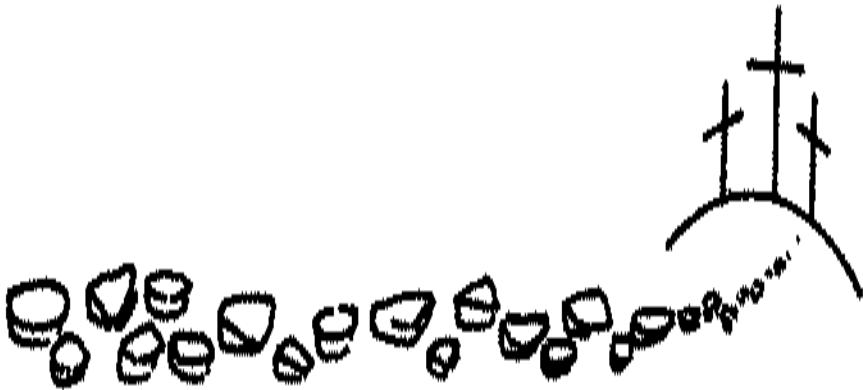


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# From the Editor

This month's magazine is a little later than usual due to a number of reasons but it has meant that we can report on some of the results of the Chaplaincy AGM which was held on the 3rd March. (See page 11.)

Two new Chaplaincy Wardens, a new Synod representative and two new members of council were elected to look after the Chaplaincy affairs for the next 12 months. Please do give them all your support in these important tasks.

Well March is with us – can summer be far behind. All things are relative but it is true to say that both the UK and Tenerife has experienced unusual climatic conditions. The UK has been the coldest and with the most snow for many years and Tenerife has had the warmest, windiest and wettest winter for just as many years. (heard in the coffee shop “think what it would have been like without Global Warming”). I think Lord Tebbit had it right when he said on Any Questions on Radio 4 the other day “The fact that the Climate change conference in Copenhagen had several feet of snow and that the winter Olympics in Canada had very little snow just shows that God has a sense of humour”.

Let us pray that the climatic and financial situations calm down and get back to normal during the rest of 2010.

***The Editor***

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

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## From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

As we enter March, Lent, ready or not, is already upon us.

Lent is a much misunderstood season. It is often seen as a sombre or sad season, but far from it.

Lent is a time of renewal, refreshment and an annual spiritual pilgrimage. It is both a time of exile and wandering and a journey with a specific destination – the cross of Christ - the cross where we can leave behind our old selves.

Lent is a time of sacrifice, but not in a negative way – we need to sacrifice our old ways and learn new ways – ways in which we can serve God in our daily lives by serving others.

Lent is a time when we must reflect on our sins and examine ourselves, so that we may make a turn towards God and leave behind our sinful ways. It is a time of looking forwards to the good things to come, but first, as we know, we have to join Christ in his Passion. One of the best ways of doing this is through study and this year we offer you three venues for our Lenten course, so that nobody has to travel too far. This year, the course focuses on love - our love of God, God's love for us, our love for one another, love for our enemies. It is a challenging course which, I hope, will lead us nearer to God and closer to one another.

As we begin Lent, we must ask forgiveness of each other, to enter into the season with a clean conscience. I ask you to forgive me, your priest, for my own faults and weaknesses which may have offended anyone at anytime and offer my own peace and forgiveness to all of you, entrusting all of us to the great mercy of our God who forgives us.

Let us pray for each other, as we journey together on this Lenten pilgrimage so that we may be prepared for the great celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May God Bless you and those you love .

Your Chaplain and friend,

***Fr. Keith***

## **Easter Services**

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung at San Eugenio

6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung at Espiritu Santo

6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung at San Blas

### **Holy Week**

Wednesday 10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said at San Eugenio

### ***Maundy Thursday***

10.30 am Holy Eucharist Sung at Espiritu Santo  
with ceremonial washing of feet  
and stripping of the Altar.

### ***Good Friday***

11.00 am Visit to the Adeje Passion of Christ

3.00 pm Stations of the Cross, at San Eugenio.

### ***Easter Sunday***

**7.00 am Sun Rise Service El Mèdano beach**

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Sung at San Eugenio

6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung at Espiritu Santo

6.00 pm Holy Eucharist Sung at San Blas

# Diary for March

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon		Saint 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	– Danish Hotel, Callao Salvaje
		11.00 am	<b>Chaplaincy AGM</b> followed by Council Meeting and lunch.	– Danish Hotel,
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>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of 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	– 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
		11.00 am	Lent Course	– Shirley Beard's
11 <sup>th</sup>	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo
		10.30 am	Lent Course	– Christine Gaunt's
		4.00 pm	Lent Course	– Residence
12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.30 am	<b>Spring Bazaar</b>	– Los Gigantes
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</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			
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tues			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
		11.00 am	Lent Course	– Shirley Beard's
18 <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

19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.00 am	Book Sale	– the Charlesworth's
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Blas
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		The Annunciation of the Lord.	
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		4.00 pm	Lent Course	– Residence
26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri			
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat			
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b>	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Blas
			<b>Holy Week</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mon			
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tues			
31 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
			<b>April</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thur		Maundy Thursday	
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung with ceremonial washing of feet and stripping of the Altar.	– Espiritu Santo
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fri</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>	
		11.00 am	Visit to the Adeje Passion of Christ	
		3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross,	– San Eugenio.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat		Holy Saturday	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
		7.00 am	Sun Rise Service	– El Medano
		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 – Mary Bailey  
Eileen Baldwin – Cian & Joan Barry – Bronwen Battye – Laura Brown  
Mendoza Chinaea – Samuel Coker – Gladys Cole – Lydia Cook  
Doris Dendy – Ann Dobson – Revd. Jeff Engel – Victoria Ford  
Gordon & Perl French – Lauren Gaunt – Betty Gilroy – David Gledhill  
Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding – Paul Hazelby – Jason  
Emeka Job – Fr. Philip Lamb – Audrey Lancaster  
Betty Lee-Westward – Florian Lughofer – Mary Mansell  
Garry Morris – Peter Mulloch – Hazel Noble  
Simon Norman-Ballantyne – Brian Norris – John Pallin  
Eunice Oates – Jill Pratt – Mary Roe – Jenny Sandy – Rita Selbie  
Sue Shapland – Joe Slater 6yrs – Ewen Smith – Amanda Stead  
Susan Stratton – Dudley Thomas – Stephen Thomas  
Rose Tomlinson – Rashaq Usman – John & Anne Vaughn  
Eric Wilkinson – Harry Wilkinson – Frank Winpenny

## ***The Recently Departed***

Bro. Edward SSF – Eric Wilkinson – Catherine Morris – Alan Lowe  
Toni Fordham

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

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

## Sing - a - Long in Salytien.

Yet again, a wonderful team spirit imbued the organisation of the Sing - a - long evening held in Salytien, San Eugenio.

Elizabeth Thomas co-ordinated a team of ladies who served and dished up loads of food, then tirelessly toiled to ensure that everything was washed up and tidied away. She also provided the cheery bar tenders, who sold a large quantity of drink, which helped the bubbly atmosphere.

It was pleasing to see new faces as well as the chaplaincy regulars. A group of Keep Fit fanatics came along, and a gang of Old Age Pensioners gatecrashed the party!

Ann Lindstrum's piano kept everyone singing heartily, while her fiancé John entertained us during the interval with his feats of memory.

The audience was terrific – they joined in everything and spent their money lavishly. Ann Plummer's Tombola was an example of this – she took well over a hundred euros on her stall. She also produced a birthday cake and sang Happy Birthday in Spanish to Father Keith. Bobbi the German dog who sat by the piano treated him to a bark and almost a bite!

The Grace before supper, and the Bidding Prayer at the end reminded us of those less fortunate than ourselves and our Christian responsibilities.



**Man's way leads to a hopeless end -  
God's way leads to an endless hope.  
*Anon***

# David Chatfield

I would like to say thank you to everyone for their kindness after my husband's death.

We only bought the apartment in Tamara last January but David spent most of the time there and we had been coming out for 3 years and he loved it. Re David John Chatfield died 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Charlotte and the family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness since David's death. Also for looking after him whilst Charlotte was off the Island closing the family home in Brecon and establishing a UK -very small- base in Swindon. Especial thanks go to Father Keith, Greta Dermott Clarke, Alan Price and Fay Briffett also John and Kate Bosley who though are now in UK were such a help and comfort in our early days. Several of you have asked for a potted history of David who I gather had made a place for himself with you all.

David was born in Brecon in Wales in 1937 - he did all the usual things – sang in the Cathedral choir, gained a place at the Grammar School having attained the highest marks recorded in the area at 11+ and been mentioned in the Western Mail much to his parents and the school's pride. He went on to Birmingham University but found in those days, as a grammar school boy and very short of cash, life was very tough - though he made a name for himself gaining the highest word knowledge in a competition at the time and gaining fame in the debating society. He transferred to AEI sandwich course in Rugby and I still keep in touch with the crew from his year – He seems to have been very much in the centre of things – I remember him in Rag Week !!!! He stayed with AEI in various departments from Patents to Sales until 1979 when he became an Industrial Relations Consultant and helped me with my fashion accessory business.

During his time in Essex 1966 -1989 he became a County Councillor rising to Chairman of Personnel and Education and Chairman of the National Joint Council of Local Government Employers – the largest employer in the UK

Whilst in that office he took the AGM to Cardiff St David's Hall and gave his speech part in Welsh much to the pleasure of the Welsh attendants and his Mother's pride. We moved back to Brecon and David became part of the Cathedral as Librarian and then Administrator. He saw three Deans (one now the Bishop) all of whom spoke at the service in the Cathedral in October last.

I was David's second wife. We married in 1975 when my 3 sons were very young – he took us all on plus dogs, cats, hamsters and various fish etc. a very brave man. The boys adored him and he was a real father to them. Their comments at the memorial service will stay with me – Kind, fair, generous, patient, gentle, quiet, loving, a real support whatever the problem either study work or girlfriend/marriage , even at 2 am for Ollie, who is very dyslectic, when he was doing his Open University Degree David was ready on the e-mail . “He was the wind beneath our wings” We all miss him very much but are grateful he did not suffer too long – he had so many things wrong healthwise but never complained and Tenerife gave him at least an extra year for us to enjoy him.

Thank you all again for being there for all of us.

## ***Charlotte Chatfield***

### **Sponsored Walk**

On a blustery Wednesday in February a few of us girlies from the San Eugenio church did a sponsored walk to raise much needed funds for the chaplaincy. Having read about Hermano Pedro in the summer editions of the church magazine we decided to walk from La Cuevo de Hermano Pedro to the summit of Montana Roja and back.

Inside the cave the overwhelming scent of flowers, and seeing and reading the hundreds of photos and petitions that covered the walls evoked strong emotions in each of us. Prayers were said for the financial security of our church, the success of our mission, and that the rain would hold off.



**The Start**



### **The Objective**

The sun shines on the righteous or so the saying goes, and by the time we reached the base of the mountain the sun had indeed come out, but unfortunately the biting wind continued to blow. The ascent was, quite frankly, what you would expect when climbing a mountain, uphill, shale underfoot, more uphill, very windy and even more uphill! We reached the top and photos were taken.

Once back at the cave more prayers were said and candles lit.

To date we have raised 500 Euros.

What a success!!



### **Mission accomplished**

## The Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting

The Chaplaincy AGM was held in Callao Salvaje on the 3rd March.

It was attended by just over half the members on the electoral role.

At this meeting Jean Bates stood down after 6 faithful years as Chaplaincy Warden. Jean was thanked and praised for her unstinting service to the Chaplaincy.

The meeting Elected Ann Plummer and Shirley Beard as the new Chaplaincy Wardens for 2010.

There being a vacancy for the position of Archdeaconry Synod representative Gwen Furmston was elected to fill the post until the 2011 AGM. (In 2011 two new representatives will be elected to serve for the normal 3 years.)

The following were elected to Council to serve for one year.

Jean Bates	
Marisha Carter	Ex Officio as Lay Reader
Moira Congreve	New member
Alan Charlesworth	
Ronald Eastwood	
Christine Gaunt	Ex Officio as Lay Reader
Jean Kelly	
Joan Leatherbarrow	New member
Norma Martindale	
Keith Nielsen	
Elizabeth Thomas	
Patricia Whenlock	

The meeting accepted the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 after a presentation from the treasurer.

The meeting also accepted reports from the Electoral Roll officer, the Council Secretary, the Chaplaincy Warden and on the Archdeaconry Synod meeting.

# What's the Big Idea?

## An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament:

### Genesis

*This is the first of a new series which will give you an overview of the books of the Old and New Testaments. This month we look at Genesis, the first book of the Bible.*

Historically, Jews and Christians believed that Moses was the author/compiler of the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch). However, this view has been questioned by scholars over the last two centuries. As the title suggests, Genesis is primarily about beginnings. In the first of its 10 sections (chapters 1-11), it records the beginnings of our world, in the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth, human beings, sin's effect on the world, marriage and family, society and civilisation and blessing and curses. In the remaining sections, it tells of God's dealings with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, and their families. In this story of the Patriarchs we see how God is establishing a people who will bless the world, as he seeks to bless them.

The book of Genesis is key to understanding the whole of the Bible. It is supremely about relationships; the relationships between God and the created order, God and human beings, and between human beings themselves. Fundamentally man has been created in the image of God, by which he can relate to God in a personal way. However, Genesis plots how this relationship was broken by sin, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, resulting in the fall of both human beings and the created order. Clearly by creating people with free will, God risks the possibility that they might reject him; this is inherent in his love for human kind.

In Genesis, God is presented as supreme over his creation, but he enters into covenants with the world (the rainbow following the flood) and with Abraham and his descendents (circumcision), pledging his love and faithfulness to them and calling them to respond similarly to him in faith.

A key verse for our understanding of Genesis comes right at the beginning of the book:

*'So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them' (1:27).*

It reminds us that God is fundamental to living. If we don't have a sense of the centrality of God's place in life, we will never get our lives right.

## **An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Matthew**

*This month we begin with Matthew, the first of the gospels, which opens the New Testament.*

Traditionally this gospel was ascribed to Matthew the apostle, however today it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke). This has led many to believe that Matthew was written in the AD 70's.

Matthew, originally writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He makes sure that as we read his account of the birth, life death and resurrection of Jesus, we see the connections with everything that has gone before. *'Fulfilled'* is one of Matthew's characteristic verbs, as he makes the connections with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy in which he traces Jesus as a descendant of Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use the name of God; and in the way he emphasises Jesus role as *Son of David*.

The gospel may have also been originally addressed to teachers, remembering that at the time many people couldn't read. The whole gospel is woven around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division may reflect a deliberate allusion to the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in him. At the end of his gospel he records Jesus' commission to his disciples to share this good news, promising to be with them:

*'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* (28: 18-20)

***Rev Paul Hardingham***

**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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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

Alan Charlesworth  
18 Oakfield Close  
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and include your name and address.

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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 .....

# God in Music

## Glorious the song when God's the theme: Hildegard of Bingen

In this series we have looked at the psalms of the Old Testament and the songs of the New Testament, and now we enter the Middle Ages. But it is the Middle Ages through the eyes of a record producer in the last century.

In 1980 Ted Perry decided to found a new independent record company, Hyperion. If that was not financial risk enough, in the following year Hyperion issued a CD of a composer virtually unknown in the 1980s – Hildegard of Bingen. The risk paid off, and Gothic Voices' recording of the music of this remarkable medieval nun became a best seller. The CD sold in its thousands and received awards from the gramophone industry.

'A feather on the breath of God', the title of the CD, is how Hildegard described herself. 'Listen, there was a king sitting on his throne. Around him stood great and wonderfully beautiful columns ornamented with ivory, bearing the banners of the king with great honour. Then it pleased the king to raise a small feather from the ground and he commanded it to fly. The feather flew, not because of anything in itself, but because the air bore it along. Thus am I a feather on the breath of God.'

Hildegard was born in 1098, the tenth child of noble parents who lived in western Germany. Aged only eight, she was given into the care of Jutta, abbess of a monastery in the Rhineland, near Bingen. There she lived the life of an enclosed nun, her only contact with the world outside via a grille through which food was passed.

After thirty years, Hildegard left that cell and was assigned a scribe, who wrote down her visions and meditations in two volumes. She founded two monasteries, wrote books on medicine and natural healing and the first morality play, and composed a great range of songs. She corresponded with the great and the good, and as the 'Sybil of the Rhine,' her advice was sought by popes and emperors, by kings and bishops. A truly creative life of prayer and service until her death in 1179.

The starting point for her own compositions was the plainsong of that time. Modern techniques of singing and performing often make plainsong slow and heavy. The secret to bringing plainchant alive is to sing it with relaxed attention. In many ways that is the secret of the life of prayer: that paradox of

resting in the Lord while being alert to the promptings of his spirit. Hildegard realised that secret as she brought to her music, as she did to everything, an intensity of emotion and faith, developing the medieval plainchant into melodies that flowed off the page and soared into the skies.

It is all there in the chant 'O ignis spiritus' on the CD – an ecstatic song, praising the life of God's Spirit as breath and spark of flame, as a power within and armour without. As Hildegard contemplates this gift, her music moves and grows, reaching upwards to God's throne of glory in praise and adoration and outwards to those who listen. For all music is at heart song. We breathe in the air around, we breathe in the gift of the Spirit, and in that power, we open our voices to sing and praise God. That movement of song is only kept alive by the breath, the Spirit within. It is a gift, a grace, which leads us into wonder and joy.

As we listen to Hildegard's music, we sense something of the presence of the Spirit in her life, wafting her like a feather through the sky of the world. And we realise how such music can move us by that same Spirit.

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## Signs and Symbols in our churches: Incense

A number of churches use incense within their worship; some as a regular feature, others on particularly 'high' or 'special' occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, yet others only as a part of one-off informal participative services.

'Incense' is a combination of natural gums, plants and waxes, each different combination giving a unique fragrance. You can find incense in many different forms in local shops for use in the home – sticks, cones, within wax to melt on a heated plate and so on.

In churches it's most common to use incense in the form of small grains which are placed on burning charcoal.

Incense was used in worship long before the time of Jesus. Its sweet smell and its rising smoke give it the image of a person's prayers rising up to God. It's no surprise that the psalmist says in Psalm 141, "Let my prayer come like incense before you."

Each granule when placed on a heated coal immediately emits a strong perfume and clearly perceptible smoke. When a number of grains are placed together the result is a powerful visible reminder that whilst alone we can be heard and seen, together we are far more potent and noticeable.

The slightest time of burning can leave an aroma long after the heat of the burner is quenched and the incense itself is consumed.

This month:

If you can, attend a service where incense is used and have a look at how it is carried and burned, the exact way that it is used, and how it is kept alight. If incense in church is new to you, try burning some yourself at home while you say your daily prayers or have your time of quiet with God. Imagine the smoke and scent blending with the air around it as your prayers and quietness blends with God almighty and his love for you and all creation.

## **How to get rid of ... well, most people**

A few years ago a small village in the Cotswolds was plagued by a gang of youths. They came in on their motorbikes every weekend, and were everywhere, causing trouble.

A village meeting was held about how to get rid of them. The folk who used to go fox hunting were for luring them into a field and then chasing them off on horseback. The town's solicitor was for beginning a legal action against them. The town's policeman was for arresting them.

Then the local Vicar had an idea. With the help of some take-away pizzas he lured the gang into his church one Saturday evening and shut the door on them. Early next morning he and the bishop went in, and together they baptised and confirmed the lot. Several of the more difficult ones were even made to sign the electoral roll.

The youths were then let out of the church, and quickly departed. Now fully-fledged members of the Church of England, they were only ever seen again at Christmas and at Easter.

## **Hospital update**

A 75 year old lady rang her local hospital with a polite enquiry. "Please could you give me some information on one of your patients? She is Mrs Tiptree in Ward 3. She was admitted last week with chest pains and I just want to know if her condition has deteriorated, stabilised or improved?"

The nurse on the ward checked the notes. "I'm pleased to say that Mrs Tiptree's condition has improved. She has regained her appetite, her temperature has steadied and after some routine checks tonight, she should be well enough to go home tomorrow." "Oh that's wonderful news, I'm so happy, thank you ever so much!" "You seem very relieved, are you a close friend or relative?" "No, I'm Mrs Tiptree. Nobody tells me anything in here!"

## Some miscellaneous observations on life

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

A sharp tongue can cut your own throat.

Keep smiling - it makes people wonder what you've been up to.

If you want your dreams to come true, you mustn't oversleep.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important

The best vitamin for making friends..... B1.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge.

One thing you can give and still keep...is your word.

You lie the loudest when you lie to yourself

If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

It is too late to become what you might have been.

For a successful marriage you should love your spouse more than yourself.

# Letter from St James the Least of All

## On the nonsense of a lavatory at church

*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

This year, the rigours of Lent have taken second place to a far more pressing matter: the installation of a lavatory at St. James the Least. Personally, I entirely disapprove of this additional sign of decadence in our moral fibre; we have survived perfectly happily for the last 800 years without one, so why is there such an urgent need now? And being surrounded by acres of fields, there seems to be a completely acceptable alternative.

It also spoils the pleasure I used to take, informing ushers at weddings, having liberally refreshed themselves at our local pub before the Service, that we have no facilities and that they would just have to wait. Their look of pained resignation, developing to clear signs of repentance as the Service progressed, was most cheering. It also meant that wedding parties did not linger after the Service but disappeared with commendable speed to safe havens.

I anticipate that now we have the thing, a sub-committee will inevitably form to devise a commissioning Service for the person who will be in charge of its maintenance. I can already foresee Lady Bartlett proposing an appropriate set of robes for the office holder – although it will need some tact to select suitable insignia on the sleeves.

In fact, the project has not been entirely successful; we still need to have a lock fitted and so at present, occupants have been advised to sing hymns loudly, preferably something rousing; "Onward Christian soldiers" would be ideal. A hymn book has been installed as an aide memoir.

The greater difficulty arises from our antiquated plumbing system. A member of the congregation can leave a Service perfectly discreetly; they can enter the lavatory unseen by anyone, but on flushing, water is drawn through pipes running the length of the inside of the building with a thunderous roar that obliges me to stop preaching until the cataract has subsided. By the time the customer returns quietly into church, all noise has ceased and they remain oblivious of the chaos they caused and the stoic politeness of the congregation.

I am sure that in your worship centre you will have lavish cloakrooms furnished with colour co-ordinated walls and towels, baby changing facilities and video monitors relaying everything going on, so that users will not be denied a single second of your hour-long sermons. .

Our congregation should be grateful for what they now have. And to think that someone even suggested it should have heating!

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



I was going to give up chocolates for Lent – then I thought of all those poor Cadbury workers and their anxious shareholders.

## **Good Friday**

To Calvary the road seemed long  
With a cross upon his back  
And every time he stumbled  
To his limbs a whip did crack  
They cruelly jeered when they did place  
A crown upon his head  
A crown of thorns that pierced his skin  
And cut him till he bled  
They nailed his hands and nailed his feet  
Then he was crucified  
A sword was stabbed into his side  
And he was left to die  
Towards the end he bowed his head  
He took his final breath  
His Father waiting at his side  
Embraced him unto death  
Those who loved him took him down  
Cleansed by Mary's hands  
And like the child that once she bore  
Wrapped him in swathing bands  
Laid to rest inside a tomb  
A stone concealed the way  
And in their grief they cried and prayed  
He died on Good Friday.

***Elizabeth Thomas***

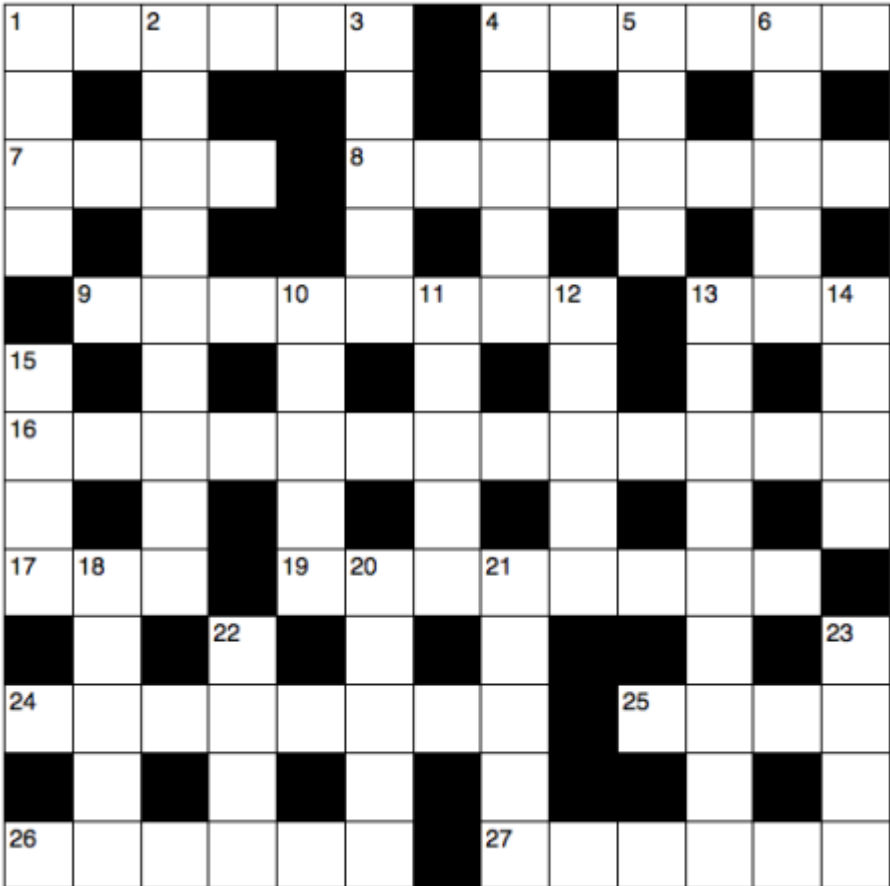
## Sudoku

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*Solution on page 30*

# Crossword



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

## Clues

### Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

### Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

**Solution on page 30**

# 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.

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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)*

For Baptisms, Confessions, Wedding Blessings, Renewal of Vows, Confirmations and funerals, please contact the Chaplain Father Keith Gordon or one of the Church Wardens for information.

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