritu Santo
8 th	Fri			
9 th	Sat	10.00am	Book Sale	–Charlesworth's
10th	Sunday		Baptism of Christ	
			1st Sunday of Epiphany	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Blas
11 th	Mon	3.00 pm	Chaplaincy Council Meeting	– Residence
12 th	Tues	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	– Homer's
13 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
14 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
15 th	Fri			
16 th	Sat			
17th	Sunday		2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung (by extension)	– San Blas
18 th	Mon	3.00pm	Council Finance Meeting	– Residence

19 th	Tues			
20 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
21 st	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
22 nd	Fri			
23 rd	Sat	10.00am	Book Sale	–Charlesworth's
24th	Sunday		3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
		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
25 th	Mon		Conversion of Paul	
26 th	Tues			
27 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
28 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
29 th	Fri			
30 th	Sat			
31st	Sunday		4th Sunday of Epiphany	
		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

February

1 st	Mon			
2 nd	Tues		Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
3 rd	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
4 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
5 th	Fri			
6 th	Sat			
7th	Sunday		2nd Sunday before 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 – Jean & Peter Bates – Bronwen Battye
Laura Brown – Mendoza Chinae – Samuel Coker – Lydia Cook
Doris Dendy – Ann Dobson – Bro.Edward SSF – Revd. Jeff Engel
Victoria Ford – Lauren Gaunt – Malcolm Gaunt – David Gledhill
Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding – Paul Hazelby – Emeka Job
Fr. Philip Lamb – Audrey Lancaster – Florian Lughofer – Rosey Lyon
Mary Mansell – Garry Morris – Hazel Noble
Simon Norman-Ballantyne – Brian Norris – Eunice Oates
Paula Petty – Jill Pratt – Mary Roe – Sue Shapland – Joe Slater 6yrs
Ewen Smith – Amanda Stead – Susan Stratton – Stephen Thomas
Rose Tomlinson – Rasaan Usman – John & Anne Vaughn
Harry Wilkinson – Frank Winpenny

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

January 1 st	Frances Allen	19 th	Sandy Paterson
8 th	Garnet Allen	22 nd	Sheila Blocksom
12 th	Aiden Reed-Cormack	25 th	Martha Rusby
14 th	Robert Warren	25 th	Grace Kirby
17 th	Douglas Gordon	27 th	Alfred Thomas
17 th	Glenda Everitt	28 th	Julius Jameson
18 th	Beth Anderson	31 st	John Finegan

Dates in January

January is a month of the beginning of great things! Here are just three of them.

1 January - The Naming of Jesus

It is Matthew and Luke who tell the story of how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1 January - eight days after 25 December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). For in Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the *name* of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated his ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), we are justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

6 January - Epiphany

On 6 January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were they called kings - by a church father, Tertullian. Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

25 January - The Conversion of St Paul

As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many millions of people down the centuries.

Quotes for January

Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders and says, "Oh no....she's/he's awake!!!"

True happiness is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

The probable reason some people get lost in thought is because it is unfamiliar territory to them.

It is better to lose anything than to lose time; we can recover lost money, but time is irrecoverable. - Chrysostom

Alan & Janet Charlesworth

Invite you to a

Book Sale & Coffee Morning

at

Sotavento II, El Médano

on

Saturdays from 10 am

January 9th

January 23rd

February 13th

February 27th

March 20th

Phone 922 176110 for directions

Proceeds in aid of Chaplaincy Funds

SING - A - LONG

on Saturday 30th January 2010

at the The Salytien Centre, San Eugenio

The prime intention of the evening is for us to have a good time and enjoy ourselves.

Well known songs for people of a wide (mature) age group, including those requested beforehand (very welcome, but please provide music!).

Success will depend on wide support.

Bring and Share supper, please see Elizabeth Thomas who is coordinating the food

Didn't We Have a Luvverly Day

....the day we went to ORATAVA? Oh no we didn't! Oh yes, we did. Though the weather was definitely more BANGOR than Tenerife. The Guild of St. Claire arranged to take a minibus over to Oratava to see a Lace Exhibition because we have been learning how to make the traditional Tenerife lace in a monthly get-together.

We ignored reports of rain. We went without a map. An information office in Oratava could give us no information. But that was only the beginning of the adventure. It rained. We looked into the Balcones Artisan shop where we were given the right information. But it rained. We stopped to shelter and some lunch. But it rained harder. We moved tables three times, indoors and upwards to escape the rain. The hotel kitchen was not so lucky, but they still managed to produce good food. But it rained harder. By now the rain was of Welsh proportions plus tropical storm. The British stiff upper lip and laughter prevailed. A sudden reprieve from the Flood found us making our way to the Exhibition. The Promised Land was sighted. Our delight was dampened when it was explained the Exhibition had been flooded out and the Museum closed. Even the motorway was flooded on the way home. Those of us who live on the island see very little rain in Tenerife Sur. We had enough that day to last us the year. Next time, maybe we ought to try Bangor.....

See below for Craft day dates.

Guild of St Claire Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th January

10:00 to 12:00

At Caroline Homer's, AIXIN, Calle Finlandia

(10 minutes walk from San Eugenio Church)

Come and see some of the Guild member's work.

If you would like to join the Guild we have meetings on

February 9th, March 9th, April 13th

From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where Will Good News Come from in 2010?

For many of us, our first interaction with the world each morning is to tune into the news, whether by radio, TV or on-line. Sadly, some mornings it is so dreary or even appalling that our first reaction can be to want to go back to bed and cancel the rest of the day.

As January 2010 begins, much of the news coming in from around the world is bad. The war drags on in Afghanistan; politicians continue to argue, an election is looming, the economy is struggling. There doesn't seem to be a lot of good news about!

Perhaps, though, there is a different way of thinking about good news. Nowhere in the Bible did Jesus say that we should be looking to political leaders and our society for good news. Instead, he put the responsibility for bringing hope to people firmly on US, in the living of our everyday lives.

'For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'
(Matthew 25:35-36 NLT)

What a challenge! Jesus put the responsibility on US to BE good news to other people, and to show his compassion in the ordinary actions and relationships of life. Sure he expects some of us to be involved in impacting the 'big issues' of society and government. But for most of us, our challenge is more straightforward, more immediate..

So today, ask yourself: 'The world may be a mess, but for whom can I be good news today? Who will have cause to be thankful today, whose life will be a bit brighter, who will be given fresh hope because of something I have done in the name of Jesus?'

Bringing good news to someone today.... that is the responsibility of each one of us.

December Council Meeting (précis)

Matters Arising

Keith Nielson asked what the outcome was of a financial meeting held on 13th November 2009.

It had been agreed that Fr Keith would work out set distances between various places so that all would claim same amounts for travelling. The Chaplaincy car should be used by locum priests whenever it was available.

Christine Gaunt required clarification of the balance of the current account as noted in the minutes.

Financial Matters:

Alan Charlesworth explained a new graph which showed income and expenditure on a rolling year basis. New charts detailed more clearly the makeup of the income and expenditure and showed that we are currently showing a deficit of 8,839 euros which is 11% of our expenditure. To resolve this situation we must work harder at fundraising and a mini bazaar was to be held in March - date to be confirmed. Fr Keith said wedding bookings were up which was a good source of income.

It was agreed that the cut off date for the year end would be 27th December to give as much time as possible to get the accounts ready for audit.

A separate meeting was to be arranged specifically to discuss the chaplaincy financial situation.

Up Date of Constitution Proceedings:

Ron Eastwood circulated an e-mail received from Carlos Golding regarding the constitution.

Fr Keith was to look into this with Madrid and Ron in the new year. No minutes had been distributed for the extra-ordinary meeting held in San Eugenio church to elect the new Trustees.

Church Reports:

San Blas

Christine reported that San Blas was now running very well and had had a wonderful dedication service for the new pews and altar and had become a part of the community.

San Eugenio

Fr Keith said San Eugenio congregation had kept up nicely but the numbers at Los Gigantes were going down. The hotels were only 50% full. Older people who were visiting were not staying as long due to the financial climate.

The Electoral Roll needed to be reviewed because fewer people were here permanently.

Chairman's Observations:

The date for the 2010 Bazaar had been booked for 27th November. The Easter Bazaar is to be held on 13th March 2010. Both to take place in the square in Los Gigantes.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Danish Centre, Callao Salvaje on 3rd March 2010.

The meeting room is provided free of charge because we have lunch there.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is to be held on 11th January 2010.

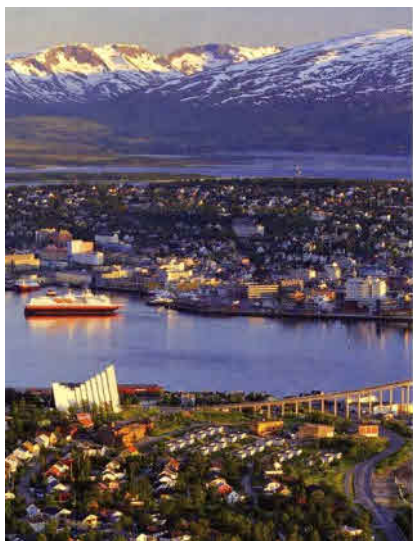
A financial sub-committee meeting is to be held on 18th January 2010.

Both to be held at 3.00 p.m. at the Chaplaincy or possibly at the home of Jean Bates if she wishes.

A Visit to Tromso (part 2)

Last month I included an article about Tromso from David Dunn. Unfortunately electronic gremlins got into our systems and the final paragraph and photograph became lost in the ether. For this we apologise and include it here. Ed.

The church building belongs to the Lutherans but the Anglican congregation use it occasionally. He (Rev Bremer) was in the middle of a rehearsal with music for a wedding that weekend so our discussions were short but he confirmed that I had the right building and offered to keep the message from Father Keith and hand it over on Canon Janet's next visit. He



did add the intelligence that she was also the Chaplain to the British Embassy in Oslo. As he did not know when she might next be in Tromso and as I had put a stamp on the envelope I popped it into the next pillar box that I saw. Also in Tromso is a new building called The Arctic Cathedral. Tromso town is on an island but the new building is across a bridge on the mainland. There was not time to reach it and in any event it was closed for

repairs so I made do with views across the Fjord and a post card. The main claim to fame of the Arctic Cathedral, beside its contemporary design, is the stained glass window at the west end.

David Dunn

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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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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

Mission to Peru

In November Dot Schofield, from the Chaplaincy of Tenerife South, joined 9 other members of the Anglican Archdeaconry of Gibraltar on a mission to Lima in Peru as the groups first aider. While in Lima the party stayed at El Convent De Chalet.

Dot Schofield's Impressions after 24 hours in Lima

We are told that Lima has over 10 million residents, over half of them living in shanty towns. It takes more than 3 hours to drive across it on the express way and there are over 20 municipalities. For the most part Lima is extremely run down, badly in need of new infrastructure. The roads are a joke, not to mention the vehicles using them. There are 3 wheeled motors masquerading as taxis everywhere, some having up to 9 passengers on board! There can be no ITV/MOT tests as hardly anything would pass. Most cars/vans and buses have bald tyres and bits missing or hanging off. The only thing that works is their horns. They are in constant use, especially when drivers are determined to make 4 or 5 lanes out of 2 or 3. Red traffic lights are to be ignored. I'm sure the only reason we did not witness an accident was because the sheer volume of traffic dictated the speed.

The people themselves are always clean and tidy, the children happy and smiling. No matter where they live – including the shanty towns. Nowhere was smelly, even though water is hard to come by. They are very proud people. I didn't see one person begging, unlike many other countries.

Each member of the team was asked to write a diary of their visit.

Here are extracts from some of those diaries

Wednesday

After negotiating heavy traffic we drove through a shanty town on a hillside and then into the desert fringed by affluent houses. Above these the road became steeper and the houses less and less affluent. Higher up we pass through street markets where everything can be bought ... foodstuffs, clothes, hardware, car repairs ... The shacks and houses



appear half built and roads are dust over rock. As we eat our packed lunch in the bus we are warned to keep our bags on the floor of the bus as windows have been smashed and bags snatched from the street.

After lunch we climbed even higher to a school – Parroquia Cristo Rendente, IEO

Anglicana. Outside a sign reads **Matriculo 2010, Vacancies for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Cost 10.00 per week.** A father may earn 500 solas a month or 10 solas a day on a farm.

We had arranged to strip and paint 3 classrooms, we already had brushes and paint etc in the bus. After lunch, which was cooked by the mums in which can only be described as a large utility room, the happy and well dressed children all left and our cleaning and preparation of the classroom walls began.

Thursday

Three of our party helped at the Cathedral this morning with preparations for the Christmas fayre, it seems that Anglican traditions are the same all over the world. The rest of us set off on the bus, noticing that our excellent driver touches the crucifix hanging from the mirror and crosses himself 3 times as we pull out into the traffic. We continue painting the classrooms. During the afternoon Bishop Bill Godfrey and 3 colleagues drive up to join us. We arrive back at the convent at 6.00 and clean ourselves up for dinner. After dinner Bishop Bill led compline followed by a general discussion out of which came some significant statements



- In barrios you don't see any elderly people. Some of us would be long gone if we lived here.
- You have seen the poor homes near the schools and the children look very happy. Now is the dry season but in winter those homes are damp for months and if a child is ill those parents can't afford medicines.
- Here their church is the poor. It is not a matter of reaching the poor ... they are amongst us.

Friday

While some of us stayed at the school to complete the painting others travelled up higher to San Pedro. At the school it was still very hazy but at San Pedro, being 200 metres higher, the sun is fully out and quite hot. We are met by Claudia Haro and she tells us that years ago she had a vision for a church and a school up here. Eventually some Scandinavian Christians provided the finance to enable locals to do the building. San Pedro Church was dedicated 3 years ago by Bishop Bill. It is beautifully simple and has Fr Misael Varillas as pastor and Claudia as children's worker. They are still building beside the church for a crèche and an office. Claudia is still dreaming of a school.

We return to the school and collect the working party and then went to the Diocesan Office which is in the smart area of Lima. We are shown two large rooms on the top floor used as a youth centre. Our next task is to redecorate them.

Saturday

After an hour on the bus we reached the city centre and visited the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and watched the changing of the guard at the presidential palace. After another 40 minutes on the bus we visited the Panchacamac museum in the desert which was an Inca worship site. We took a quicker coast road back to the convent to find a silver wedding celebration in full swing with dancing and songs from 'Grease'. We taught them the actions to 'YMCA'

Sunday

We were at the Anglican Cathedral by 9.15 for a confirmation and communion service, and the dedication of a new communion table.

Monday

A 40 minute bus ride to Iglesia San Juan Evangelista Church and School. The church is on the ground floor with 2 floors above each with 2 classrooms. We have been asked to decorate the classrooms and the outside of the building. We decided to tackle the classrooms but just provide the materials for the locals to do the outside.

By 4.30 the locals had made a good start on the outside and we had prepared the classrooms ready for painting tomorrow.

Tuesday

Arrived at San Juan at 9.45 and by 12.15 we had finished the painting – it only required 1 coat of paint! The pastors wife made a speech of thanks from the steps of the bus as we were leaving, saying she could not wait to see the children smiling from ear to ear tomorrow evening. On the way back to the convent we bought a huge tub of paint for use tomorrow at the Diocesan offices.

At Compline Fr Ian (Anglican Chaplain of Madrid) suggested that each make a prayer request for our mission partner and that on Wednesday we each take a significant memory of Peru to place by the cross.

Wednesday

We worked on the 2 rooms used for youth ministry at the Diocesan Offices. We cleaned up for lunch at 1.15 followed by team photos. In the afternoon Pat, Deacon in the southern cone of Lima, took us to see 2 projects.

- Shalom Project: This caters for 56 special needs children in rented premises. The children attend between 2.00 and 7.00 for 45 minute sessions with appropriate therapists for their special need. The project aims to help the whole family by relieving the pressure of the special demands on parents.

- Jesus el Nazareno: This has a narrow church, to the side a meeting room and a work room above. Here 18 to 20 women make beautiful embroidered table mats, purses, table runners, oven gloves and Christmas stars. Everything goes to Texas or England



In the evening the Dean, John and Bishop Bill share our meal and a Eucharist at which we place

memories of Peru beside the cross.

Thursday

At the Diocesan offices by 9.15 and finished the second coat of paint in an hour. Many of the church leaders and Christian volunteers gather to say 'thank you' and 'goodbye' or maybe even 'hasta la vista'.

Lunch at 1.30 and depart for the airport at 4.00.

Adios Peru.

Some impressions after a whole week in Peru

- It has been a life changing experience. Some things good some things bad.
- A mixture of the good, the bad and the ugly.
The good; the people, their attitude to life and their perseverance.
The bad; the vast difference between the haves and the have nots.
The ugly; the squalor and the roads.
- Lima is still a dirty, noisy city, a little quieter on Sunday. Everyone is friendly no matter where they come from, shanty or Miraflores.

Letter from St James the Least of All

On how to mix town and country – or not

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

Your idea for our two churches to hold a combined New Year's Day walk was an admirable one, although I could sense a certain clash of cultures when your party arrived at the starting point with boots, waterproofs and GPS equipment. Our own group, rather anticipating tottering between tea shops, with a little light shopping in between, sported tweed suits, shopping bags and furled umbrellas.

Even the two sets of dogs seemed bemused with one another, with your Westies and King Charles spaniels making enough noise to scare all the wildlife in the county, and our Retrievers puzzled why the pheasants were not dropping from the sky. Dear Miss Mill's miniature poodle, with the painted toenails, will probably need life-long counselling; the furthest she had walked previously was from her bed to beside the dining room table.

The electronic navigation equipment brought by members of your group made me think that if only the wise men had had these blessings, they wouldn't have had to follow anything as unreliable as a star. Although I suppose that instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they would then have arrived with an MP3 player, a mobile phone which would have been obsolete before Jesus' first birthday and a CD of Madonna's greatest hits.

I do concede that our two congregations learned much from one another. Our ladies were most interested to hear about the latest in personal trainers, while yours discovered how to bring a pan of jam to a

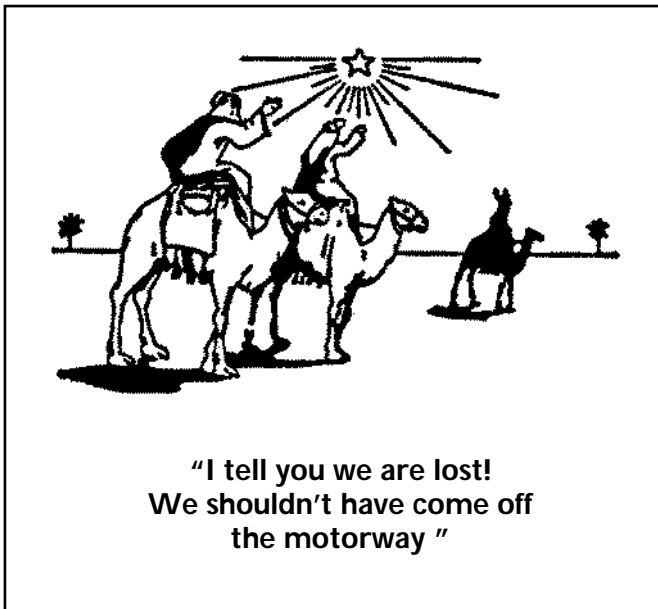
rolling boil. Your men seemed impressed to hear of squirrel shooting while ours gathered useful tips for caravanning abroad. And poor Miss Mill's poodle learned that the great outdoors was a parallel and hostile universe.

By mid-afternoon, however, the balance of power shifted. When the leader of the walk from your group lost his SatNav, our members felt the need to assert themselves. The gentlemen navigated using wind direction, moss on trees and angles of the sun, while our ladies, with tweed skirts furled somewhat higher than one would have wished, showed yours how to wade through peat bog without complaining.

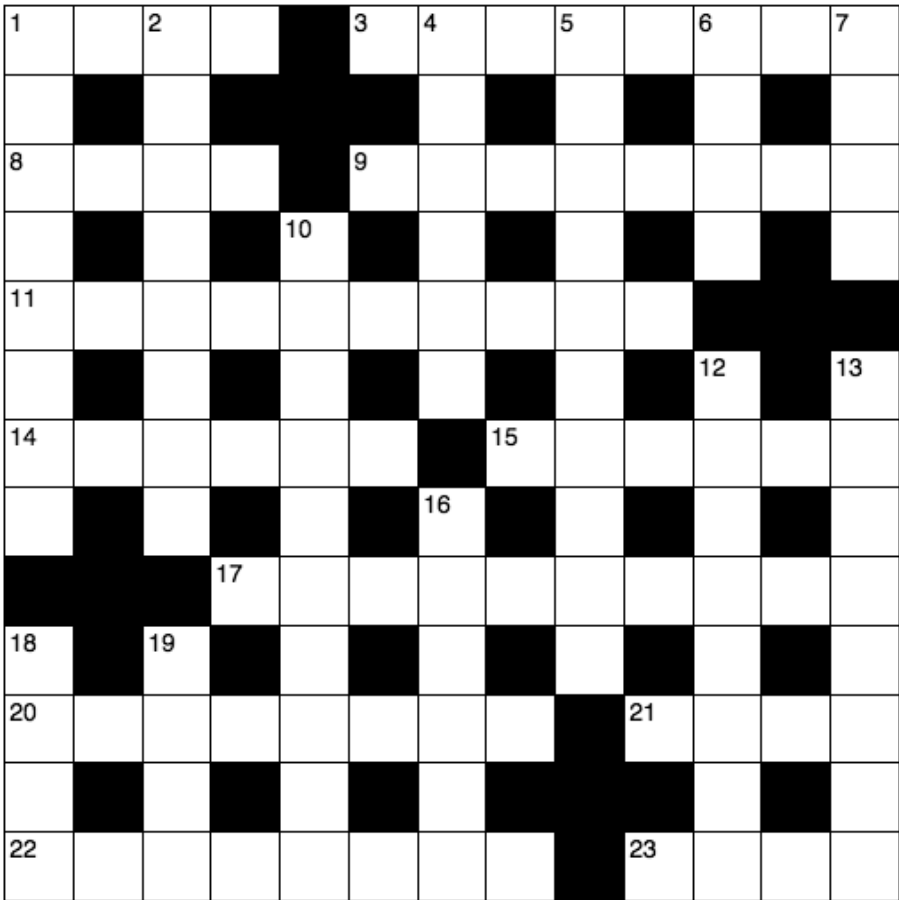
Perhaps town and country really can learn from one another. But if Major Bullock's wife arrives for Mattins next Sunday sporting the latest gym gear, you will have much to answer for.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Crossword



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

Clues

Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

Solution on page 30

Sudoku

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Solution on page 30

Old Mobile Phones

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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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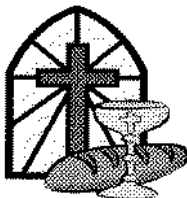
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Playa de las Americas

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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