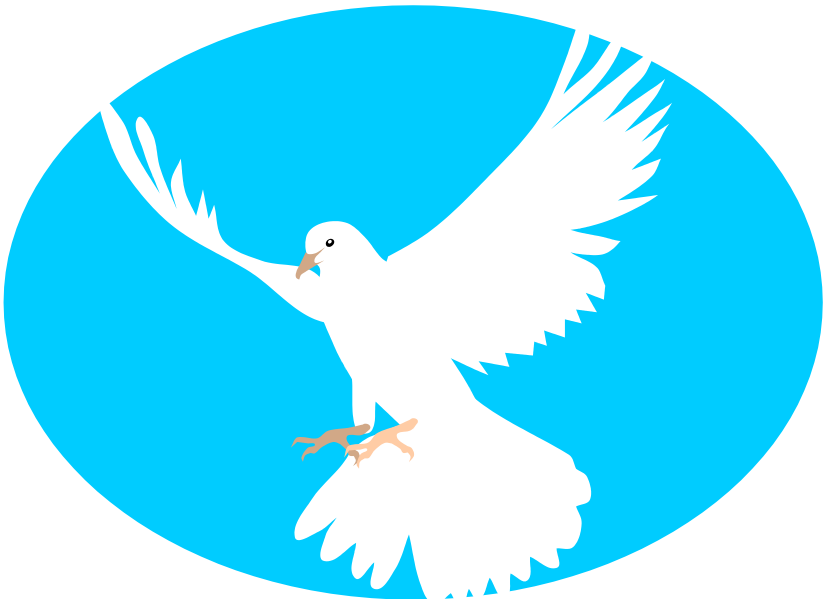


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From the Editor

This is the first of our 3 bi-monthly issues to take us through the summer. It is the beginning of the Chaplaincy's quiet period, our winter visitors have departed and most of our 'swallows' have managed to find flights and returned to the UK for the summer. I'm sure many of you will feel sorry for those who had to stay out here in the sun for another few weeks because of the 'ash problem'. It does, however, mean that the handful of full time residents have an added work load because although there are fewer to fill the pews at our services there is still a lot to do. It also means that our income from collections at services falls well below that which is necessary for the upkeep of the Chaplaincy. So while Tenerife might, until next winter, just be a pleasant memory to you, do keep those who bear the heat of the summer for you in mind.

My wife and I will also be returning to the UK for the summer next week so I would like to remind contributors that the next two issues will be UK generated which means, because of the logistic problems of compiling in the UK and printing in Tenerife (just like the Sun newspaper) it is even more important to keep to the contribution deadlines.

Have a good summer.

The Editor

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

The 'swallows' have flown their nests here in Tenerife for the dreamed of Barbeque summer in Britain. (A concept I find hard to get my brain around!) Here on this beautiful island, the long hot summer is with us. Smaller congregations are the norm but operating costs, unfortunately don't go down with them. It costs us about 5,000 Euros a month to keep celebrating the services in our three worship centres and to support the charities that we hold dear. So, please spare a thought and a prayer for us here and, if you can, remember us in your giving. Thank you.

Although Easter is now behind us, we still have some great festivals to come. The Ascension of our Lord on Thursday 13th May, Pentecost (Whitsunday) on the 23rd and Trinity Sunday on the 30th. Three great celebrations which seem to have been forgotten by many people. Ask people what Pentecost is and many won't have much clue, but ask them about Whitsun and they'll remember it used to be a half-term holiday. Next year, Easter falls as late as it can – on the 24th April – and this will undoubtedly lead to calls for the Easter school holiday to be secularised as a Spring Holiday – and then, before you know it, just like Whitsun, Easter will become as mystifying to some as Whitsun and Pentecost have become. What a shame. The secularisation of British Society! Christianity becomes invisible apart from Christmas which, thank goodness falls on the same day each year. If only the denominations could agree to set the other principal festivals such as Easter (then the others would fall in) this could be avoided. But, unfortunately the churches work together incredibly slowly and so, almost inevitably, we will

Mourn the loss of the Easter Holiday, just as we mourn the loss of the Whitsun one. What a shame! What a shame!

On a lighter note, we had a great celebration of St George's day again this year which you can read about elsewhere in this magazine. There is

a wonderful, vibrant spirit in this Chaplaincy and it's my privilege and pleasure to serve you all as your Chaplain.

May God Bless you and those you love,

Your Chaplain and friend,

Fr. Keith

Anglican Clergy Converge On Madrid For Holy Week Service

Anglican clergy serving in Spain and Portugal and the Atlantic islands travelled hundreds of miles to share their traditional Holy Week service of rededication and renewal of their ordination vows. The priests, including myself, also shared with the Right Reverend David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop in Europe, in the blessing of holy oils to be used at special services of healing, baptism and blessing during the coming year.

The service in St George's Anglican church in Madrid had an ecumenical flavour with visiting guests including Rev Diego Teruel of the IEE (Iglesia Evangélica Española – a Presbyterian church), Fr. Mariano Perrón ecumenical delegate for the Archdiocese of Madrid, Rev Mariano Blásquez executive secretary of the FEREDE (representing the non Roman Catholic churches in Spain), Bishop Elmer Belmonte of the Charismatic Episcopal Church (who use St. George's church for their worship on Sundays) and Hayr Sassoon, an Armenian Catholic Church who is to become the Armenian bishop for Spain and Portugal.

The preacher was the Very Rev Dr John Paddock, Dean of Gibraltar, where the Diocese in Europe's Cathedral is situated. Bishop David Hamid expressed his joy at being able to share with so many of his clergy who had travelled by air, road and rail to prepare themselves for their Easter celebrations.

It was my first opportunity to attend a Chrism Mass since joining the Diocese in 2003 and so it was especially relevant for me.

Father Keith

Diary for May

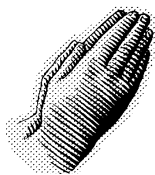
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2nd	Sunday		5th Sunday of Easter	
-			Christian Aid Week	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	- San Eugenio
			Chaplaincy Lunch,	- San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	- Espiritu Santo
3 rd	Mon			
4 th	Tues		The English Martyrs	
5 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	- San Eugenio
6 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	- Espiritu Santo
7 th	Fri			
8 th	Sat			
9th	Sunday		6th Sunday of Easter	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	- San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	- Espiritu Santo
10 th	Mon	3.00 pm	Council Meeting	- Residence
11 th	Tues			
12 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	- San Eugenio
13 th	Thur		Ascension Day	
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	- Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch,	- Espiritu Santo
14 th	Fri		St. Matthias, Apostle	
15 th	Sat			
16th	Sunday		7th Sunday of Easter	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	- San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	- Espiritu Santo
17 th	Mon			
18 th	Tues			
19 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	- San Eugenio
20 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	- Espiritu Santo
21 st	Fri			
22 nd	Sat			

23rd	Sunday		Pentecost (Whitsunday)	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
24th	Mon		Ordinary Time Resumes	
25th	Tues			
26th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
27th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
28th	Fri			
29th	Sat			
30th	Sunday		Trinity Sunday	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
31st	Mon			

Diary for June

1st	Tues			
2nd	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
3rd	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
4th	Fri			
5th	Sat			
6th	Sunday		1st Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
7th	Mon			
8th	Tues			
9th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
10th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
11th	Fri		St. Barnabas, Apostle	
12th	Sat			

13th Sunday		2nd Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
14th Mon	3.00pm	Council Meeting	– Residence
15th Tues			
16th Wed		St. Richard of Chichester	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
17th Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
18th Fri			
19th Sat			
20th Sunday		3rd Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
21st Mon			
22nd Tues			
23rd Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
24th Thur		Birth of St. John the Baptist	
	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
25th Fri			
26th Sat			
27th Sunday		4th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
28th Mon		Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles.	
29th Tues			
30th Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio



Intercessions

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

The Power of Prayer

Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin – Cian & Joan Barry
Bronwen Battye – John Bosley – Jim Brown – Laura Brown
Samuel Coker – Gladys Cole – Lydia Cook – Corina Cormack
Doris Dendy – Jeanette Dick – Ann Dobson – Revd. Jeff Engel
Victoria Ford – Gordon & Pearl French – Lauren Gaunt
Betty Gilroy – David Gledhill – Peter Goldsmith – Bryan Goulding
Kathy Greenhall – Paul Hazelby – Jason – Joe & Daniel
Fr. Philip Lamb – Audrey Lancaster – Betty Lee-Westworth
Mary Mansell – Garry Morris – Peter Mulloch – Hazel Noble
Simon Norman-Ballantyne – Brian Norris – Jill Pratt – Mary Roe
Jenny Sandy – Sinead – Sue Shapland – Joe Slater (6yrs) – Ewen Smith
Amanda Stead – Susan Stratton – Dudley Thomas
Edna & Hilda Thomas – Stephen Thomas – Rose Tomlinson
John & Anne Vaughn – Harry Wilkinson – Frank Winpenny

The Recently Departed

Anne Astley

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

May 4 th	Gordon Burgin	June 4 th	Eileen Day
5 th	Edith Gordon	18 th	Sandra Eastwood
8 th	Walter Ford	20 th	Mavis Yates (2009)
15 th	Miriam Dobinson	28 th	Elizabeth Skinner
21 st	Michael Boyle		
23 rd	Gary Martindale		
24 th	Frederick Everitt		
29 th	Ian Watts (Priest)		

Thank You

Dudley and I would like to thank you all for your kindness to us throughout Dudley's illness with your prayers, lovely cards and flowers, we have so appreciated them.

Dudley has made wonderful physical progress but we are still working on his short term memory.

Your continued prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you all again.

Dudley and Beth Thomas

Under the Shadow of a Guiding Hand

We do not always see the way ahead.
We do not always know which path to tread.
This is the point at which we need to light
The lamp of faith to take into the night.

Trust and believe that God is leading us
To a fulfilment hidden from our view
Know only good can come of what is planned
Under the shadow of that guiding hand.

It is not always granted us to see
What lies behind the present mystery.
Waste not words in asking why or where
Time will unfold the answer to your prayer.

*I hope these words help and bring comfort to all people.
They did for me.*

Norma Martindale

St Georges Day Visit to Santa Cruz

A most enjoyable day was spent in Santa Cruz on Friday 23rd April.

A group from St. Francis Anglican Chaplaincy in San Eugenio, Espirito Santa in Los Gigantes and All Saints in Puerto de la Cruz including Fr David Jenkins, David Ward the ex. British Consul and Friends from Santa Cruz and other parts of the Island, joined together in St. Georges's Church, Santa Cruz for a moving service conducted by Father Keith Gordon and assisted by Christine Gaunt, lay reader.

Bea from Los Gigantes provided the music for the day and F. Keith the intravel entertainment. A lovely tapas lunch was enjoyed by the group.

All agreed that it was a most uplifting and patriotic event, and may it continue in the future.

A big thank you to all those who organized and participated.

Ann Plummer



Why your Television is like the Trinity

Here is a trick question: How many colours does your television set use?

Answer: Just three: red, green and blue. And in that order, just like a rainbow (where reds are at one side, blues at the opposite side, green in the middle). This is known as "RGB".

These are TV's three primary colours which, when their luminescence is fired at your eyes, give all the colours of the visible spectrum. These are all "additive" colours. In fact, mix these three together in different proportions, and your screen can offer you 16 million colours.

You thought the sequence was red/yellow/blue? No, that's for painted or printed colours. A TV set positively gives out light in three different colours, whereas paint daubed on paper absorbs and removes some colours to reflect back merely a small part of the light falling on it the colour that you see.

You'll soon call out the repair man if your television loses one of its three colours and all the presenters look as though they came from Mars. But change the intensity of any one colour (red, green or blue) even slightly and you change the overall colour.

Switch them all off, and you are left with black. Let all three of them shine at full brightness, at the same point – and then as if by magic you have a totally different colour: WHITE!

It's a parable which illustrates the Holy Trinity. Three completely distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), just as your TV set has three quite separate colours: red, green, blue.

Take away any One member of the Trinity, and you slip into theological error; take away any one of the three colours, and you call out the TV repair engineer! So –

It DOES matter that God is our Creator and Father – otherwise our whole life is merely a meaningless illusion.

It DOES matter that Jesus is God the Son, for otherwise his death is simply a human tragedy, with no promise of salvation or eternal life.

It DOES matter that the Holy Spirit is with us here and now, otherwise we are disconnected from God.

Yes it really does matter! Just as it is essential that a TV set can produce white by the equal intensity of all of its three colours. In fact, the more you think about it, the more it seems that the doctrine of the Trinity is far from being a complicated bit of theological nonsense, but is a sort of theological test-card, to make sure that we've got the right picture of God, without distortion.



What's the Big Idea?

An introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Leviticus

Leviticus was the first book studied by Jewish children in the synagogue. However, in today's church it's usually the last book in the Bible that anyone looks at seriously! This is understandable, as it is largely concerned with such things as rituals for sacrifice and regulations about uncleanness that are incomprehensible and largely irrelevant to us. However, the book challenges our tendency to reduce God to fit our plans, ambitions and tastes!

Leviticus, the third book of the Old Testament, derives its name from the Greek translation of the Old Testament meaning '*relating to the Levites*'. This title reflects the fact that much of the book is concerned with regulations about worship, which was conducted by the priests (incl. the Levites). There are also instructions about ceremonial cleanness, moral laws, holy days and the Year of Jubilee.

The key theme running through Leviticus is that of *holiness*, for it defines who God is and our response to him. The book's perspective is that every detail of our lives is affected by the presence of this holy God. Also God provides a way through the sacrifices, feast and Sabbaths, to bring everything into his holy presence. The book gives a pause in the story of Israel's journey from slavery in Egypt to entry into the promised land of Canaan. This extended teaching time gives space for the people to prepare for living in a culture of other gods, that doesn't know what holy is. God is calling his people to live, as he created them to be, reflecting his holiness.

At the heart of Leviticus is also the truth of God's *love*, which is also an aspect of God's character which we are to reflect. Therefore, our key verse states: '*Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord*' (19:18). This verse is extensively quoted in the New Testament by Jesus, Paul and James, as their summary of the law.

In conclusion, we should see the endless details and instructions of Leviticus as pointing to Jesus. Through the sacrifice of his life, which we remember at Easter, Jesus totally fulfilled the law. He perfectly demonstrated the love and holiness of God to enable us to fulfil God's requirement, '*Be holy, because I am holy*' (1 Peter 1:16 quoting Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7).

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Luke

This month we look at Luke, the third of the synoptic gospels. Luke also wrote Acts, as both are addressed to the same individual, Theophilus (1:3 cf Acts 1:1). It is clear from certain sections of Acts that Luke accompanied Paul, who mentions his '*dear friend Luke, the doctor*' (Col 4:4). We can assume that Luke was a well educated Gentile, a doctor by profession and a companion of Paul on his later missionary journeys.

Theophilus was probably a Roman official who acted as Luke's patron, ensuring that his gospel was copied and distributed. It was always intended for a wider audience, to help both Gentile believers and unbelievers understand who Jesus is. Luke also wanted to show that Gentile Christians have a place in the kingdom of God, as the gospel of Jesus is intended for the whole world. Although we cannot be sure when the gospel was written, this was probably in Rome at around 60 AD.

Luke's account of Jesus' life and ministry can be divided into 4 main sections:

- the coming and early life of Jesus (1:1-4:13)
- Jesus' ministry in and around Galilee (4:14-9:50)
- his ministry (mainly teaching) *on the road* to Jerusalem (9:51-24:53)
- his final week in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53)

For Luke, the key focus is how God's plan of salvation for the world is fulfilled in Jesus. Therefore, he writes an orderly account ranging from the birth of Jesus to his ascension. He is a strong champion of the outsider. As an outsider himself (a Gentile writer in the NT) he shows how Jesus includes those who are typically seen as outsiders by the religious establishment of his day. This includes women, the poor and *sinners* (incl. tax collectors, prostitutes and shepherds!), as well as showing how Gentiles, Samaritans and Jews are all included in God's plan of salvation. When compared with the other synoptic gospel writers, Luke also emphasises the importance of prayer in Jesus' ministry and the role of the Holy Spirit.

A key verse which reflects this perspective is found when Jesus encounters the tax collector Zacchaeus, '*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost*' (19:10). Whenever we find ourselves on the outside of God's life and love, as Zacchaeus, Jesus comes to find us and welcome us afresh into his kingdom.

So Many Policies, so Much Cynicism, Just One Vote

Loving God, Thank you for caring about how our country is run, and that we have the right to vote for our politicians and government. But in the run-up to this general election there are so many policies to understand, and so many different points of view to consider - sometimes I wonder whether there's any point in voting, whether anyone cares what I think.

As I choose who I am going to vote for, help me not to be cynical about politics and politicians, help me to remember that my vote can make a difference, and help me vote for those people who will protect the poor and vulnerable, and do all they can to make our nation a place of fairness and peace. Because you call us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, guide our choices

Heavenly Father, source of all truth and wisdom, who knows and loves the whole creation, watch over our nation at election time: that truth may prevail over distortion, wisdom triumph over recklessness and the concerns of every person be heard.

Lord Jesus, who chose the way of the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane, help us to turn our backs on self interest and to support policies that sustain the poor, the vulnerable and the frightened people of this world.

Holy Spirit, who brought understanding among myriad peoples and languages at Pentecost, give to all your people a passion for peace and inspire us to work for unity and co-operation throughout the world and in our political life together. Amen.

As we play our part

Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society.

Give us wisdom to play our part at election time, that, through the exercise of each vote, your Kingdom may come closer. Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism, guard us against the idols of false utopias and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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Alan Charlesworth

Editor

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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

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First line of Hymn 1
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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 Stabat Mater

May is traditionally the month of Mary, the mother of Jesus. When we read of Mary in the Gospels, we sense the heartache and trial of much of her life: a teenage mother giving birth in a stable, fleeing with her newborn baby and Joseph to Egypt, losing the child Jesus while on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, following her son on his ministry but always in the background, and there at the foot of the cross as her son is crucified. It is then Mary must have thought back to that occasion in the temple when Simeon took her child and told her that a sword would pierce her own soul.

That sense of heartache and the sorrow it brings is poignantly expressed in a beautiful poem of the Middle Ages called *Stabat Mater*, which pictures Mary at Calvary and that sword of desolation and sadness that pierces her soul. We are not sure who wrote this poem. It is ascribed to Jacopone da Todi, who became a Franciscan friar on the death of his wife in the 13th century. The contemplation of Mary's sorrows in the *Stabat Mater* has inspired many composers, and there are wonderful settings by Palestrina, Rossini, Dvorak, Verdi and Poulenc.

This month let's focus on a very simple setting, but one that captures those searing pangs of sorrow at the heart of the poem. It is by Antonio Vivaldi, who was born in Venice in 1678. In 1703 he was ordained a priest, but by then he had made his name as a skilled violinist and composer. He continued to compose throughout his life: a vast amount that includes some 40 operas (though only 18 survive), 400 concertos, and over 100 choral works. In 1730 Charles de Brosses described him as 'an old man with a prodigious fury for composition.' For much of his life Vivaldi was music director of the Ospedale della Pieta, a music school for girls. Then in 1740 he left Venice hoping for preferment in Vienna. That was not to be, and his final days were marked by poverty and neglect, and in 1741 burial in a pauper's grave.

Most of us know Vivaldi through the brilliance and colour of 'The Four Seasons' and his setting of the Gloria. The tone is more restrained in his

setting of the Stabat Mater. There is a very fine CD recording entitled 'Vespers of Sorrow' where the work is linked to a sonata, a psalm setting and the Magnificat for an imagined celebration of our Lady's feast.

The Stabat Mater is a long poem and Vivaldi restricted himself to setting 8 verses for contralto and strings: the solo voice standing for Mary as she sings of the despair and agony as the mother of Jesus. The opening verse, 'At the cross her station keeping' captures the intensity of emotion with the throbbing rhythms of the accompaniment – that mood recurs throughout the work. And then with the verse, 'Eja Mater, fons amoris' (O thou Mother! Fount of love!) the violins and viola accompany without any bass instruments. It is a pivotal point in the work as the solo voice cries out 'Mater' across the heights and depths of the music, leading into the prayer that the love of Mary will touch all human hearts. The final verse set by Vivaldi begins 'Make me feel as thou hast felt,' and so Mary stands for all mothers who have lost loved ones: perhaps sons killed in Afghanistan, perhaps daughters dying through disease.

Mary's love for Jesus, her son, touches the hearts of them and of all parents. Hers was a protective, sacrificial love that led her to the foot of the cross, where Jesus gave his mother and John, the beloved disciple, into the care of each other. The sacrificial love of a mother mirrored in the sacrificial offering of her son in death.

Julian of Norwich meditated on this motherly love in her Revelations. In chapter 60 she wrote, 'A mother's caring is the closest, nearest and surest for it is the truest...As we know, our own mother bore us only into pain and dying. But our true mother Jesus, who is all love, bears us into joy and endless living. Blessed may he be!' So the protective care of mother Mary cries out to us in Vivaldi's setting of the Stabat Mater. The closing lines of that poem look to Christ's maternal love like Mother Julian:

'Christ when Thee shall call me hence,
Be my mother, my defence,
Be thy Cross of victory.'

The Rev Michael Burgess

With the General Election in Mind....

Genesis and politicians

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest.

Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But you forget," interrupted the politician, "somebody had created the chaos first!"

Already well connected

The telephone rang in the church office of the church that the MP attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we do expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

A gracious rival

Modern political campaigns might take a lesson in graciousness and kindness from Edward Campbell, the great British statesman of the 1930s. Once when Campbell was opposing Thackeray for a seat in Parliament, the two contenders, in the course of their campaigning, met and engaged in friendly conversation.

On taking leave of his rival, Thackeray remarked: "May the best man win!" "Oh, no," Campbell replied, "I hope not – I want to win!"

Decisions, decisions

Politician to aide: "About their charge that I'm indecisive – do you think I should answer it, or let it go, or answer it in part, or what?"

You May Be Posher than You Think

Next time you visit a stately home, take a good look at the dukes and earls in the portrait gallery – you may recognise a family likeness to yourself! It seems that in bygone centuries, Britain's aristocracy were such philanderers that it is reckoned that as many as one in five of us may be descended from them.

In recognition of this, the National Trust is backing research into the family trees of the people who lived at its historic properties. A project is being run between the trust and Ancestry.co.uk, the genealogical database which contributed to the BBC television series 'Who do you think you are?' The NT's 3.8 million members are being offered a discounted rate to join Ancestry.co.uk, which charges about £7 per month for its basic service.

Research suggests that 4 per cent of us have some link to royalty, while Ancestry.co.uk claims that more than 20 per cent of us are connected in some way to the aristocracy... though often through illicit liaisons. Which brings us back to that portrait of that lascivious earl....

New car

A husband, the owner of a new car, was somewhat reluctant to allow his wife to drive his prize possession, even to the local shops, a few streets away from the house. After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age!"

Measuring success

After the local Churches Together meetings had concluded, the four ministers were discussing the results with one another.

The Methodist minister said, "The meetings worked out great for us! We gained two new families." The Baptist pastor said, "We did better than that! We gained three new families." The URC minister said: "That's nothing – we gained five new families!"

And the Anglican vicar smiled in contentment. "Well, we did best of all. We got rid of our 10 biggest trouble makers!"

After that row with your spouse....

Here's something you probably would not have thought of: next time you have a row with your nearest and dearest, reach for a crossword puzzle or Sudoku – it will help you make up more quickly after your argument.

Psychologists from Harvard University say that stimulating mental activity helps to stop people from harbouring a grudge. It seems that emotions are better controlled among people who have more activity in the part of the brain – the lateral prefrontal cortex – which is associated with puzzle solving.

Garden produce

A toddler was found chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust his mother asked,

"Well . . . what does it taste like?" "Worms," was the reply.

Letter from St James the Least of All

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

On the perils of a Scout camp

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It seems that the basics of parish ministry are no longer taught in theological colleges. Don't you know anything about consulting your diary in public? When you are asked if you are free on a certain date, accepted practice is to open it so that the enquirer cannot quite see. You then shake your head sadly, saying you are committed to blessing a new tea urn, or on some other vital ecclesiastical activity that day. Then you regretfully give your apologies. You do not open the thing in full view of your enquirer, so he can see the blank pages! Really, it serves you right that you are now committed to going on Scout camp.

The last time I agreed to pay the Scouts a visit was when I found that there was a splendid restaurant only a mile away from their camp. I arrived and parked my car by the side of the river where they were all canoeing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining I had to find a garage for petrol. Several hours later, after an excellent lunch, I drove to where they were now rock climbing, wound down the car window and made encouraging noises for some minutes before explaining that I had a standing committee to return to that evening. It was a splendid day.

You, however, will experience the charms of two days under canvas. Whatever site for your tent you choose will be the one that floods first. The early hours will undoubtedly find you wading about in water in the

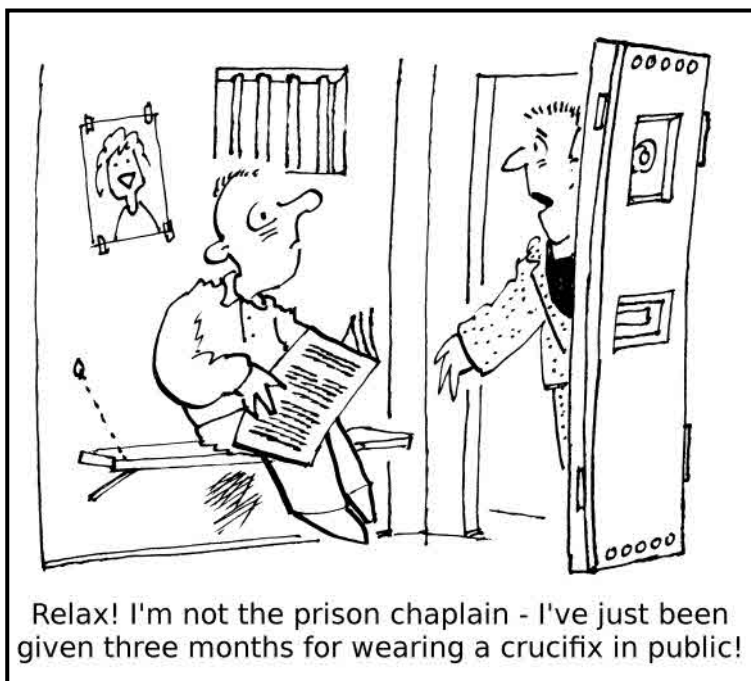
pitch dark, retrieving your sleeping bag and clothes – which you will then have to wear for the rest of the day. Watch out for the food, as well: all camp food contains grass and usually sheep droppings. This will make you ill, though for some reason Scouts thrive on it.

Whatever the weather and whatever activities you do each day, you will end up wet, chilled and bruised. At least your evenings will be warm – for you are bound to spend them at Casualty, with youngsters suffering from sprained ankles or dislocated shoulders.

My only advice is to use those hours in Casualty to practise the art of opening your diary in a way that only YOU can see it.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Relax! I'm not the prison chaplain - I've just been given three months for wearing a crucifix in public!

The Angels Came

*You rest in peace my little one
Your earthly life, though short, now done
This was not the path I'd planned
When the angels took you by the hand.*

*On angels wings as white as snow
They called your name you had to go
And I was left behind to cry
Why did my infant angel die?*

*The angels came, you went away
I prayed they'd leave you one more day
That I could hold you for a while
To touch your face, to see your smile.*

*To taste your kisses oh so sweet
Those tiny hands and tiny feet
They're now a precious memory
Once angels set your spirit free.*

*I thought to me you did belong
But you were God's child all along
Just loaned to me from heaven above
That I would know a Mother's love.*

*From whence we came we must return
But while on earth life's lesson learn
And even though for you I weep
I know the Lord your soul will keep.*

*Through faith, my hurt, so raw will heal
Please God in time at peace i'll feel
But just for now I need to mourn
My fragile heart in pieces torn.*

*My infant angel's laid to rest
I know that I was truly blessed
For even though your stay was brief
The joy you brought outweighs my grief.*

Elizabeth Thomas

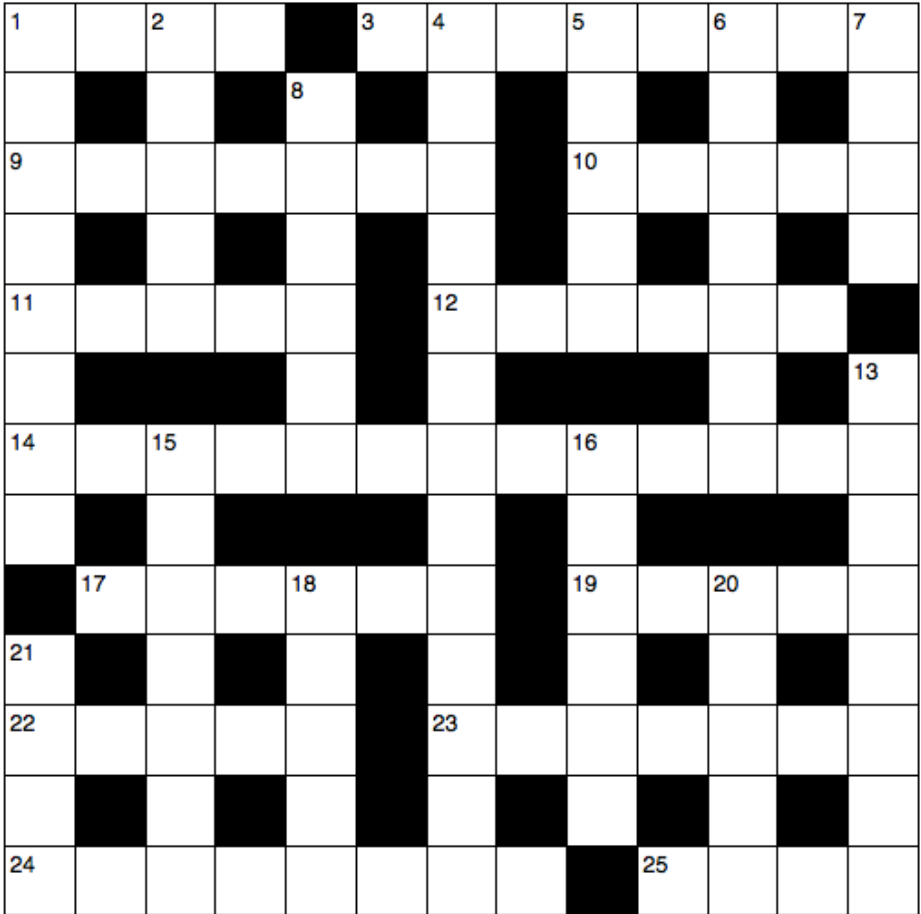
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Crossword



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

Clues

Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

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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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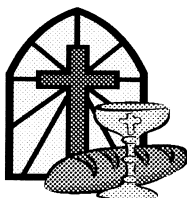
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