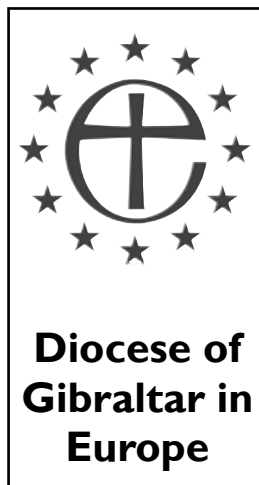


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From the Editor

There is a saying that one swallow doesn't make a summer. The Tenerife swallow, however, turns this saying on its head. Perhaps here in Tenerife we should say that one swallow doesn't mean that summer weather is over. Let me explain for the uninitiated – in Tenerife we refer to the Brits who spend a large proportion of the winter here in Tenerife as Swallows, migrating to warmer climes as they do. Well I for one am back and have done my best not to bring any UK weather back with me.

If you are a Swallow waiting to return, or a holiday maker intending to come out for a well earned break, we look forward to meeting up with you again. Be sure a warm welcome awaits you.

Those of you who have attended Sunday services at San Eugenio will know that in the winter Elizabeth Thomas and I regularly serve at the altar together. Over the period that we have been doing this we have developed a kind of telepathy, each of us knowing what the other is thinking and acting accordingly which is what makes us a good team.

Over the summer, while I was back in the UK, this telepathic relationship has taken a new turn; we have both broken our wrists. Spooky.

November may seem a long way away but organisation of the Christmas Bazaar is well underway. Please put the date in your diary. (see page 14.)

The Editor

**Deadline for November
contributions
13th October**

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Summer is in full swing and what a hot one!

Even though numbers are down this time of year there's still the same amount of preparation and getting ready for the return of the swallows.

It's seemed strange to watch the news on the BBC and see the unrest in Britain. I haven't lived in the UK for about 25 years, so maybe my memory is tainted by rose tinted glasses, but I found it hard to believe that these disgusting events were happening in that 'green & pleasant land'. What happened to turn those young boys and teenagers into thugs and vandals?

For me it all started many years ago, in 1994 with the legalisation of Sunday Trading.

This was the beginning of the end for Sunday as a family day when two or three generations would sit down at a table together to eat and to talk and to LEARN the difference between right and wrong. Even Dad had to be there, as the pubs closed at 2pm! "The family that eats together, stays together".

Nowadays, everyone does their own thing – and look where we are!

What's the answer to a broken society – I'm not sure but I don't think prison is the answer.

We, as Christians are called to daily prayer, not just for our own needs and the needs of our families and friends but for those, unknown to us, except by TV images and for their families, that out of all this needless violence may come the spark of a new and better society.

Let us pray:

Almighty God and Lord of life,
we pray for the peace and flourishing of our city.
Protect the weak and vulnerable,
comfort all who have lost homes and businesses,
protect and guide the emergency services;
and all for your name's sake. Amen

(St. Paul's Cathedral, London)

May God Bless you and those you love .

Your Chaplain and friend,

Fr. Keith



Diary for September

1 st	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
2 nd	Fri			
3 rd	Sat		St Gregory the Great	
4th	Sunday		11th Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
			Chaplaincy Lunch	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
5 th	Mon			
6 th	Tues			
7 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
8 th	Thur		Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
8 th	Fri			
10 th	Sat			
11th	Sunday		12th Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
12 th	Mon			
13 th	Tues			
14 th	Wed		Holy Cross Day	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
15 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
16 th	Fri		Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	
17 th	Sat			
18th	Sunday		13th Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
19 th	Mon			
20 th	Tues			
21 st	Wed		Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio

22 nd	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
23 rd	Fri			
24 th	Sat		Our Lady of Walsingham	
25 th	Sunday		14th Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
26 th	Mon			
27 th	Tues		St Vincent de Paul	
28 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
29 th	Thur		Michael and All Angels (Michaelmass)	
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
30 th	Fri		St Jerome	

October

1 st	Sat		St Teresa of the Child Jesus (The little Flower)	
2 nd	Sunday		Patronal Festival (15th Sunday after Trinity)	
		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
3 rd	Mon			
4 th	Tues		St Francis of Assisi, Our Patron	
5 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
6 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
7 th	Fri			
8 th	Sat			
9 th	Sunday		16th Sunday after Trinity	
		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
10 th	Mon			

11 th	Tues	10.00 am	Guild of St Clare	– Caroline Homer's
12 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
13 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung (Harvest) Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo – Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung (Harvest)	– Jesu Cristo
14 th	Fri			
15 th	Sat		St Teresa of Avila	
16th	Sunday		17th Sunday after Trinity	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung (Harvest)	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by extension (Harvest Festival)	– San Blas
17 th	Mon		St Ignatius of Antioch	
18 th	Tues		St Luke the Evangelist	
19 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
20 th	Thur		St Jerome	
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
21 st	Fri			
22 nd	Sat			
23rd	Sunday		Last Sunday after Trinity	
		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
24 th	Mon			
25 th	Tues			
26 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
27 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Jesu Cristo
28 th	Fri		Simon and Jude, Apostles	
29 th	Sat			
30th	Sunday		All Saints Sunday (4 th Sunday before Advent)	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by extension	– San Blas



Intercessions

The Power of Prayer

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin – Bronwen Battye – John Bosley
Barbara & Michael Browback – Robert Brumpton – Keith Burke
Angela Callaghan – Louise Carter – Joan Caselton – Teresa Cavallaro
Kath Challinor – Lydia Cook – Corina Cormack – Jeanette Dick
Ann Dobson – Nicki Duval – Revd. Jeff Engel – Freda & Karen Fanovard
Victoria Ford – Patrick Gardiner – Clive Francis – Gordon & Pearl French
David & Betty Gledhill – Liz Govan – Julia Henderson – Howarth Higgs
Ian Hubbard – Fr. Philip Lamb – Betty Lee-Westworth – Vicky Lever
Mary Mansell – Parveen & Carl Mardel – Bill Nash – Aron Neill
Hazel Noble – Pastor Roland – Rachel Plummer – Jill Pratt
Carole Richardson – Daved Richman – Harvey Roe – Samuel
Joe Slater – Ewen Smith – Amanda Stead – Revd Robert Sterman
Susan Stratton – Hilda Thomas – Rose Tomlinson – John & Anne Vaughn
Vance – Paul White – Harry Wilkinson

Recently Departed

Bryn Williams

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

September

10th David Chatfield
11th Arthur Furmston
17th Elizabeth Basnett
18th Teresa Murphy
23rd Greta Grove

October

1st Frank Turner
4th Emmett Owen
4th Kath Beauchamp
15th George Kelly

16th Howard Shapland
19th Cornelia Walsh
21st Bella Finegan
21st Arthur Cartwright
21st Joaquim Jose Alves Da Silva
23rd George Horsey
27th John Willis
28th Jeremiah O'Connor
29th Violet Kelly
30th Donald Wainwright

The Banquet (Mathew 22 v 1-14)

Much of the business of the human race has been conducted over the dinner table. There are several reasons for that. One of them is convenience: In the harried pace of life – mealtime became a convenient time to communicate and generally to keep in touch. In fact, many families only see each other when they're eating and, at that, often only at certain meals in the day or week.

Also, mealtimes tend to be good times although admittedly, some of the worst confrontations have also come at mealtimes, but we can filter out the bad memories without too much difficulty.

Perhaps most of all, mealtimes are special times because they are the times when people gather who have things in common. None of us will ordinarily sit down to eat with those we don't know and care about.

Jesus gave us a profound symbol of the future when instituting the sacrament of his Table with us. When we come to the Sacrament of the Altar, we are really participating - in anticipation of the future - in the great celebrative banquet God's people will share when they are gathered into his family in the world to come.

The parable today, about a great wedding banquet, could also be understood in that way. God calls all humanity to share his meal. Our answers to the invitation indicate whether we intend to be there or not when this life is over.

While those looks into eternity are quite legitimate and indicate one proper understanding of the parable and the Sacrament, let us not "push into the future" so completely with this parable that it's no meaning for - or impact on - our present.

We do well to think of God's great invitation as an invitation to his training table.

God has a training table to which he calls all who would participate in his exciting mission of declaring healing, wholeness, and hope to a resistant, fearful, dying world.

Think of the Sacrament of the Altar as God's training table when you step up to it later. You're saying, "Lord, I want to get in shape to do your will, however you may call me to it and whatever sacrifice it calls me to. Give me a ready mind and body to serve with resilience, strength and courage."

God will take any volunteer who is prepared to count the cost. But, should we say "yes" to his invitation and come to his training table, he will not be satisfied until the regimen he has in mind for us reshapes us for effective service.

God calls all sorts of people to his training table, but he wants an elite corps and that's what those who stick with him become.

Candidates for such extraordinary service offer, the gifts they bring when they come to the Altar. In the parable, the first ones called to service had one thing in common: they had "chosenness" within them. The parable wants us to see that God first called Israel - those who knew the plans and promises of God.

But, is a modern parable as well. Today the "chosenness" God looks for dwells in people who have had a history and a heritage of life within the faith community. The Lord can "whip somebody into shape" as a member of his elite corps through extraordinary measures. But how much more sensible to start with those who have a grounding in the fundamentals.

They are prime candidates for service on God's elite corps.

There's a darker side to this great invitation. Not all those God calls to serve, accept. The history of the church is a long trail of opportunities squandered or neglected. Within the Christian family enormous energies are invested in nurture. Education, preaching, counselling, mutual ministry, encouragement have been shared with uncounted thousands upon thousands who chose not to act upon it.

But, in the long run, you - the one who quit – become the loser. All the satisfaction which the members of the team drew from the common task is lost to you. The satisfaction they enjoy and the success and, at

the last, the celebration are surrendered when you cast off your partnership with them.

God knew those were the risks when he first called the team together. It is ongoing, as the days and years go by. But God has a strategy that works.

We've all been to a sports event at which one of the coaches, for some reason or another, decided to replace key players with the reserves. Something happens to those green, untested players who have warmed the bench forever and forever. Suddenly they seem to gell and come together. Against everybody's expectations they begin to move, to execute smooth plays, to score. Out of admiration and sympathy, the crowd comes to life in support of their performance.

Many a game has been won by the second team. That's God's style. He calls the seasoned, nurtured, well-prepared candidates and, failing to win them for his training table and his team God calls the reserves in and He toughens them into first team players.

That's one of the results of calling up the reserves. While they are an unseasoned bunch, there's a satisfying sort of freshness and openness about someone called up to the team who might not otherwise have had the opportunity. Such people sometimes put forth energy the first teamers find it hard to understand or duplicate.

It's in that context that we can best understand the second half of the parable in this week's text. The "regulars," having turned down the invitation to the banquet, the divine coach sends another call, this time to all the reserves: the cast-offs, the neglected and the unwashed.

There's incredible potential in such individuals. God can make use of the reserves if necessary. Some of his best work is done by people who were once on the outside looking in. Come to think of it, in important ways we all were "reserves" once. Until God grasped us and said "Yes!" to us, we were on the outside looking in. Until we were baptized, we were yet-to-be-adopted candidates for God's embrace.

The danger all of us face as we hear the call to service on the healing team God sends into the world is that we squander the invitation by

putting off the sender of the opportunity. Even some of those who once were on the first team have a way of taking their place in the first team for granted. They begin cutting practice and not showing up at the training table.

But it needn't be so.

The need for an elite corps for the Lord goes on. It will continue as long as there are people on this planet. God will continue to recruit candidates for his team. The resources will still be offered, the opportunities still laid out, the training table still provided.

The call is out. We have an invitation. If we answer it with an acceptance, we take risks which we cannot imagine. But it's worth all the risk.

Should we refuse, God can survive and so can his endeavour to reach hurting people on our planet. But our own survival will be very much in question.

Celebrate the invitation as it comes to you. Rejoice that you were deemed worth calling to the table.

Come. Be strengthened in the fellowship to lend your skills and gifts in the service of the Great King. When you hear him say "Come! Join the training table."

Let your answer be, "Of course I'll be there!"

Sermon preached by Fr Keith Gordon at Los Gigantes, 18th August 2011

Ordination to the Priesthood of Elise Harding

Saturday 2nd July 2011

The first Saturday in July was a day to remember. It was a lovely day – warm and sunny - and a *great* day liturgically! Salisbury Cathedral was packed with family, friends, and parish supporters of the candidates, as Elise, along with 18 others, was Ordained a priest by Graham Kings, Bishop of Sherborne.

After three years of training and then a further one as a Deacon, needless to say I found the whole experience very moving. My first pang of emotion came when the entry procession with all the ‘soon to be Priests’, came down the south aisle. What a glorious sight! Then the service. The Declarations were made and the people’s assent was given and the Bishop began the Ordination Prayer. There were great moments. While the people prayed all the Ordinands lay face down around the altar. They then stood for ‘the laying on of hands’ and soon it was Elise’s turn. The Bishop, many of her clergy friends and colleagues and I gathered round, laid hands on her and prayed for her to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Then, the ‘crowning’ moment – newly ordained, like the kings and priests of ancient Israel and like Jesus at the start of his ministry she knelt before the Bishop and was anointed for her task.



The emotional moments were not over yet as all the new priests went to the vestry and processed back wearing beautiful red and gold coloured chasubles! They lined up in front of the altar, each holding bread to join with the Bishop for the first time in the Eucharistic prayer. Then they went to stations throughout the cathedral, ready to administer the sacrament to their own family, friends and parishioners. They were flanked by the diocesan senior

clergy who administered the chalice alongside them. A really truly memorable service

The final procession went out of the great west door and it was time for photographs, of which there were many. And of course a great mingling of family and friends with the new priests. Elise was surrounded by family, fellow clergy, and many dear friends – six even from our Tenerife congregation, as well as Wimborne Minster parishioners. Eventually we moved on to a nearby restaurant for a meal and as you can imagine, much talk. It was wonderful.

The next day, Sunday, I preached and Elise, again fully attired in a chasuble, presided over her first Eucharistic service at the High Altar in the Minster. There were many more congratulations from the congregation and more emotional moments for me! Following the service we had a shared party lunch on the Minster Green, appropriately accompanied by Canarian Sangria.

What a weekend it was! It was full of ‘wow’ moments, lovely memories and many blessings.



“God is good all the time: all the time God is good”

Michael Harding

**St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy
of Tenerife South**

Christmas Bazaar

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Saturday 26th November 2011

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Alan Charlesworth

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Advice from The British Consular

Organising Oxygen Therapy

Every year Spain welcomes millions of British tourists who come in search of the sun and a relaxing break away.

And every year the Pension, Benefit and Healthcare Team (PBHT) receive a number of queries from visitors who want to organise oxygen therapy while they are on holiday using their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

We have put together a guide of the steps customers should follow in order to organise oxygen in this way and this is now available on our website www.ukinspain.fco.gov.uk. It is important to remember that a person must apply for oxygen therapy in writing to the Spanish authorities before coming on holiday.

So if you have family or friends visiting this year, who need oxygen whilst in Spain, make sure they know where to get the information they need.

Persuade Guests to Take Out Travel Insurance

Overstaying their welcome? Drinking all your beer? Not paying for meals? Hosting friends and family from overseas can always cause stress, but potentially more serious and costly problems are avoidable – if residents remind guests to make simple travel preparations.

Many holiday makers look to save money by not taking out insurance. However, a lack of comprehensive travel insurance cover is a false economy and guests could face serious financial difficulty if they need medical treatment or lose valuable possessions.

Maria Leng, British Consul in the Canary Islands said: “When friends or family visit, it’s natural for them to feel at ease and not prepare in the same way as they would for other holidays.

But things can quickly become very stressful if your guests end up in a tricky situation and lack travel insurance. So if you’re asking guests to bring out your favourite teabags or newspaper, ask them to get travel insurance as well, and save yourself and them from what can otherwise be difficult and expensive situations.”

Chaplaincy of Tenerife South

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The Way I See It

As the Duke of Edinburgh turns 90....

This summer the Duke of Edinburgh reached his ninetieth birthday. Those of us who can remember the tall, fair-headed naval officer who married Princess Elizabeth in 1947 have become used to his figure walking just behind the Queen on royal occasions over the last 64 years, often raising a laugh as he follows her along a line of well-wishers with a few well-chosen (or occasionally not quite so well chosen) remarks. His has been a remarkable life and his continuing energy and individuality as the Prince Consort have been remarkable. It's hard to believe that he is ninety.

Yet the truth is, we are becoming increasingly aware that more and more people around us are reaching that once rare milestone. I remember being taken as a child to see a great-aunt who had just had her ninetieth birthday. We were ushered into the room to be confronted with a frail figure, mouth open, pale eyes almost invisible - a kind of living wax-work. Today among our friends, neighbours and fellow church members there will probably be many ninety year olds - and even centurions- who are far from being wax-works. People may not yet match Methuselah in the Bible, who (it is claimed) reached 969 years, but we are on average living longer, and that prolonged life more often retains a degree of good health and activity.

Yet we live in a world which worships youth! The reason the Bible lists all those legendary men of old in Genesis (chapter 5) is that old age was seen as the mark of wisdom, something to be valued and revered. The leaders of Israel, and the leaders of the early churches, were called 'elders', because it was inconceivable that younger men could do it. None of that 'too old at fifty' in those days!

It's an observable fact that congregations in our churches are, on the whole, well above the national average age. That probably doesn't matter too much, so long as they are constantly fed with the rising age-groups. As one shrewd observer commented to me, 'It's quite natural to mug up for finals!' St Paul told Timothy not to let the people among whom

he ministered ‘despise his youth’ (he was well over thirty at the time). We now need the balancing advice. Let no one despise the elderly! We’re not just hanging around. Like Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we’ll faithfully do our bit until we topple off the perch.

David Winter

The well known writer and broadcaster

The Secret of a Long Life

People with lots of friends and some loving family members live longer than those who are solitary. In fact, being a hermit can be as unhealthy for you as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, being an alcoholic or doing no exercise. Even being obese is only half as likely to kill you as solitude, over any given period. A study of human interaction and health over seven years at Brigham Young University in London found that “When someone is connected to a group, and feels responsibility for other people, that sense of purpose and meaning translates into taking better care of themselves.”

Meanwhile, another study has found that friendly physical contact, such as squeezing someone’s hand, can have enormous health benefits on the elderly. Yet a poll of 3,000 people for Abbeyfield, a charity for older people, found that more than one in four said they had never held the hand of even a grandparent.

Music appreciation

The music critic enthused: “Here is Tchaikovsky at his best.
Music so beautiful it has to be heard to be appreciated.”

A lot of music is like that.

Drama

“Did the play have an unhappy ending?”
“Oh no – everyone was glad when it was over!”

Miscellaneous quotations on life

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you. *Carl Gustav Jung*

If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room. *Anita Koddick*

If you want to forget all your other troubles, wear too tight shoes.

Millions long for immortality who don't know what to do on a rainy Sunday afternoon. *Susan Ertz*

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind. *Dr. Seuss*

The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well.
Foe Ancis

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster too. *Lionel Kauffman*

Never feel remorse for what you have thought about your wife; she has thought much worse things about you. *Jean Rostand,*

Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again. *F. P. Jones*

Your choice

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

Why Bother With Church!

“Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122.2

What’s your (or your friends’) reason for not going to church?

Before you answer, read Ten Reasons Why I Never wash!

1. I was forced to wash as a child.
2. People who wash are all hypocrites; they think they are cleaner than everyone else.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap; I just can’t decide which one is best for me.
4. I used to wash, but I got bored and stopped doing it.
5. I only want to wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I’ll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
8. I don’t have time to wash.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough in winter or cool enough in summer.
10. The people who make soap are only after your money!

Sound familiar?

Watchman Nee, who went to prison for going to church in China says, “Alone I cannot serve the Lord effectively, and he will spare no pains to teach me this. He will bring things to an end, allowing doors to close and leaving me effectively knocking my head against a wall until I realise that I need the help of the body, as well as of the Lord.”

We need church; you’ll find a spiritual family to belong to, a faith to live by, be a part of the body of Christ and a focus that gets your eyes where they should be: on Jesus!

Quotations with a Christian theme

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

Because of God's grace, failure is never final.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

We never do anything so secretly but that it is in the presence of two witnesses: God and our own conscience.

It is only with gratitude towards God that life becomes rich.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Christ promises to save his people from their sins, not in their sins.

C H Spurgeon

Hope is the foundation of patience. *John Calvin*

I believe every Christian man has a choice between being humble and being humbled. *C H Spurgeon*

We play the game; God keeps the score. *Erwin W Lutzer*

Why British men like wearing socks with their sandals

It is not a pretty sight, but at least there may be an historic explanation as to why British men have a liking to wear socks with their sandals in the summer. It seems the idea could be 'one of the things the Romans did for us.' Seriously.

Archaeologists on a dig in Yorkshire recently uncovered a rusty nail from a Roman sandal which had impressions from fibres that suggest that a sock-type garment was being worn by the Roman invaders. The idea of Ben Hur in socks boggles the mind, but – you never know.

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 taking a wedding

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

As with so many of your ideas, your intentions are admirable; it is just that they never work.

So it was with the recent wedding in your church, where you allowed the happy but quite mad young couple to try and imitate the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. It did not seem to occur to anybody that your church, converted from a 1960s warehouse, is fractionally less impressive than Westminster Abbey. Also, sadly, a backdrop of a car park and canal make a poor substitute for the Houses of Parliament and the Thames. Finally, even 43 very enthusiastic young people can hardly pretend they are a congregation of several thousand.

I applaud your decision to invite me to take it, in order to impart a degree of gravitas to the proceedings; though of course I would not presume to upstage the Archbishop of Canterbury. (Although were he to ask my advice on how to run the Anglican Church, I have several helpful suggestions to hand.) But even I struggled to keep things on what I feel is a proper course, when the bride, lacking a horse-drawn carriage, simply walked up the lane, leading her ancient pony. (For one thing, the pony tried to bite me at the church door!)

Her arrival was greeted with music. I will pass no comment on this, as when the Bible says we are to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, it

does not specify that it has to be a harmonious noise. I am sure that drums and kazoos and guitars all have their place – somewhere or other.

It was a pity that the groom, unlike Prince William, had not thought to get to the church on time – or indeed, at all. It was fortunate that the bride’s mother found him in that pub nearby, or really, we could not have completed the wedding. I wonder why the groom saw fit to display the word “help” on the soles of his shoes when he knelt at the altar.

If I may give one final word of advice: a row of trees in a massive, ancient building looks fine; a line of plastic Christmas trees, even with lights, simply does not give the same effect.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



First Anniversary

This is the first anniversary
a year now we've been apart
though you died our love lives on
as I hold it in my heart.

I know that you watch over me
from your heavenly home above
for each and every passing day
I still feel your love

Early in the morning
when the grass is damp with dew
I awake to thoughts so full of love
a love that's sent from you

When the storm clouds roll on by
and the sky is full of rain
from the end of the rainbow
I hear you call my name

When summer days are glorious
and the sun is hot and high
your love is shining down on me
through the clear blue sky

When nights are cold and frosty
the bright stars twinkle above
you are winking down on me
I wink back to you with love

One day my earthly life will end
once more I'll be your wife
re-united in god's love
we'll share eternal life

I just want you to know
I feel your love
through time and space
and I still love you so.

Elizabeth Thomas

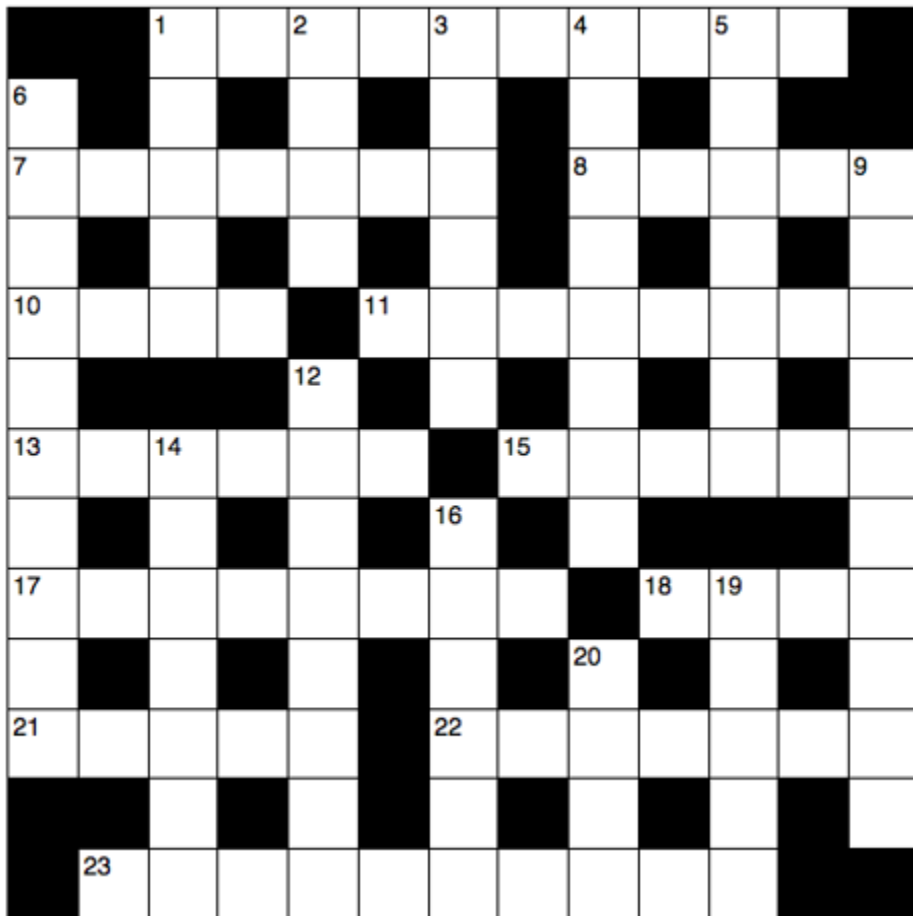
Sudoku

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Crossword



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

Solution on page 30

Clues

Across

- 1 'You are no longer – and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people' (Ephesians 2:19) (10)
- 7 'Religion that God our Father — as pure and faultless is this' (James 1:27) (7)
- 8 'Do you want a — ? Signal then to Jesus' (5)
- 10 Throw (Exodus 9:8) (4)
- 11 We rank it (anag.) (8)
- 13 Encourage (Isaiah 59:13) (6)
- 15 'Then Jesus — from Galilee — the Jordan to be baptized by John' (Matthew 3:13) (4,2)
- 17 Coming to rest (Matthew 3:16) (8)
- 18 Provisional decree in divorce proceedings (4)
- 21 Long earnestly (Psalm 84:2) (5)
- 22 'Put these old rags and — clothes under your arms to pad the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (4-3)
- 23 'He defends the cause of the — and the widow, and loves the alien' (Deuteronomy 10:18) (10)

Down

- 1 Self-evident truths (Acts 19:36) (5)
- 2 'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are — for harvest' (John 4:35) (4)
- 3 'Your great learning is driving you — ' (Acts 26:24) (6)
- 4 'Spring of water' on the borders of Judah and Benjamin (Joshua 15:9) (8)
- 5 Rile Eve (anag.) (7)
- 6 'Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you — and with wholehearted devotion' (Isaiah 38:3) (10)
- 9 Paul was mistakenly suspected of leading 4000 of these into the desert (Acts 21:38) (10)
- 12 Relationship of an omer to an ephah (Exodus 16:36) (3,5)
- 14 Galilean home town of Mary, 'from whom seven demons had come out' (Luke 8:2) (7)
- 16 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not — ' (Luke 22:67–68) (6)
- 19 Fetters (Mark 5:4) (5)
- 20 'No good — bears bad fruit' (Luke 6:43) (4)

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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.

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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

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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 (*restarts in September*)

Jesus Christ, Redentor	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.