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From the Editor

They tell me the pace of life is much slower here in Tenerife but it is hard to believe when involved with the Chaplaincy of Tenerife South.

This month will be taken up with preparations for the Chaplaincy AGM (see page 3 for details) this involves preparation of accounts, collecting together and typing reports etc.

Then we have the very welcome visit of the Bishop and confirmation service (see page 10) and when that is all over we will be well into last minute preparation for our Spring Bazaar on the 5th March. (see page 20). And people back in the UK say “what will you do with your time? You will be bored stiff”!

Not that I am complaining; at the end of the day it is all very worth while.

We have another full magazine for you and I hope you will find something of interest to you. Do let me know whether it fits you needs, or suggest other content. As I may have said before the editor’s chair can be a very lonely place without feedback from the readers.

The Editor

**Deadline for March contributions
13th February**

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From Our Chaplain

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

As I write this letter, I've just put my Christmas decorations away and realize that I've already broken one of my New Year's promises! So here is my New Year's wish for you and all those whom you love.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

***Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;***

***Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;***

***Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;***

***Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;***

***Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need
you most, and by making you anxious to be there to
help.***

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

This month will see the visit of Bishop Geoffrey (18th – 21st February) and the Confirmation of some of our number. It is a great honour to have our Diocesan Bishop visit us here in Tenerife and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to meet him, and you can be sure that the churches will be full to overflowing as they always are at this time of year (+ an extra 10% for the Bishop!)

This time last year I was writing about Lent as Easter was about as early as it could be. This year Easter is about as late as it can be so my Lenten letter will be next month. Still no moves have been made to fix

the date of Easter and so, sadly, the secularisation of society is winning through and Christ is being pushed out of education – what a sad way to go!

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

Fr. Keith

The Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting

Danish Hotel Callao Salvaje

10.15 am Holy Eucharist Said

Followed by the Chaplaincy AGM

Are you on our Electoral Roll? If so this is your opportunity to influence the future activities of the Chaplaincy by voting and helping to select the Council for the coming year. Indeed this is the only real value of being on the electoral roll in the first place.

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll but will be on the island on the 2nd March then please do see our Electoral Roll officer, Mrs Jean Kelly, and obtain an electoral roll form and then fill it in and come along to the meeting. If nothing else it will help you understand the working of the Chaplaincy, the challenges that face us and the ways in which we are trying to meet them.

Diary for February

1 st	Tues			
2 nd	Wed		Presentation of Christ in the temple	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
3 rd	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
4 th	Fri			
5 th	Sat			
6 th	Sunday		5th Sunday before Lent	
		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
7 th	Mon			
8 th	Tues			
9 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
10 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
			Chaplaincy Lunch	– Espiritu Santo
11 th	Fri			
12 th	Sat	10.00 am	Book Sale & Coffee morning	– Charlesworth's
13 th	Sunday		4th Sunday before Lent	
		10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
		10.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns	– Swedish Church
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
		6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by Extension	– San Blas
14 th	Mon	3.00 pm	Council Meeting	– Res Sonia
15 th	Tues	10.00 am	Guild of St Clare	– Caroline Homer's
16 th	Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
17 th	Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
18 th	Fri			
19 th	Sat		Weekend Visit by Bishop Geoffrey Rowell	

20th Sunday		3rd Sunday before Lent	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung Bishop Geoffrey Chaplaincy Lunch	– San Eugenio – San Eugenio
	6.00 pm	Confirmation Bishop Geoffrey and Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by Extension	– San Blas
21 st Mon		Council Lunch With Bishop Geoffrey	– Res Sonia
22 nd Tues		The Chair of Peter	
23 rd Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said	– San Eugenio
24 th Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
25 th Fri			
26 th Sat	10.00 am	Book Sale & Coffee morning	– Charlesworth's
27th Sunday		2nd Sunday before Lent	
	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– San Eugenio
	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns	– Swedish Church
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist	– Espiritu Santo
	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist by Extension	– San Blas
28 th Mon			

March

1 st Tues		Saint David, Patron of Wales	
2 nd Wed	10.15 am	Holy Eucharist Said Followed by the Chaplaincy AGM	– Danish Hotel Callao Salvaje
3 rd Thur	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist Sung	– Espiritu Santo
4 th Fri			
5 th Sat		Spring Bazaar	– Los Gigantes
6th Sunday		Sunday next before Lent	
	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
7 th Mon			
8 th Tues			
9 th Wed		Ash Wednesday	



Intercessions

The Power of Prayer

THE SICK FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY:

Baby Jamie – Eileen Baldwin – Cian & Joan Barry – Trevor Birch
Bronwen Battye – Sylvia Bolland – John Bosley – Fr Peter Brown
Barbara & Michael Browback – Laura Brown – Robert Brumpton
Keith Burke – Kath Challinor – Trish Chapman – Samuel Coker
Lenna Cole – David Cole – Gladys Cole – Lydia Cook – Corina Cormack
Andrew Crowther – Jeanette Dick – Ann Dobson – Mary Dudfield
Nicki Duval – Revd. Jeff Engel – Victoria Ford – Gordon & Pearl French
Betty Gilroy – David & Betty Gledhill – Liz Govan – Kathy Greenhall
Paul Hazelby – Ian Hubbard – Mick & Wendy Hulley – Helen Hutt
Revd Malcom Jackson – Jason – Daniel – Fr. Philip Lamb
Audrey Lancaster – Betty Lee-Westworth – Vicky Lever
Michael Lydon – Mary Mansell – Peter Mulloch – Hazel Noble
Ann Plummer – Alan Price – Michelle Radford-Brown – Harvey Roe
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Amanda Stead – Revd Robert Sterman – Susan Stratton – Dudley Thomas
Hilda Thomas – Stephen Thomas – Brian Thornton – Rose Tomlinson
John & Anne Vaughn – Vance 3yrs – Harry Wilkinson

Years Mind – Anniversary of Passing

February 1 st	Brian Parsons
6 th	David Gilmore
10 th	Dennis Morrison
11 th	Alan Beard
15 th	Lily Furmston
18 th	Charles Lowe
19 th	Ada Manning
19 th	Fred Braithwaite
25 th	Tony Fordham

The Lamb of God

(Isaiah Ch 49 v 1-7, I Corinthians Ch 1 v 1 - 9, St John Ch 1 v 29-42)

The readings for today are all so rich. We have the prophet Isaiah declaring how the promised one - was called from his mother's womb to be the one who brings salvation to the people of Israel and who is appointed to be a light to the gentiles.

And we have Paul speaking to the church in Corinth and saying that they will be kept strong and blameless till the time of the promised one's return. And today's Gospel has the account of the testimony that John the Baptist makes about Jesus and it's description of how Andrew first visited with Jesus and then, on the following day, brought his brother, Simon Peter, to meet Jesus.

Today I want to focus mainly on the part of the gospel which tells us about the testimony that John the Baptist made about Jesus on two separate days. On the first day he tells his disciples "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" And on the second day again he says to his disciples as Jesus approaches. "Look, the Lamb of God".

But what does John mean when he calls Jesus the Lamb of God? Perhaps John is referring to the thousands of lambs that were sacrificed daily at the temple in Jerusalem those lambs whose blood was spilled as a means of connecting the people with God, those lambs whose death expressed the worshippers' acknowledgement of God's power over life and death.

The time of sacrifice was a time of communion – of communion between those who came to worship as the law required and of communion between them and God.

Or perhaps John is referring to another kind of lamb – to the Passover Lamb, that lamb that every household in Israel slaughtered each year and whose blood was then painted on the doorposts of their homes as a way of remembering the first Passover – that time when the angel of the Lord passed over the homes of the children of Israel as they suffered in slavery in Egypt and struck down the first born of their taskmasters?

'The Lamb of God' is both kinds of lambs – but in particular it is the Passover Lamb that John the Baptist had in mind – that Lamb whose blood

signified that those who sheltered behind it were to be spared death and given new life in a new land.

But when John points at Jesus and says “behold the lamb of God” – he says something more about Jesus than the images of the Passover Lamb and the Lambs of Thanksgiving might suggest to us. He says that this person, this Lamb of God, provided by God’s own hands, does more than simply spare the lives of his chosen people and help to bring them to the promised land. He’s saying that this particular lamb – this particular person – has been given by God to take away the sins of the whole world.

Just as the Passover lamb is slain so that its blood may cause death to pass by the homes of the children of Israel and its flesh may sustain the people as they escape from their bondage, and just as lambs in the temple were killed so that the prayers of thanksgiving and dedication might be heard by God and so that the people might rejoice and eat together, so the Lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the World will offer his body and his blood for us – and to us – once and for all.

From the time of his baptism by John, Jesus is led like a lamb to his eventual slaughter in Jerusalem. His teachings and his healings, the miracles he works and the journeys that he makes throughout his ministry, lead to one moment – his sacrifice on the cross.

Here is one who was unblemished – one who was without sin – innocent, but taking upon himself the punishment that should be ours; giving his life that we may have life.

As all the saints and the angels in heaven say – “Worthy is the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!”

A story: A tourist visited a church in Germany and was surprised to see the carved figure of a lamb near the top of the church’s tower. He asked why it was there and was told that when the church was being built, a workman fell from a high scaffold. His co-workers rushed down, expecting to find him dead. But to their surprise and joy, he was alive and only slightly injured. He survived because a flock of sheep was passing beneath the tower at that precise time, and he landed on top of a lamb. The lamb broke his fall and was crushed to death, but the man was saved. To

commemorate that miraculous escape, someone carved a lamb on the tower at the exact height from which the workman fell.

That story expresses a tiny bit of what it means when John says “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”. The sense indicated by Isaiah with his promise of one “who will bring salvation to the ends of the earth”. And as a visible symbol, the lamb on the bell tower gives testimony to what happened, it expresses a tiny bit of another important part of the gospel reading today – that of John calling out to his own disciples - and pointing: “Look – the Lamb of God.”

As you know it was because John the Baptist said “look” that Andrew and another disciple - most likely the Apostle John – turned and followed Jesus and became his disciples. And it was because of Andrew telling his brother Simon “We have found the Messiah” and bringing Simon to him – that Simon became Peter – the Rock of the Church.

I call you today to behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Like John the Baptist, I don’t want you to follow me – I want you to follow the one who gives everyone who comes to him life and that abundantly. I want you to follow Jesus and have the angel of the Lord’s judgment pass over your house and for you to escape from bondage and enter the promised land. And more – I want you to be like John – and Andrew – and Simon Peter – and every disciple.

There’s not one of us who doesn’t need to draw closer to the Lamb of God. There isn’t one of us who doesn’t need to come to Jesus and be cleansed and forgiven. There isn’t one of us who doesn’t need to experience Jesus and his transforming love on a deeper basis – day by day.

The Lamb of God my friends is here – here in the book we read, here in the hymns we sing and the prayers that we pray, here in the love that we share and the forgiveness we grant in his name, here in the laughter and here too in the pain.

He is here and he is in heaven, interceding for and protecting his people and calling to all the world to come and be healed.

Blessed be God for ever.

Sermon preached by Fr Keith Gordon on 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 2011

The Bishop's Visit

The Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend Geoffrey Rowell, will be visiting the Chaplaincy over the weekend of the 20th February and he hopes to meet as many people as possible.

The Bishop will arrive on Friday evening.

On Saturday he will visit the Swedish Church in Los Cristianos, there will be no service at this time but if you would like to meet him there at around 11.00 am he will be very pleased to see you. Likewise, in the afternoon, he will be at the church of San Blas from about 2.30 pm.



The Right Reverend
Geoffrey Rowell

On the Saturday evening the Bishop will meet with the Council over a shared meal at the Chaplaincy Residence.

On Sunday the 20th (the 3rd Sunday before Lent) he will be the Celebrant at the Eucharist in San Eugenio at 10.15 am. and will join us afterwards for lunch at a local restaurant. In the evening he will take a Confirmation during the Sung Eucharist at 6.00 pm in Espiritu Santo, Los Gigantes .

The Bishop, after a very full weekend, will then fly back to Gatwick Monday lunch time.

With 275 chaplaincies in the Diocese it is not surprising that a visit from the Diocesan Bishop is a rare event and a privilege. Let us make the most of it and make the Bishop very welcome.

Gift Aid

Apart from editing this magazine I have, with my Gift Aid hat on, been writing my annual report for the AGM and I thought you might find my analysis of interest.

In 2010 we received from 535 individual people in 1,656 envelopes an equivalent total of £16,059.24 in gift aided donations. That's an average £9.70 in each envelope or £30.02 total from each individual.

This has enabled us to reclaim £4,529.53 in tax from the UK Inland Revenue. It is interesting to note that this is more than we raise from our Autumn Bazaar each year.

Apart from the weekly envelope scheme, 22 people have been kind enough to set up a standing order to pay into our UK sterling bank account on a regular basis, monthly, quarterly or annually, and in 2010 this raised a further £3,224 on which we reclaimed another £909 in tax.

Since 2006 when we started the Gift Aid scheme here in Tenerife 1,866 have donated under this scheme and I have processed over 7,000 envelopes. Thank you everybody who has contributed.

Two years ago the standard rate of income tax fell from 22p to 20p in the pound but the then government took pity on charities and agreed to repay the former 22/78 (ie 28% of the donation) as a discretionary payment for two years. Unfortunately this comes to an end in April this year and we shall be down to 20/80 (ie 25%) from then on. This makes it all the more important that we encourage even more people to use the Gift Aid envelopes for their donations.

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If you are a British tax payer please do take this opportunity, at no cost to yourselves, of increasing our income.

Further, if you would like to make regular donations to the work of the Chaplaincy please do consider making a regular standing order donation. The necessary forms are available from me and on our website www.ternerifetchurch.com

Alan Charlesworth

The King James Version: 400 years on


Which of these means more to you:

'Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!' - or 'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled'?

Both are translations of Matthew 5:6, but the first is from the Good News Bible from the 1960s, while the second is the King James Version, or Authorised Version, of 1611 (KJV for short). For many people, the older version goes deeper, is more stirring and tells us more about God.

In 2011 we mark its 400th anniversary. There are a range of celebratory events—from talks by celebrities to readings in tiny churches. As we'll be hearing often, the KJV has shaped the hearts and minds of English-speaking people throughout the world in these four centuries. It first coined many words and expressions that have become part of the language—so much so that most people wouldn't necessarily think of them as biblical, and usually think that they're from Shakespeare (especially as he was writing at about the same time). So we have: 'lovingkindness' (Psalm 17 and elsewhere), 'the signs of the times' (Matthew 16), 'the powers that be' (Romans 13), and many more.

But the old-fashioned words aren't just part of our heritage, like an ancient monument; their poetry can speak directly to our needs today. They can give a stronger and more immediate sense of God's tender love and glorious majesty, from 'I water my couch with my tears' (Psalm 6:6) to 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels ...' (1 Corinthians 13:1).

It's easy to be put off by the dark type and odd words: 'thee' and 'thou', '-eth' endings, 'abide' and 'sojourn'. Some parts, especially the Epistles, can be dense and tortuous. We can't turn the clock back: the KJV can never be the only version for us now. But if we use both old and new translations together, we gain so much more. 

Signs & Symbols: Love you!

A vicar once horrified a stranger whilst travelling up twelve floors with her in an office block lift by saying, ‘How lovely to meet a fellow Christian’. ‘What do you mean?’ she replied, bewildered. ‘Well you’re wearing a crucifix so I assumed you must be a Christian.’ ‘Oh, this,’ lifting a large gold necklace she was wearing, ‘this was my Grandmother’s – I wondered what it was.’ So often we just take for granted that people know what we know about the Christian faith, and of course, in that case she clearly didn’t.

As our thoughts turn to ‘Love’ in the month of February and St Valentine’s Day, what symbol might you choose to express your love for someone? Perhaps a heart, a lipstick kiss, or even a hug? What colour would you choose for love? It is usually red – to remind us of our life-blood. In fact, if you see stained glass in a church, the chances are that where red glass predominates the message is of sacrifice and ultimately of ‘love’.

Jesus, it is often said, showed his love by opening his arms wide upon the cross; and so the cross is our supreme symbol of God’s love for each of us. A cross (no figure suspended) because Jesus is no longer held there, but rather has overcome death and is alive again. A crucifix (with a suspended figure) because here is Jesus paying the ultimate sacrifice for love of each one of us.

The King James Version *(continued)*

In its heightened language, the KJV gives us a richer appreciation of wonder. So, just as we wouldn’t want to knock down old churches, we shouldn’t leave the KJV unread. It’s not just a cultural landmark, but it’s something that can shape our life right now.

Rachel Boulding is a Deputy Editor of the Church Times, and the author of Celebrating the King James Version: Devotional readings from the classic translation (BRF, £9.99 hardback). For information on the KJV 400th anniversary celebrations, visit www.kingjamesbibletrust.org.

Matthias the Apostle

Have you ever been in the position where someone is desperately needed – and you fit the bill perfectly? It is almost as if all your miscellaneous qualifications that never made much sense before now make PERFECT sense. And you sense that you have been chosen by God for the task....

If so, then Matthias is definitely the patron saint for you! Matthias came into the picture shortly after the suicide of Judas. The early church was missing an apostle, and so the remaining 11 apostles prayed for guidance on who to choose as a replacement for this key role.

The qualifications for the job were specialised: the person had to have been a follower of Christ from his Baptism to his Ascension, and a witness of the Resurrection. There were two possibilities: Joseph Barsabas and Matthias. How to choose?

Again, Matthias' experience may mirror yours: the decision was out of his hands, and up to others. In this case, the apostles drew straws – and the 'lot' fell to Matthias. He had been chosen to replace Judas! The tragedy of Judas' betrayal had led to an opportunity for service by Matthias – and he was well prepared for the task. Are you prepared for any task that God might suddenly open before you?

Like the other apostles, Matthias had been in Jerusalem and had received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and he went on to do a good job. It is said he preached the Good News first in Judea, and then maybe in Cappadocia and by the Caspian Sea. It is thought he was martyred by the axe or halberd, and his relics eventually ended up being taken to Rome by the empress Helen.

Matthias is an encouragement to us to be faithful in small things - because you never know what the future might hold!

Who will live here?

The future population of our planet

The world's population is both growing and ageing. The total population in 2010 was estimated at 6.9 billion people by the United Nations Population Unit, and is expected to increase to 7.6 billion by 2020, and to 9.2 billion by 2050, a net growth rate of 190,000 people per day over the next decade and 150,000 per day thereafter.

Half of this increase in population between 2010 and 2050 will be across 9 countries, which are, in order of contribution to the increase: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, United States, Democratic Republic of Congo, United Republic of Tanzania, China and Bangladesh. Four of these countries are in Asia, four in Africa. Only one, the United States, is in the developed world. The increase is a net figure. A quarter of the world's nations, 45 in all, are expected to see their population decrease in this period, 17 of them by at least 10%.

Between 1990 and 2010 the number of Christians in the developing world increased from 940 million to 1,400 million, an increase of 50%, or the equivalent of 64,000 extra Christians *per day*. In the same period, the number of Christians in the developed world increased from 810 million to 860 million, just 6%, or the equivalent of 7,000 extra Christians per day, and some of these will be immigrants.

A former mission worker in Asia, Rosemary Dowsett, said, "Asia is awash with both economic migrants/immigrants/emigrants and those moving away from persecution – the movements are multi-directional, break families apart, leave churches wondering how to deal with church members who are involved in multiple families, communities where all the men have left or conversely (as in the Philippines) churches where a high proportion of mothers have left to earn money in say the Middle East (as maids), churches which lose all their potential leaders, etc."

These are key issues worldwide.

It is not enough to love – you need to be loved

Sometimes we can be inclined to give and give and give to others without asking anything in return. We may think that this is a sign of generosity – of great strength. But it can also be one of pride – we want to be seen as the one who does not need help. Or it can be a sign of very low self-esteem – we do not think we are worth receiving anything from others.

Whatever the reason, when we keep giving, without also receiving, we put ourselves in danger – we will burn out quickly. It is as important to know when we need to TAKE attention and care, as when we need to give it to others. If you do not pay careful attention to your own needs – whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual – you will not last the distance. If you want to remain a joyful giver for years to come, you need also to be a joyful taker – and accept God’s love - given to you through other people.

Why Falling In Love Can Lead To Falling Out With Your Friends

Romance, it seems, comes at a cost: of one or two of your other friendships. A recent study has found that when you fall in love, you tend to ‘lose’ one or two of your other friends.

Most men have four or five close friends, and most women have five or six close friends. But when a romance begins, these numbers slip by two friends, thus shrinking the person’s social circle.

It is very understandable why this happens: there is only so much ‘free’ time in life, and if you spend it with one person, another will gradually get left out. The good news is that the ‘old friends’ don’t ‘get lost’ forever – they tend to just slip into a more distant circle around the new couple. Also, it was found that couples tend to keep their social circles for far longer than single people, even though the single person’s original network may be far more extensive. This is perhaps because single people lose out as their friends develop their own romantic relationships, and families.

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I know that some of you like to pick up your copy while you are out here on holiday so if you would like us NOT to post certain issues to you this can be arranged; simply circle the relevant months on the subscription form and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

Finally, remember, I am always glad to hear from you with comments, suggestions or articles for inclusion.

Alan Charlesworth

Editor

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How Well Do You Know Your Partner?

How well do you know your partner? It seems that the shorter time you have been married, the better you know their likes and dislikes. In a recent study, psychologists found that couples who have been together for an average of 40 years knew less about each other's likes and dislikes than those who have been together for only a year or two.

They believe that this is because at the start of a relationship, people pay more attention to each other. Years on, they take their partner for granted, and 'stop looking' at their partner in any detail. It was also found that couples who shared the same tastes made the best guesses about each other, regardless of age.

Take this quiz, to see how well you know some things about your spouse:

1. What is their current favourite music?
2. What is their current favourite TV programme or film?
3. Name three kinds of food that they best like.
4. What is your spouse's current favourite garment?
5. What colour would they most like in the bedroom? In the living room?
6. Where would they most like to holiday this coming year?
7. What sort of furniture do they like? Dark? Light? Modern? Traditional?
8. If your spouse could do anything for a day, what would that be?
9. If your spouse is frightened of one thing, what is it?
10. What would be your spouse's 'dream' for the future?

**St Francis Anglican Chaplaincy
of Tenerife South**

Spring Bazaar

Los Gigantes Plaza

Saturday 5th March 2011

Opens at 10.30 am

Stalls will include

**Books, Jigsaws, CDs & DVDs, Clothes,
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Gifts and a Raffle**

**In aid of much needed
Chaplaincy Funds.**

**We still require people to assist on the day
and more bottles for Tombola prizes.**

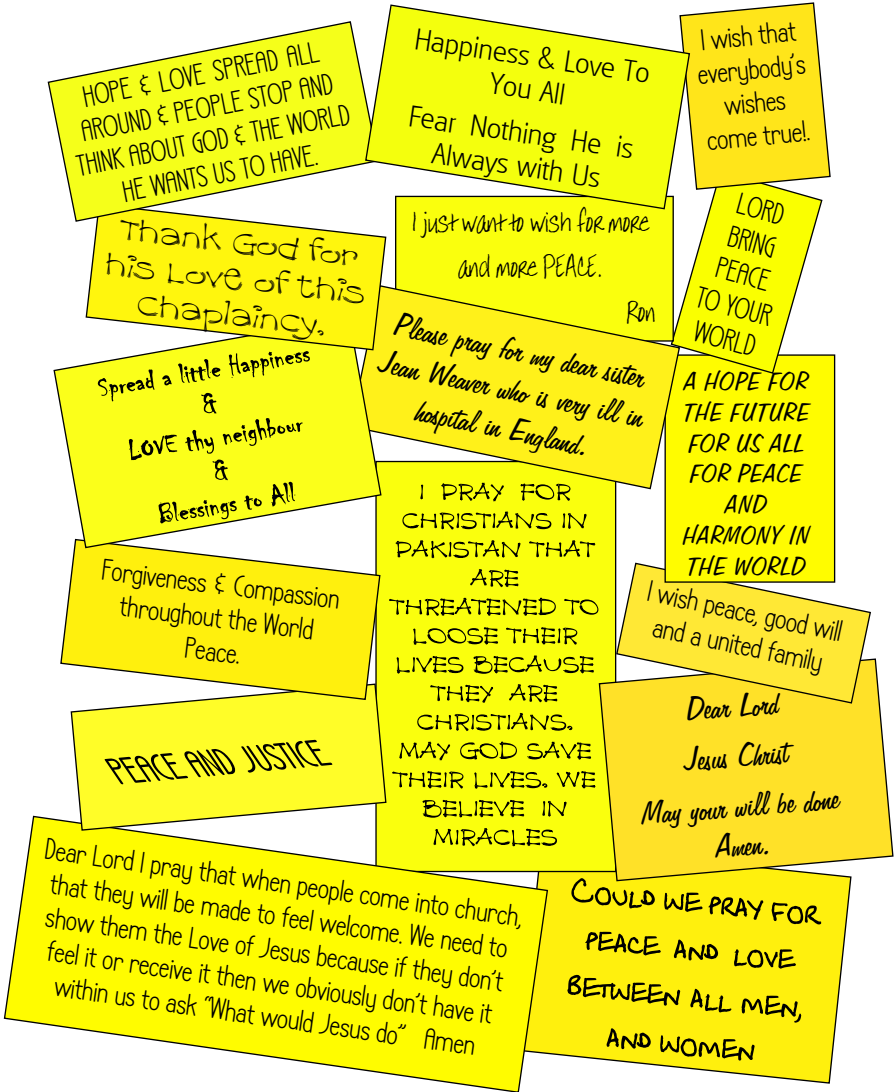
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Our Advent Tree

During Advent we had a special tree at the doors of San Eugenio on which members of the congregation were invited to hang their prayers and wishes for the future.

Here are just a few of them.



Use A Hand Dryer In The Public Toilets?

Probably best not to bother....

You know the routine – after washing your hands, you are faced with an electric dryer, under which you are supposed to rub your hands vigorously, until they are dry. Well, they may get dry, but they may well be more germier than when you started.

Researchers have found that bacteria levels INCREASE when you wash your hands and then rub them together under an electric hot-air dryer. And the wetter the hands when you start, the more bacteria. They concluded that while electric dryers may keep bathrooms tidy, paper towels are far more effective at reducing the risk of spreading infection.

The problem is that the bacteria that lives within the skin is brought to the surface when you wet your skin and then rub it. The report, published in the *Journal of Applied Microbiology*, found that ‘a diverse mixture of bacteria survived hand-washing.’ And when you rub your hands together under a dryer, you can even increase the bacteria count – up to 18 per cent!

Are You Grumpy Yet?

An infant laughs nearly 300 times a day. Teenagers laugh on average just six times a day. By our twenties we are down to four times a day. Our thirties are a bit better – at five times a day. But by the time we hit 50, our sense of humour is deserting us, and we laugh just three times a day, while the average 60 year old manages a good laugh just 2.5 times a day.

It gets worse. According to the TV station Dave, who carried out the research, people over 50 are most like to complain and worry than younger people. They write more letters of complaint, argue with neighbours more, and spend time worrying about health and money.

One of the researchers suggests: “It’s important to remember how good laughter is for you. It releases endorphins and a little laughter every day goes a long way to reducing stress.”

What Does Your Favourite Pop Song Actually SAY?

Are you an aspiring pop star? Enjoy singing your heart out in the shower, regardless of the complaints from your family and the alarm of the family dog? It seems that many of us who screech out our favourite current pop song in the shower not only can't keep to the tune, we can't even sing the right lyrics.

A recent study looked at some of the most butchered songs:

- For the 1993 REM track 'The Sidewinder Sleeps Tonight', four out of ten people admitted that they had mistaken the line 'Call me when you try to wake her' for 'Calling Jamaica'.
- 'Purple Haze', by Jimi Hendrix, also confuses people. His line 'Excuse me while I kiss the sky' has been sung in many bathrooms as 'Excuse me while I kiss this guy.'
- Aerosmith's 'Dude Looks Like a Lady' has been mistaken for 'Do just like a lady'.
- Then there is Adele's 'Chasing Pavements', with the line: 'Should I just keep chasing pavements?' People have sung in their showers: 'Should I just keep chasing penguins?'
- Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On A Prayer' contains the line: 'It doesn't make a difference if we make it or not.' It is often sung as 'It doesn't make a difference if we're naked or not.'
- As for ABBA's 'Dancing Queen', 'Feel the beat from the tambourine' becomes 'feel the beat from the tangerine....'
- When Olivia Newton John sings 'You're the one that I want', some of us think she is proclaiming: 'You're the wobbly one!'
- Nirvana, in 'Smells Like Teen Spirit', sings: 'Here we are now, entertain us'; some of us think they said: 'Here we are now, in containers'.

As the spokesman for Cerumol Olive Oil Ear Drops, which carried out the survey, observed: "When you finally find out the true meaning of song after singing it incorrectly for years, it can be quite satisfying, though you may feel a bit foolish."

Letter from St James the Least of All

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

On why our church does not need health or safety...

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

The disasters you inflict on church life are made the worse because they are so well meaning. I appreciated your concern when you heard one of our parishioners had slipped on a gravestone. Your desire to help was entirely commendable; sending your own church's health and safety officer to give us some advice was kindly-meant. But the thousand page report was not welcome. If we implemented your officer's suggestions, life would become unbearably safe.

St. James the Least has survived perfectly well for the last 600 years without gutter cleaning inspections, path degreasing and electrical safety certificates, so I think we may survive a little longer without them. As far as I am aware, the only disaster to hit us was when Cromwell's soldiers stabled their horses in the nave – which I suspect a few of our oldest members still clearly remember.

The shock the sidesmen sometimes get when switching on the lights occurs only occasionally, is relatively mild and soon over – and if it happens when preparing for the 8am Service, helps to wake them up. The fact that the weight of Duke of Clumber's marble sarcophagus is slowly detaching the south aisle from the rest of the church is very slow – and the pews in that area are used only once a year when his relations visit from America to commemorate his death at Agincourt – which is probably just beyond remembrance of the oldest of our congregation.

Leaks from the ceiling in the north aisle are solved with the row of buckets – and even you must concede that the fungi on the oak beams

look really rather attractive when the sun catches them. The sapling growing out of the spire is certainly an issue – although it looks so attractive in Spring when in blossom. As for our fire extinguishers, they were serviced when my predecessor-but-two was in office, and I have the certificate to prove it.

Do thank your health and safety officer for all his work and tell him we will bear his recommendations in mind. Also tell him I was so sorry he slipped and broke his leg as he was entering your own church last Sunday. If only he had been encased in bubble wrap, it would never have happened. Perhaps you could put that on the agenda of your next health and safety meeting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Terrible Two's

My angelic, beautiful, little girl
Her golden hair has the prettiest curl
Creamy skin with a blush of rose
A sprinkle of freckles on an upturned nose.

Wondering eyes so blue and round
Longer lashes couldn't be found
Girlie giggles, and cheeky grin
With the cutest dimple on her chin.

But angelic beauty can deceive
There's a side to her you wouldn't believe
She's not always meek and mild
There's a little devil inside my child.

She stamps her feet, she'll scream and shout
The tantrums, what are they about?
Stubborn, wilful, sometimes rude
Bad tempered, sulky, in a mood.

She won't eat this, she won't eat that
"It's not nice" and out it's spat
She throws her peas down on the floor
But ice cream, oh yes, she'll eat more.

I can't wipe her nose, or brush her hair
Her grubby face, she doesn't care
She doesn't listen, my pleas unheard
Or she answers no! Her favourite word.

When she snuggles upon my knee
And tells me how much she loves me
Her sticky kisses are the best
Being her mum, I know I'm blessed.

At night when she is fast asleep
Into her room I quietly creep
The little devil has left her bed
And my angelic child is sleeping instead.

Elizabeth Thomas

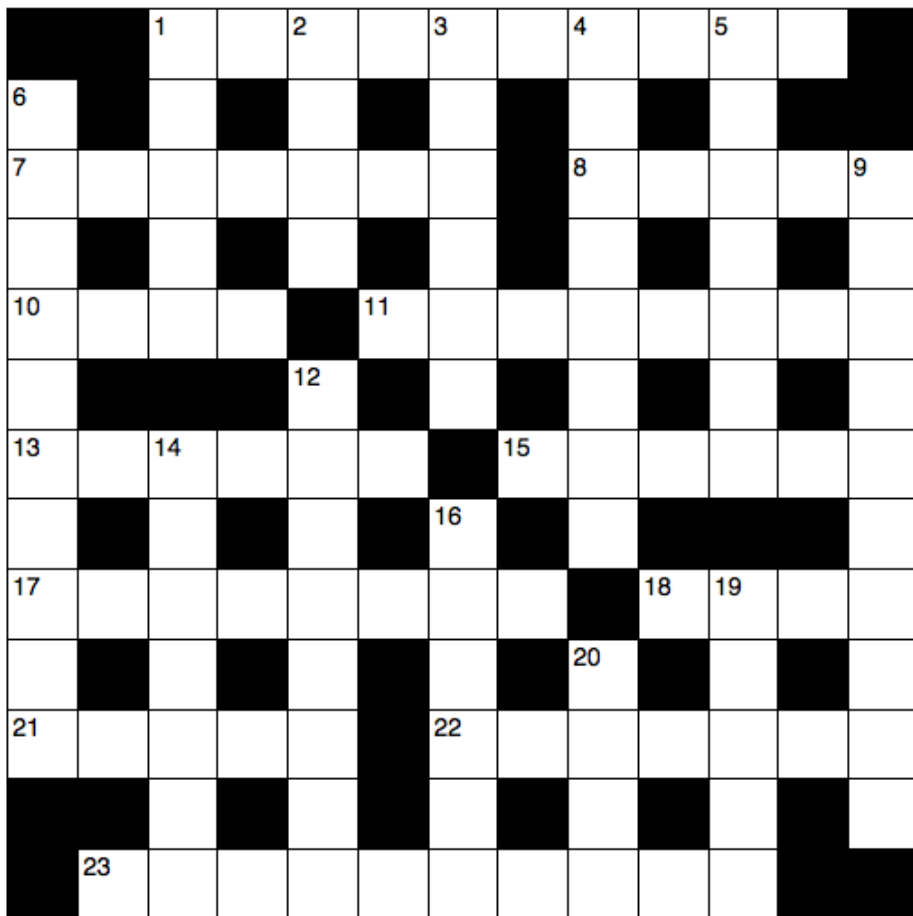
Sudoku

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Solution on page 31

Crossword



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

Solution on page 31

Clues

Across

- 1 Success or wealth
(Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites
(Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after
weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called
Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it
was said of him that 'he
walked with God'
(Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam,
Deborah (Exodus 15:20;
Judges 4:4) (10)

Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13)
(5)
- 2 Roman poet from first
century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again
(2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to
whom he sent two epistles
(Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6 God's foreseeing care and
protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman
Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the —
of Israel to David and his
descendants for ever'
(2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God
my — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The central element in
Nebuchadnezzar's dream,
identified and interpreted by
Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of —
will not overcome it'
(Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under
house arrest for two years
(Acts 28:16) (4)

In Honour of Stupid People

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods.

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom)
"Do not turn upside down." *(well...duh, a bit late, huh!)*

On Sainsbury's peanuts **"Warning: contains nuts."**
(well that's a relief)

On Boots's Children Cough Medicine **"Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication."**
(just get those 5 year-olds with head-colds off those bulldozers.)

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding **"Product will be hot after heating."** *(...and you thought????...)*

On a Sears hairdryer **"Do not use while sleeping."**
(That's the only time I have to work on my hair.)

On a bag of Doritos **"You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside."** *(the shoplifter special?)*

On a bar of Dial soap **"Directions: Use like regular soap."**
(and that would be???...)

On packaging for a Rowenta iron **"Do not iron clothes on body."**
(but wouldn't this save me time?)

On Nytol Sleep Aid **"Warning: May cause drowsiness."**
(..I'm taking this because???.....)

On most brands of Christmas lights **"For indoor or outdoor use only."** *(as opposed to what?)*

On a Japanese food processor **"Not to be used for the other use."**
(now, somebody out there, help me on this. I'm a bit curious.)

On a child's Superman costume **"Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly."**
(I don't blame the company. I blame the parents for this one.)

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.



Counselling & Reiki

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On line / clinic / home appointment

Counselling

- * Need someone to listen to you?
- * Clarify your feelings & events?
- * Focus on specific issues?
- * Offer a different perspective?
- * Gain control, manage your life more effectively
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- * Does your company require a counselling service?
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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 September to April)

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

Swedish Church	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist, with Hymns
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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.

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