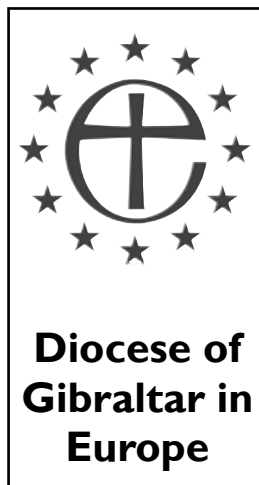


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From the Editor

I must start off with an apology to all those readers who have tried to phone me this last month. The gremlins (or was it just my fingers) got into my computer and changed my telephone number on the inside back cover. I have now corrected it. It is interesting to note that the correct number on the inside front cover has always been correct, which suggests that many people read this magazine from the back – interesting.

Numbers have not yet reached their normal October average so it all appears to be rather quiet, but just like the duck on the pond it is only quiet on the surface. Under the water it is becoming a little frenetic. As I write this the Christmas Bazaar is only five weeks away and people are busy collecting and sorting goods for sale. If you feel you could help, before or on the day, do please get in touch with Elizabeth Thomas.

Talking of Elizabeth, she has now gone into print with a collection of her poems in a book entitled 'From the Heart' (see page 25).

There are some other exciting things in the pipe line but more about that next month.

The Editor

**Deadline for December
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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

It's been a long hot summer but in our Chaplaincy and as I sit and write to you in mid-October for the November magazine, temperatures are still the high twenties and low thirties! But it's not just the temperatures that are high because it's now that the pace really hots up in the Chaplaincy. The summer was very busy with Wedding Blessings and Baptisms, but now the 'swallows' are back, the winter sun-seekers are here and the great seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany are just around the corner. November in Tenerife isn't the dismal, cold and wet month many are used to in the UK. It's a month of renewing old friendships and rekindling our faith.

November starts off with the wonderful and celebratory feast of All Saints which starts us off towards Advent. But, no sooner are we celebrating the Saints in Glory, than the mood quickly changes to one of remembrance. All Souls Day on 2nd November (The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) is complementary to All Saints in that it is more reflective and personal -remembering those we love but see no more. This year, as is our custom, we will be reading the names in the Remembrance Book at all our churches on either the Wednesday or Thursday (2nd or 3rd Nov)

Then we're off again on the theme of Remembrance and the secular but traditional Bonfire or Firework Night on 5th November quickly followed by Remembrance Sunday which this year falls on the 13th. As usual, we will be celebrating this day with a Eucharist in San Eugenio at 10, 15am with Last Post and two minutes silence at 11am. In the evening we will be holding a Remembrance Service at 6pm in Los Gigantes followed by a reflective said Eucharist. Also this year we will be celebrating in our newest outreach in the Swedish Church in Los Cristianos at 10.30am and in San Blas on the Golf del Sur at 6pm.

November goes out with a loud blast of celebration to bring the Church's year to a close with a bang The Festival of Christ the King (20th). It's a good time to think about what Christ's kingship really means

– to offer our total obedience; to pray that others will come to see the value of doing the same, and pray for the building of his kingdom on earth. My favourite image of Christ isn't the broken and suffering crucified Jesus, but Jesus wearing a kingly crown and robes and it's because Jesus was willing to be crucified for us, that we hail him as our king.

May God Bless you and those you love .

Your Chaplain and friend,

Fr. Keith

Chaplaincy Picnic

Last year for the first time ever the Anniversary Picnic on the mountain was abysmally cold – it couldn't be as bad two years running could it?

The answer is 'yes it could'.

This year on the 19th October twenty of us survived the service in the rain and the wind. We then beat a hasty retreat down to the El Rancho restaurant for our picnic augmented by soup, drinks and coffee from the bar.

It was still enjoyable because the company was good but let us hope it cannot be bad three years running!

Diary for November

1st	Tues		All Saints Day	
2nd	Wed		All Soul's Day	
2nd	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
3rd	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
4th	Fri			
5th	Sat		Book sale & coffee morning	– Charlesworth's
			Afternoon teas	– Shirley's
6th	Sunday		3rd Sunday before Advent	
		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 by extension	– San Blas
7th	Mon			
8th	Tues	10.00 am	Guild of St Care	– Caroline's
9th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
10th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
11th	Fri			
12th	Sat			
13th	Sunday		Remembrance Sunday	
			2nd Sunday before Advent	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Swedish Church
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by extension	– San Blas
14th	Mon			
15th	Tues			
16th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
17th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo

18th Fri

19th Sat

20th Sunday

Christ the King

10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by extension	– San Blas

21st Mon

22nd Tues

23rd Wed

10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
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24th Thur

10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo

25th Fri

26th Sat

10.30 am	Christmas Bazaar	– Los Gigantes
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27th Sunday

Advent Sunday

10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Swedish Church
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by extension	– San Blas

28th Mon

29th Tues

30th Wed

Andrew the Apostle

10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
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December

1st Thur

10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo

2nd Fri

3rd Sat

Afternoon Teas

Shirleys

4th Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by extension	– San Blas

Bishop's Advent Appeal, 2011

My Advent Appeal this year is to support the work of the Friends of the Holy Land. This was established in 2009 to support the Christians in the Holy Land, and they work in close co-operation with the Christian Churches in the region and in the UK. The Friends of the Holy Land are entirely non-political and is carried out with the backing and blessing of Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops in England and Wales. The primary purpose of their work is to support Christians in the Holy Land, to enable them to maintain a minimum level of quality of life such that pressures to abandon their homeland are reduced. The Friends provide resources for small projects that make a big difference to Christians in the community, and the funds made available contribute to the sustainability of Christians (especially the most vulnerable) in the Holy Land.

The Friends objectives are as follows:

- To raise awareness of the challenges experienced by Christians in the Holy Land.
- To encourage prayer for their intentions.
- To generate and channel financial resources to provide a sustainable future.
- To encourage visits to the Holy Land to meet with local Christians.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has given his particular encouragement to support this initiative, which was launched at the General Synod last July, and I hope we may play our part in our giving this Advent as Christmas approaches and we celebrate again the coming of God among us in the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. Further details may be found in the video which accompanied the Archbishop's address to the General Synod on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRM2aBM9_Q and in the accompanying newsletter from the Friends of the Holy Land which tells how you can support the Friends through this Advent Appeal. Please give generously as a response to the generosity of the God who loved us so much that at Bethlehem he came down to the lowest part of our need.

+GEOFFREY GIBRALTAR



Intercessions

The Power of Prayer

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

Tracey Ainsworth – Wayne Ayote – Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin
Bronwen Battye – Barbara & Michael Browback
Robert Brumpton – Keith Burke – Angela Callaghan
Joan Caselton – Kath Challinor – Lydia Cook – Corina Cormack
Jeanette Dick – Ann Dodson – Revd. Jeff Engel
Freda & Karen Fanovard – Victoria Ford
Pat and Harry Foxtton – Patrick Gardiner – Clive Francis
Gordon & Pearl French – David & Betty Gledhill – Liz Govan
Ian Hubbard – Fr. Philip Lamb – Vicky Lever – Mary Mansell
Parveen & Carl Mardel – George Matta – Bill Nash – Aaron Neill
Hazel Noble – Pastor Roland – Ava Grace Petigrew – Jill Pratt
David Richman – Alison Riley – Harvey Roe – Samuel
Joe Slater – Steve Smith – Ewen Smith – Moira Smithson
Amanda Stead – Revd. Robert Sterman – Susan Stratton
Hilda Thomas – Vance – Paul White – Harry Wilkinson

Recently Departed

Mary MacLean

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

November 1 st	Christine Laing Catherine Micailef
7 th	Kenneth Whenlock
15 th	Jessica Rason
23 rd	John Davies
25 th	Margaret Taska

Remembrance Services Sunday
13th November 2011



The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance

Westhaven Bay, Costa Del Silencio at 10.30am.

(You Are Advised to Bring a Sunhat and a Bottle of Water)

Church Services with Acts of Remembrance

Anglican Chaplaincy of South Tenerife (with Eucharist)

San Eugenio, Pueblo Canario, Las Americas at 10.15am.

Swedish Church, Los Cristianos at 10.30 am.

Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes at 6.00pm.

San Blas, Golf Del Sur at 6.00pm.

South Tenerife Christian Fellowship

Apollo Centre, Los Cristianos at 10.50am.

Coral Mar Square, Costa Del Silencio at 10.50am.

Anglican Chaplaincy of North Tenerife

All Saints, Puerto De La Cruz at 10.50am.

All Are Welcome

A Once-in-a-century Remembrance Day

11-11-11-11

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, the nation will pause to remember those who have given their lives in fighting for this country.

This year is doubly special: 2011 is The Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary, and also this is a once-in-a-century Remembrance Day.

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 2011 -11-11-11-11 - we will be remembering those who were willing to lay down their lives for their country.

The British Legion is inviting people to be a special part of this unique occasion, by leaving a message to go on a poppy to be planted at Wootton Bassett. That is the town where thousands of people have paid their respects during repatriations in recent years - you may have seen this on TV.

The British Legion explains: “Many people associate Remembrance Day with heroes of D-Day or the Battle of Britain's Spitfire pilots. Some people think of the deeds of the SAS during the Falklands conflict or, of course, Flanders Fields from World War I, carpeted in poppies growing where so many men lost their lives. But in the last few years it's also been about the nation showing its support for the soldiers returning injured and traumatised from current conflicts.” So if you would like to put your name to a poppy, please visit: <https://donations.britishlegion.org.uk/RBLDonation/>

He had a photographic memory but it was never developed

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is traditionally a time when people join together in Church to thank God for a good harvest, be it wheat, vegetables, beef or even herrings from the sea.

The origin of the festival, as we know it today, isn't that distant. If it hadn't been for a Victorian vicar in Cornwall, there probably wouldn't be harvest thanksgivings in any of our churches. The Revd Robert Stephen Hawker, for forty-one years Vicar of Morwenstow on the wild Cornish coast, is said to have initiated the modern Harvest Festival.

However, during the Middle Ages the Church had a harvest festival of its own. It was called Lammas – meaning Loaf Mass. This was held on 1st August, before the harvest had properly started. Each farmer cut one sheaf of corn, and the flour from those sheaves was made into one huge loaf. Everyone went in procession to their village church and the loaf was offered to God as the first results of the coming harvest. Later, when the crops were all safely gathered in, the farmer would throw a big party celebrated with beer and plenty of hullabaloo for all his workmen and their families. But these customs gradually died out and today many people ignore Lammas. Towns were growing bigger and the people who lived there weren't interested in farms or crops. Even in the villages people began to think that the Lammas celebrations weren't very 'proper'.

Robert Hawker was acutely aware of the life-and-death importance of the harvest to his parishioners and he was convinced that the germination of the wheat was inspiring. He liked the old customs and, despite criticism from neighbouring clergy who thought him most peculiar, he held a service in 1843 to which everyone was invited to bring their produce as a way of saying thank you to God. And thereafter he urged his parishioners each year to come to church for harvest festival. And so the idea caught on. Along with the service, the traditional lessons, hymns, and fruity decorations, went a Harvest Supper with an abundant supply of cider and the Vicar singing silly songs to round off the proceedings. No, I'm not going to embarrass myself and you!. People

would come from far and wide and there were many harvest-festival enthusiasts who would do the rounds of country churches during the harvest season.

Even today, in many people's eyes harvest festival ranks as one of the church's most important annual feasts. But how relevant is this historic festival in the 21st century? You only have to go into a Tesco or Sainsbury supermarket to see a wide variety of foods on display – food from every corner of the world. But today few people actually work or live on a farm. Most people live in complete ignorance about what actually goes on in the farms you see all around you. Most people are probably unable to say whether it's been a good harvest this year, or a bad one. Even though you live in a city within a large agricultural area, you read nothing in the local paper to tell you whether our local farmers are happy or not. We think less about God's bounteous hand in producing a good harvest and more about the European Union and its external trade policies. We take for granted the fertile land around us – what the writer of today's first reading called a land "flowing with milk and honey".

So, for many Harvest Festival isn't very meaningful but, I believe the whole point of this occasion isn't that we reflect on our agricultural harvest, but that we re-affirm and re-cultivate that Christian virtue of thankfulness. Through the symbolism of Harvest, we remember to give thanks. The purpose of today's celebration isn't just to wallow in the nostalgia of Robert Hawker's first Harvest Festival. The reason is to pause and say, "Thank you! Thank you for all those good things that have come our way this year." To pause and think; to pause and to thank.

Now, thankfulness is an attitude central to Christian belief. Our first reading from Deuteronomy, is part of Moses' main address to the People of Israel. The occasion is the harvest pilgrimage festival when the worshipper gives thanks for God's generosity – his gift of land which produces food abundantly, a land "flowing with milk and honey". Moses urges the people to be thankful. The great medieval mystic, Meister Eckhardt, once said, "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

It's an easy prayer to memorise. To say, "Thank you", is simple and straight forward. But if the truth be told, it's a prayer we so often forget. As I was preparing this sermon, I thought about this simple prayer of gratitude and I've been wondering if it's enough. Well, on one level I would say, certainly, it is enough, if it comes from the heart. But on another level I would say, it may be enough, but it's hardly sufficient to fulfill the full meaning of what thanksgiving is all about. Thanksgiving is both an attitude and a response, it's both faith and works.

The writer of the Book of James said, "Faith without works is dead." Likewise, thanks without giving is no thanks at all. Moses instructed the people to take some of the "first fruits" of their land, put them in a basket and offer them to the priest. And in our second reading St Paul tells the Philippians that "whatever you have learned from me, put it into practice and the God of Peace will be with you". A verse in the Book of Leviticus notes that the ancient Hebrews were told to leave the remnants of their harvest for the poor and the stranger in their midst. Their harvest festival of Succoth, wasn't complete if the people of Israel gathered their harvest and kept it all for themselves. Gratitude without sharing was no gratitude at all.

And there's also the Jewish idea of a Jubilee - when, every fifty years, land is returned to its rightful owners, debts are remitted and slaves are freed. The people of Israel were told to forgive all financial debts and obligations of service to one another, and to allow every citizen to reclaim their land and property free of all debt. The fundamental principle of this fifty-year code is that land is a sacred possession belonging to God. As such, it's not to be separated from God's people, to whom it was originally assigned. Imagine what such a practice might do to the real estate market or to the banking industry which relies so heavily on credit card debt and mortgage payments. For instance, when Christmas comes the first thing the children ask one another is, "What did you get?" No one ever thinks to ask, "What did you give?"

If you and I can remember that we are celebrating thanks-giving, and not thanks-getting; if we can reclaim the attitude and actions expressed in the ancient Hebrew celebration of Succoth which rejoiced in the

harvest and remembered the needs of the poor and the stranger; if we can recapture the Jubilee sentiment of forgiving one another our accumulated debts, then perhaps, just perhaps, we can honestly say with Meister Eckhardt that a simple prayer of "thank you" honestly expressed in word and in deed, will be enough. In fact, it will be more than enough, abundant and overflowing with grace and love made manifest. And so let's thank God today and every day, for life, thank God for food, family and friends, thank God for the opportunities of living in a rich land flowing with milk and honey, and thank God for being able to express our gratitude in acts of love, sharing and giving. Amen.

Sermon preached by Fr Keith Gordon at Harvest Festival, October 2011



**St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy
of Tenerife South**

Christmas Bazaar

Los Gigantes Plaza

Saturday 26th November 2011

Opens at 10.30 am

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Bric-a-Brac, Cards, Produce, Tombola,
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**In aid of good causes and much needed
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The Way I See It – Remembering the War

Those of us who can remember the Second World War are now a shrinking minority. Anyone who actually fought in it would now have to be in their mid-eighties. Of course, that makes ‘remembrance’ on a public scale difficult. The youth organisations line up at the war memorial each year, but with the best will in the world the exhortation ‘we will remember them’ is asking a lot of boys and girls whose grandparents were probably not born until years after the war ended.

So perhaps those of us who *can* remember, however distantly, what that war was like have some kind of duty to share those memories. In my case, the most vivid is leaving London on a bright morning in early September 1939 in a red double-decker bus and heading for an unknown address in rural England. In the case of my brother and me it was a village in Essex, right in the path of an invading army from the Continent. By Christmas that year my parents had decided that there were safer places for us to be, and we spent the rest of the war – blissfully, I’m ashamed to say – in the mid-Wales hills with my Welsh grandparents. We played in the fields, learnt to speak Welsh, made lifelong friendships – and were almost entirely sheltered from the reality of war-time life in London and the other great cities of our land.

Mind you, the nightly news broadcast on the wet battery wireless was a reminder that our parents were much less fortunate. Like millions of others, they endured the blackout, the shortages of food, the terrors of the blitz with nightly air raids and the anxiety of my older brother eventually being ‘called up’ and landing on the Normandy beaches under enemy gunfire. The bombs missed the family home - on one occasion only just – but the trauma inevitably took its toll.

At the end of the war there were the usual speeches promising that the sacrifices made should not be in vain – we would ensure that nothing like this would ever happen again. But it did, and has – over and over again. Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan – the roll-call seems endless; evidence, if we needed it, of the strange addiction of human beings to violence, conflict and war. It is one thing to remember – and a duty, in view of the sacrifices of so many. But it is no good remembering and then forgetting.

War, says the New Testament, flows from ordinary human sins – greed, envy, bad choices (see James 4:1-4). To expunge from our race the hideous horrors of war and armed conflict would mean eliminating each of these manifestations of our fallen nature. Difficult? Impossible, it seems, without help from beyond ourselves. Prayer, commitment, repentance, example - even a private peaceful life-style – are steps towards that goal: small things, some would think, but history has been changed by less.

Signs & Symbols: Paying Attention

Ever tried to talk to someone and had the feeling they weren't really listening or taking much notice? What was it about their behaviour that made you think that? Or, put it the other way, what tells you that people are listening and paying attention? Well, it's the same in church. No, it's just not those who chatter or nod off! It's much more subtle than that.

Sometimes in a church service you see people moving their position and turning to face a different way. Now, of course, it could be that something has caught their eye, but if they regularly do the same thing at the same place in the service then the chances are it is intentional.

There was once a curate who always took one step to the side during the Eucharistic prayer (the prayer of consecration at Holy Communion). Why? Simply because the old priest who had trained him always did that. So why did the priest always sidestep during that prayer? Well, during World War II the priest had been saved from being hit by a shell when he stepped to the side to pick up the service prayer sheet that had been blown there by a gust of wind at that precise moment. So the action of remembrance and thankfulness made perfect sense for him, but completely inappropriate for the curate!

In some churches the Gospel Book is carried into the centre of the Church, and this movement teaches us that it is our responsibility to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ into all the world. We turn to face the Gospel, (not the cross if that is being carried) wherever it is read from, to indicate that we are paying attention to the words of and about Jesus.

Doctor Doctor...

"Doctor, I'd like you to evaluate my 13 year-old son."

"OK: He's suffering from a transient psychosis with an intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic radical mood swings, but his prognosis is good for full recovery."

"How can you say all that without even meeting him?"

"I thought you said he's 13?"

Advice from the Consul

Acceptance of the EHIC

As we have highlighted previously, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is designed to cover a person for necessary treatment in a public hospital whilst they are on a temporary stay in another country.

Unfortunately, there have been cases in Spain in which a customer has been asked to pay a deposit and/or sign a payment agreement at a public hospital despite producing a valid EHIC. In these cases the hospital wished to charge the cost of treatment back to the customer's travel insurance, rather than accepting the EHIC.

While taking out travel insurance is important, private medical insurance should not take precedence over the EHIC, providing the card is valid and being used in the correct way. If you, or someone you know, has had their EHIC refused at a public Spanish hospital, it may be possible to apply for a refund of any costs incurred via the Overseas Healthcare Team who can be contacted on 0044 191 218 1999.

Educating the Young

A self-important university student was sitting on a bench and took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen, resting on the same bench, why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers that work at the speed of light and many other things."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them. Now you arrogant little boy what are you doing for the next generation?"

The applause was amazing!

Do You Feel the Need to Answer the Phone In the Toilet?

If you do, you may be suffering from 'immediate response syndrome'. You won't find it on Google as I invented it to help a businessman understand why he felt it would be impossible for him to put his phone away while I was teaching.

'Immediate response syndrome' may resonate with you if you feel you could not be parted from your phone, email, or text messaging device for more than a few minutes, let alone hours.

It is the new worldwide phenomenon and has been brought about by the natural tendency to want to respond to a request, in whatever format, as it arrives. The extreme of this can be witnessed when you hear someone answering the phone whilst they are in the toilet. It's a good thing they are not automatically switched to video phone!

Tests show that if you answer your phone, text message or email as soon as you see that tempting icon that says that 'You've Got Mail', then you are saying to the person who sent it that you are always available, and that they can leave it till the last minute to do so. Hence all your communication will be urgent – no wonder you are worried that you may not be there to respond immediately! In fact, you could be leaving the other person vulnerable if this happened to be the time that you could not answer their urgent request immediately.

But do we want all our communication to be urgent? The truth is that none of us ever wanted this to happen, it just crept up on us.

The cure is to allow the phone to go to answer-phone, (in the short term you can check the answer phone immediately to see if it's truly urgent and if not do not respond immediately). Don't answer text messages for at least half an hour unless it is absolutely vital; in time they will get less. Do your emails in batches so there are natural time breaks before they get a response. In the short term you can scan them for the really urgent and only deal with those.

If you start building the gaps into your communication cycle then those who want to contact you will realise that they must get in touch with you sooner, which in turn gives you longer to answer them, and takes the stress out of the situation.

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Hospital Chart Bloomers

Don't be alarmed, but these are actual writings from hospital charts...

- The patient refused autopsy.
- The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
- Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- The skin was moist and dry.
- Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.
- Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

Praying for a brother

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his dad suggested he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly, night after night, but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. After a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask anymore.

Some months later, his dad said they were going to see Mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. "Well, what do you think about having twin brothers?" his dad asked.

The little boy thought for a moment and replied, "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

Letter from St James the Least of All

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

There are more frightening things than bishops out there....

The Rectory St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds; it gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying you had just seen what the archdeacon had done, and then watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten foot high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multi coloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he will assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded half way down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; dangers lurk a lot nearer home.
Your loving uncle,

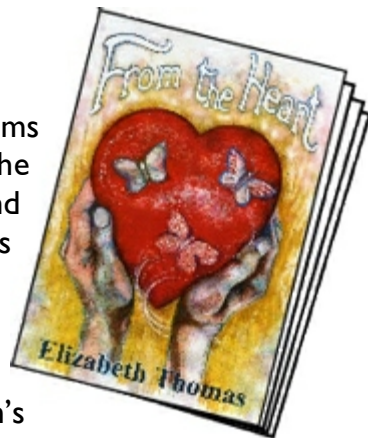
Eustace

From the Heart

'From the Heart' is a book of poems written by Elizabeth Thomas, the Chaplaincy's own poet Laureate and is now on sale at all the Chaplaincy's church bookstalls.

If you have bought previous copies of our magazine then you have already seen some of Elizabeth's work.

Now you can have your own copy of part of her collective works for just 5€. It would make a splendid Christmas present.



Remember Them

On Flanders field where men lay dead
Fields that flowed with blood so red
To the front line, men marched away.
In hope their families wait, and pray.
In trenches filled with mud and rain
Young men died in fear and pain.

*And their grieving wives and mothers cried
When their fallen loved ones bled and died.*

The sirens wail, the doodle bugs hum,
Families pray “thy will be done”
Death strikes in the air, on land and sea
From this bloody war Lord set us free
There was valiant Dunkirk and historic D day,
So many lives lost along the way.

*And their grieving wives and mothers cried
When their fallen loved ones bled and died.*

A hearse moves slowly through Wootton Bassett.

A soldier returns, laid in a casket.
His family pray, their lives devastated
Another young man is re-patriated.
Land mines, terrorists, the suicide bomb,
Still we dance to war’s death song.

*And their grieving wives and mothers cry
As their fallen loved ones bleed and die.*

From trenches, blitz, to theatre of war
We remember those who have gone before.
We pray today that all war will cease,
Then united families can live in peace.
On Flanders field where men lay dead
Now blooms with flowers, poppies red.

*Let no more wives and mothers cry
Lord, let their loved ones live not die.*

**Remember them
Buy a poppy.**

Elizabeth Thomas

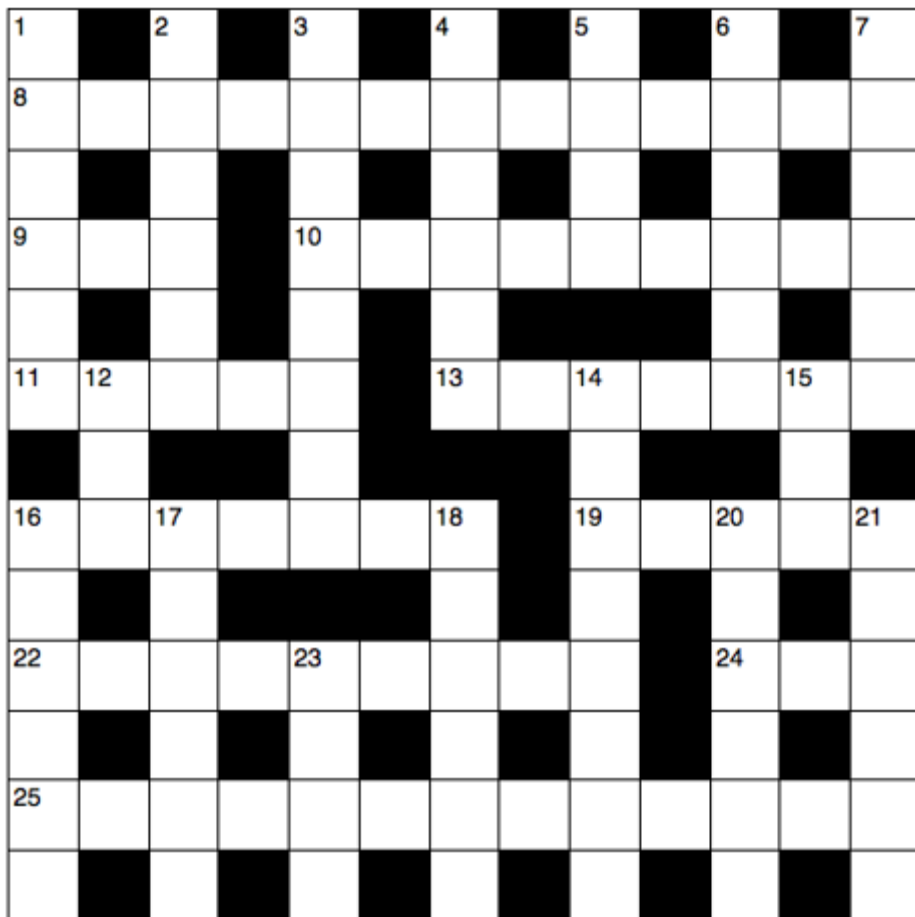
Sudoku

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Solution on page 30

Crossword



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

Solution on page 30

Clues

Across

- 8 'Thanks be to God for his — gift' (2 Corinthians 9:15) (13)
- 9 The number of spies Joshua sent secretly to Jericho (Joshua 2:1) (3)
- 10 'The Lord detests — — , but he delights in men who are truthful' (Proverbs 12:22) (5,4)
- 11 Boredom (5)
- 13 ' — love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (7)
- 16 'How long must I — with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?' (Psalm 13:2) (7)
- 19 'He is the — of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation' (Colossians 1:15) (5)
- 22 Minimalist male clothing (Job 12:18) (9)
- 24 Drain (Lamentations 2:12) (3)
- 25 On purpose (Exodus 21:13) (13)
- 5 'He rolled — — stone in front of the entrance to the tomb' (Matthew 27:60) (1,3)
- 6 Is boot (anag.) (6)
- 7 Thurible (Leviticus 16:12) (6)
- 12 'Neither death — life... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:38–39) (3)
- 14 Festival (January 6) marking the coming of the magi to the infant Christ (8)
- 15 'Which of you fathers, if your son... asks for an — , will give him a scorpion?' (Luke 11:11–12) (3)
- 16 Archaic word for 'heavens' or 'sky' used by Charles Wesley in the original version of 'Hark! the herald angels sing': 'Hark! how all the — rings' (6)
- 17 How the writer to the Hebrews described God: 'for whom and through whom everything — ' (Hebrews 2:10) (6)

Down

- 1 'Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of — faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"' (Matthew 14:31) (6)
- 2 Abut (6)
- 3 For example, David (8)
- 4 'But Mary stood outside the tomb — ' (John 20:11) (6)
- 18 'I plead with — and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord' (Philippians 4:2) (6)
- 20 Ancient (Isaiah 58:12) (3-3)
- 21 By Rome (anag.) (6)
- 23 Where Nathanael came from (John 21:2) (4)

DOT SCHOFIELD
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Your place or mine

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I am currently seeking employment as a carer/home help in Tenerife South. I nurse at an auxiliary level and am more than capable with associated domestic duties. I also enjoy decorating, gardening, needlework and cookery. I am also a qualified hairdresser.

I have been a carer in Tenerife for the past 18 years for both ladies and gentlemen. I am 52 years of age and a car owner. If you are interested please 'phone Dot on 669335996. Live in or out, references available.

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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Essential to know... For emergencies, phone 112...

For nuisance problems phone 902 102 112. There will be English interpreters who will advise and help you.

British Consulate (new telephone number)

Consularline is the first point of contact for our customers who call the Tenerife British Consulate by telephone and will provides a consistent service, answering enquiries or putting customers in touch with the department who will best be able to deal with their query.

The number for local calls is

- **902 109 356**
- **+34 91 334 2194** (alternative number)

The Contact Centre opening hours for Tenerife are 08:00 to 16:00hrs Monday to Friday. Please note that the British Consulate in Tenerife will maintain the same opening hours to the public - 08:30 - 13:30 Monday - Friday.

Out of office hours customers should call the above numbers and they will be given details of the 24hr emergency response centre which is based in the UK.

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TIMES OF SERVICES



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 (From October to April)

San Blas	Sunday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung By Extension
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Los Cristianos (*Second and Fourth Sundays September to December*)

Swedish Church	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist, with Hymns
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Callao Salvaje

Jesus Christ, Redeemer	Thursday	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Sung
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(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 Chaplaincy Wardens for information.

Should you wish to talk to the chaplain privately, please do not hesitate to contact Father Keith Gordon on 922 74 20 45.