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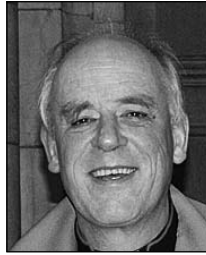


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January 2012

From the Rectory

2012 is set to be a special year for Great Britain as we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and look forward to welcoming people from all over the world to the Olympic Games in London. Perhaps you have something important to look forward to in your own personal life this year such as a special birthday or family event. We are constantly being told that the year ahead will be as bad, if not worse, than 2011 from an economic point of view, so we all need cheering up in one way or another! I hope everyone has something good to look forward to this year.



Whatever the New Year brings for us as a nation or as individuals, we should surely enter 2012 with **hope**. I use the word 'hope' advisedly. 'Hope' as a Christian virtue is much more than 'hoping for the best' or just being generally optimistic. 'Hope' means trusting that whatever happens to us – good or bad – behind everything we see the loving purposes of God for his whole creation and for ourselves as part of that creation. We can therefore trust ourselves and all those we love to His providence as 2012 lies open before us.

A New Year is always a good time to begin something new. Many people make New Year resolutions, though in the cold light of ordinary daily life they often fall by the wayside quite quickly! One thing we **can** all do, however, is to use the New Year as an opportunity to renew our commitment to the Christ whose birth we have just celebrated.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday January 8th, we are invited to do just this as part of our worship on that day. During Choral Matins water will be blessed to remind us that God chose the basic element of water, already so central to all life, to be the outwards means of our salvation through the sacrament of Baptism. The



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celebrant prays that the life-giving Spirit who is depicted in Genesis as coming down upon the primeval water during creation, will now 'sanctify these waters of your new creation; that we, with all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith and serve you in newness of life; through your anointed Son Jesus Christ our Lord'.

We will then renew our baptismal commitment to Christ and at the end of the service will have the opportunity to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads with the blessed water as a reminder of our baptism and an outward sign of our re-commitment to the Christian Way. What better way to celebrate a New Year than this!

Fr John

News and Notices

Parish Review

At a special meeting last month the PCC began a process of reviewing the life of our parish. We are all aware

that the number of people attending our services is slowly declining, also that we are an ageing congregation. If the life and witness of our parish is to



The handbell ringing team prior to entertaining members at a local group's Christmas lunch. The team entertained several groups at such events in the pre-Christmas period.

survive, and indeed to flourish, in the years ahead we need to think very carefully about our life as a church and the things that we do, so that we are as 'fit for purpose' as we can be to face the challenges ahead. If we do nothing the indications are that over time we will slowly but surely die.

This doesn't mean that we should cease to be true to ourselves and to our particular Anglican way of being disciples of Christ. It doesn't mean abandoning what is at the heart of our vision of the Church out of panic. But it does mean thinking through what is really important for us – and what can help us to invite others to come and share our worship and fellowship and find in them the presence of the living Christ.

You'll be hearing more about the Review in the future but for now I invite you to let us know:

1. what you really value in the life of our parish.
2. what you think might need to be changed.

Just write your ideas on a slip of paper and let me have it before the end of January.

Of course when people are invited to do this they inevitably come up with all sorts of ideas which are often contradictory. One person's ideas will be totally opposite somebody else's! We won't be able to take everybody's ideas on board or fulfil all their particular aspirations. But in a process like this folk

can really start to think creatively, and as long as we are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I believe we can both grow closer together as God's people and draw others to share our life.

Fr John

Carols by Candlelight at St. Tudno's

The Friends of St Tudno's began preparing for the service on Saturday 17 December, by cleaning the church, bringing in a couple of benches for additional seating, putting up the Christmas tree and setting out the candles. Before the first service on the Sunday, St. Tudno's new Nativity set was placed before the altar. This has kindly been provided by the Friends, with beautiful figures and animals knitted by Barbara Cartwright and an illuminated





stable made by Friends' Chairman, Chris Fosbury.

Squally weather prevented the path lights being set out but did not deter the congregation, unlike the snow the previous year, and about 120 attended the 3.00 pm service (standing room, only!) and 55 the 5.00 pm service. The church looked lovely by candlelight as we listened to the words of the Christmas story and sang favourite carols, including "Good King Wenceslas" and "We Three Kings" sung in "parts".

There was no sign of moon or stars after the second service bringing to mind some of the words we had recently sung: "... the night is darker now and the wind blows stronger", so Friends with torches stood at strategic

points on the paths to see everyone safely on their way.

***Christine Jones
Stephanie Searle***

Thank You

Through the pages of the magazine I should like to send my grateful thanks for the many 'phone calls cards and flowers that I have received since my accident. Everyone in the church family have been so thoughtful. It isn't easy to select any one in particular but Marion has been a wonderful help and support to me.

Thank you once again.

Barbara Scott



Christingle production line, 2011.



The last Advent Candle is lit at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Attendance Figures

Holy Trinity

Wed Nov 1st 11.00 am Holy Eucharist 13

Feast of All Saints

Thur Nov 2nd 11.00 am Requiem Eucharist 28

All Souls' Day 7.30 pm Requiem Eucharist 28

Fri Nov 3rd Eucharist at Ysgol San Sior c 28

Other weekday Eucharists 7

Sun Nov 5th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 16

Kingdom 2 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 78

5.00 pm Evening Prayer 3

6.00 pm Exploring Worship 30

Other weekday Eucharists 25

Sun Nov 13th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 14

Kingdom 3 9.45 am Civic Remembrance Sunday Service c490

10.55 am Act of Remembrance and Holy Eucharist 31

5.00 pm Evening Prayer 2

Other weekday Eucharists 24

Sun Nov 20th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 16

Christ the King 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 97

5.00 pm Evening Prayer 5

Other weekday Eucharists 26

Sun Nov 27th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist 15

Advent Sunday 10.30 am Sung Eucharist 76

5.00 pm Evening Prayer 3

Other weekday Eucharist 5

St. Tudno's

Sat Nov 12th 9.00 am Boer War Remembrance 12

Calendar for January

All events are held in Holy Trinity or Holy Trinity church hall unless indicated otherwise.

Sun 1st **The Naming of Jesus/Christmas I**

10.30 am Sung Eucharist
 There will be no other services today

Tues 3rd *10.00 am 'Julian' meditation group at Stella Maris*

Thurs 5th 7.30 pm PCC Meeting

Fri 6th **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

11.00 am Eucharist

Sun 8th **The Baptism of Christ/Epiphany I**

Services at usual times for the 2nd Sunday

Thurs 12th 10.00 am St. Raphael Guild Meeting

11.00 am Eucharist with Ministry of Healing

Sun 15th **Epiphany 2**

Services as usual for the 3rd Sunday

Mon 16th 2.30 pm Mothers' Union AGM

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wed 18th *10.30 am United Service at St. Hilary, Llanrhos*

Thurs 19th *10.30 am United Service at St. David's Methodist Church,
 Craig-y-Don (Holy Communion)*

Fri 20th *10.30 am United Service at the Coptic Church – Trinity Avenue*

Sat 21st *10.30 am United Service at Emmanuel Christian Centre*

Sun 22nd **Epiphany 3**

Morning Services as usual for the 4th Sunday

6.00 pm *President's Service at Llandudno Baptist Church*

No 5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity

Mon 23rd *10.30 am United Service at Seilo Church*

Tues 24th *10.30 am United Service at Gloddaeth United Church*

Weds 25th *10.30 am United Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea*

7.30 pm Standing Committee at the Rectory

Sun 29th **Epiphany 4**

Services as usual for the 5th Sunday

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The Departed

*November 16th: Edwina Crawford
Service at Holy Trinity followed by Cremation at
Colwyn Bay*

Parish Fellowship Spring Programme for 2012

Jan 10th		Opening Meeting Eucharist in Church followed by open meeting.
Jan 17th	Vicky Macdonald	Being Mayor (An account of Ms Macdonald's year in Office)
Jan 24th	Mr Quinn	Manchester Airport (What happens there!)
Jan 31st	Anna Glover	CREST Recycling (What else can you recycle)
Feb 7th	Phillip Evans	Coast Artillery (A look at the WW 2 defences)
Feb 14th	ColWood (Ret'd)	SHELTER BOX (An insight into the relief efforts of Rotary UK at major disasters)
Feb 21st	Paul Kay	New Zealand under water (Mr Kay returns with more spectacular pictures under the sea)
Feb 28th	David Smith	Any Questions of local services(A look at how the Local Authority engages in Corporate Information and responds to Customer Services)
Mar 6th	Mrs Lawson-Reay	Two Indian Princesses (Exotic Local History)
Mar 13th		Closing Meeting Eucharist in Church followed by Tea Party

All meetings at 2.30 pm on Tuesdays.

Autumn meetings not scheduled due to hall roof repairs.

Santa Visits the Parent & Toddler Group







Mothers' Union & Cover Story

The Annual General Meeting of the Llandudno Parish Mothers' Union is to be held on January 16 at 2.30 pm. Members of both afternoon and evenings groups should attend if possible.

Nominations for the Committee should be received by the Secretary by January 10 though nominations may be accepted at the meeting.

Items for 'Any Other Business' should be received by the Secretary by January 10.

Margaret Rostron, Secretary

Fifty-one years' service

Member Joyce Greatorex's 51 years of service was acknowledged at a MU Carol Service in Bangor Cathedral (at

which Jennifer Fossi read the lesson) on 7 December with the presentation of a certificate by the Bishop of Bangor. See photographs on next page and on cover.



Mince pies and mulled wine after the MU's Quiet Evening on 13 December.



From the Parish Pump

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Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee with a Big Lunch

How will you celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? A record number of people are expected to take part in the fourth annual Big Lunch on Sunday 3 June 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee, and HOPE - the national mission initiative - is encouraging churches to take a lead.

Roy Crowne, HOPE's Executive Director, says: 'This is a calendar moment - an unmissable opportunity to make connections in your area, to be part of building up your community and to use opportunities for outreach through our words and actions. This could be just the start of 2012 community engagement with the Olympic celebrations following on. As followers

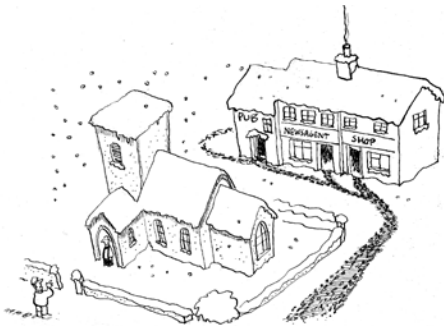
of Jesus we should be in the business of community-building and sharing our hope with others.'

Churches are one of the few institutions that are in nearly every town, village and city, and so it is hoped that every denomination will get involved or even offer their catering facilities.

All Souls Church - a local parish church west of London near Twickenham - first got involved with the Big Lunch in 2009. Since then they have helped host the street party alongside their local residents' association each year.

The roads that meet at the corner of the church building are closed and they fill the space with tables and chairs, set up a 'bandstand' on the corner for live, locally-sourced music and provide a bouncy castle, free face-painting and hot drinks in the church garden. It helps, of course, that the Big Lunch date is always a Sunday, so the congregation spilling out of the morning service joins with other local residents, young and old, each bringing food to eat and share.

The Vicar, the Rev Richard Frank says, 'Our experience has been that it's a fantastic way to engage with our neighbours, bless the community and open up the doors of church to those who'd never usually make it, even into the church garden. The 2012 the Big



...I am so sorry Vicar - but with all the snow this week - no-one has managed to get to church...

Lunch is one of the official events helping celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We'd enthusiastically recommend it for any local church in a residential area.'

Visit the Big Lunch page on the HOPE website www.hopetogether.co.uk to find out how you can make 3 June 2012 a day to remember in your area.

When home becomes a dangerous place, what do you do?

Youngsters all over the UK are in grave danger tonight. And yet thousands of these are still at home – in fear of violence from parents or others in the family. Thousands of others have run away in desperation – and are roaming the freezing streets.

Troubled children running away from home has become a significant problem in our society. Domestic violence and sexual abuse are on the increase. For this reason the Children's Society has made a comprehensive study of the problem of runaways. The results include:

1. A quarter of child runaways have been the victim of a dangerous experience, such as sleeping rough, or staying with someone they have just met. One in nine was hurt or harmed the last time they ran away.
2. Children who have recently run away are almost four times as likely to be unhappy with their lives.

3. Teachers, social workers, police and other professionals are NOT stepping in. Around two-thirds of children who run away are simply not 'visible' to professionals.

Children Society says: 'We know that running away is a clear indicator of potential longer-term problems, and these findings make the case for early intervention too compelling to ignore. And so it is that we have launched the third version of our runaways report. 'Still Running 3' shows in stark terms the great risks these children still face.'

Would you help Children's Society to get the government to back its plan to make runaways safe? Details in Still Running 3: <http://action.makerunaway-ssafe.org.uk/still-running-report>

The call of '58'

Christian child development charity Compassion is one several organisations joining forces with the aim of finally ending global poverty for the 1.4 billion people worldwide who live on less than \$1.25 a day.

This is a coalition of Christian organisations united by the belief that the Church is the hope for the world. Indeed, the name '58' comes from the call in Isaiah 58 to 'loose the chains of injustice'.

There is mounting evidence which suggests that this audacious goal is indeed possible. In 1981, 52% of the

world's population lived in extreme poverty. That number is now down to 26% meaning the percentage has been halved in one generation! It is the hope of 58 that, if the church got more involved, extreme poverty could be eradicated.

The centrepiece of the 58 campaign is a feature length documentary film about the issues of poverty. Compassion UK will be using the 58 message to encourage people to watch the film and show it to their friends and churches.

Here's what's being said about it: 'The 58 film is more than challenging; it is compelling – a wake-up call for us all. I urge churches, student groups and the worldwide 24-7 Prayer networks to allow this resource to shape their prayers and actions.' (Pete Greig – 24-7 Prayer and Alpha International)

For more information about 58 and how to see the film, visit www.compassionuk.org/58.

Christians killed and churches bombed amid Islamist violence in Nigeria

Two worshippers were killed and at least 12 injured in an armed raid on a church, and at least six other churches were bombed during a recent spate of widespread attacks by Islamist militants in Northern Nigeria that left around 150 people dead.

A church in Tabak village, Kaduna State,

was targeted during a prayer meeting on Thursday evening (3 November). As the meeting was drawing to a close, gunmen burst into the building and fired at the congregation, which consisted mainly of women and children. Two women died at the scene, while at least twelve other people were wounded; some were said to be in a critical condition. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nigeria.

Famine in the Horn of Africa

Famine still haunts the Horn of Africa, following two failed rainy seasons and conflict in Somalia. According to the United Nations, over 13 million people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti have now been affected.

Since last July, an unprecedented number of Somalis – nearly 900,000 – have crossed the borders into neighbouring countries like Kenya and Ethiopia. The Dadaab camps, designed for 90,000 people, are now home to over 400,000 refugees.

Andrew Edwards, MRDF Programme Manager for Kenya and Ethiopia, said: 'Dry seasons are common in the Horn of Africa, but the failure of the last rainy season hit when people were yet to recover from the 2010 drought.

'In parts of Ethiopia, for example, people were unable to harvest the short maturing crops such as cabbage and sweet potatoes. Then the prices of staple crop' such as maize and sor-

ghum soared. So many families had no choice but to make the long trek to the refugee camps. With millions affected, this is a crisis that will not be resolved quickly.'

Over £385,000 has been donated to this Africa food crisis appeal to date. This is providing emergency food supplies through the Methodist Church's emergency relief partner, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance. As a result of MRDF support, people are also receiving tarpaulins for temporary shelters, blankets, plastic sheets, impregnated mosquito nets and sleeping mats. If you would like to help, please visit: www.mrdf.org.uk/

Christians affected by worsening crisis in Syria

Christian leaders in Syria and neighbouring countries have expressed growing concern about the deteriorating situation in Syria, and in particular what it means for the vulnerable Christian minority.

The Arab League recently suspended Syria over its crackdown on protestors in a move that highlights how far conditions in the country have worsened since anti-government demonstrations broke out in March 2011. The UN says that at least 3,500 people have been killed.

As the Assad regime comes under mounting international pressure, Christians, who comprise around ten per

cent of the population, are particularly concerned about what the future holds for them and Iraqi Christian refugees living in the country.

Should Assad fall, it is feared that Syria could go the way of Iraq post-Saddam Hussein. Saddam, like Assad, restrained the influence of militant Islamists, but after his fall they were free to wreak havoc on the Christian community; hundreds of thousands of Christians were consequently forced to flee the violence. Many of them went to Syria.

A Syrian church leader explains: 'Most of the Iraqi Christians living in Syria are worried because they do not want to see Syrian Christians passing through the same path as happened with them in Iraq. They are lifting their prayers for a safe and secure Syria and for it [to] continue to be a safe haven.'

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, explains: 'Syria has been very much a safe haven for Christians in the Middle East, one of the few Arab countries where they were treated with respect and had equality with the Muslim majority. Syria also has a history of welcoming in persecuted Christians from other countries.

'But I greatly fear that within the near future we will see a new Iraq developing in Syria. Barnabas Fund is standing with our brothers and sisters during this tumultuous time through both prayer and practical support. Please help us to help them.' If you would like to help, please visit: www.barnabasfund.org.uk/

1 January - The naming of Jesus

It is Matthew and Luke who tell the story of how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1 January - eight days after 25 December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). For in Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the name of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated his ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), we are justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became 'Ἰησοῦς' (Iēsoûs), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to

name her baby Jesus: "because he will save his people from their sins".

25 January - The Conversion of St Paul

Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.



St KENTIGERN

13th January

Kentigern (more often called by his nickname Mungo, meaning 'dear one') was the son of a pagan king who became a pupil in St Serf's monastery in Fife, Scotland.

St Mungo is the patron saint of Glasgow, and he is famous for many miracles, some of which are illustrated on the city's coat of arms. The rhyme goes:

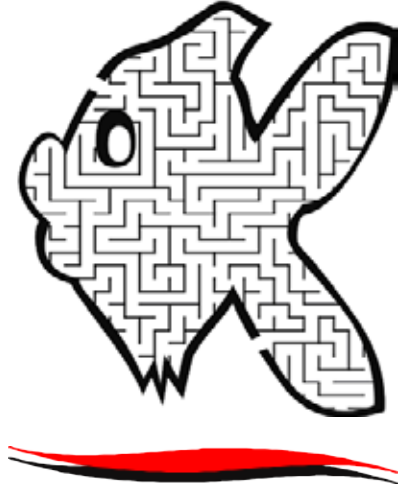
*Here is the bird that never flew
Here is the tree that never grew
Here is the bell that never rang
Here is the fish that never swam*

The bird was Serf's pet robin, which Mungo brought back to life. The tree was a hazel branch that he lit when the fire at the monastery had gone out. The bell was brought back from a visit to Rome and Mungo helped the Queen of Strathclyde find her lost ring inside a salmon.

There is even the story of his meeting the wizard, Merlin, who is said to have become a Christian and been baptised by Mungo. Mungo died around 612AD and his tomb is in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral.

FISH MAZE

It is not a salmon and there is no ring hidden in it, but can you find your way through this fish?



Where do fish wash?

In a river basin.

Why did the whale cross the road?

To get to the other tide.

Where do little fishes go every morning?

To plaice school.

What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?

As far away as possible.



Poetry Corner

Watching

A Winter Beach
Silver baubles of foam,
sparkling,
Intrinsic patterns forming,
Drawn with a luminous pen
Across the canvas of sand,
Decorating the beach,
To celebrate living in this
beautiful land.

Shirley Georgeson

New Year's Days

The New Year's days are white
with snow,
The winds are laughing as they
blow.
Across the ponds and lakes we
glide,
And o'er the drifting snow we
ride,
And down the hills we gaily
slide,
For it is winter weather.

Each rushing stream is warmly
dress'd
An icy coat upon its breast,
And on each branch of every
tree,
Packed in as close as close can
be,

The next year's leaflets we can
see,
All nestled close together.

Celia Standish

End of Season

Strolling down an avenue lined
with globes of light,
The crescent moon smiling at
the chill in the air,
At 5 o'clock on this November
night
To enter a bygone age of ornate
kiosks,
With plastic flowers secured by
tacks
On empty benches with
emblazoned plaques,
Remains of straggled
bunting struggles to keep up
appearances
And the desolate arcade
harbours its favourite
attractions for safe keeping,
For when the clown's face no
longer through the window
needs to leer,
Until next year for the summer
season on the pier.

Shirley Georgeson

Winter Berries

Over Christmas some of you might have decorated your homes with holly bearing its bright red berries. The Great Orme has also been decorated with berries over winter – some more desirable than others.

There are not many holly trees growing wild on the Orme but red berries have been hanging from the hawthorns and shiny black sloes from the blackthorn. In some of the wooded areas black bryony has been twining through the trees with its berries turning from green, to amber, to red as they ripen.

Out on the more open areas and amongst the rocks, the low growing cotoneaster bushes have also been covered with red berries, as shown in the photo. However these are not the rare Great Orme species (*Cotoneaster cambricus*) but introduced species which have escaped from gardens and become naturalised here.

These invasive species have established themselves in the wild and are merrily reproducing and spreading, aided by our local wildlife. In spring the plants produce a mass of white flowers and pollination is helped by the bumblebees which they attract.

In winter the berries may be eaten by birds which then disperse the seeds, completing the work begun by the bumblebees. Management of the Great Orme includes efforts to control invasive plants such as the cotoneasters – but these plants are also feeding our bees and birds. Conservation isn't easy!

Christine Jones



For Eternity

A Catholic, a Baptist, and an Anglican all died and went to heaven. St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates and led them through to a hallway lined with doors. These, he explained, led to the places where each would spend eternity.

For the Roman Catholic, Peter pointed to a heavily carved dark wooden door and said, "Step right in there." The Catholic opened it up to find a chapel lined with stained-glass windows and candles. He gasped with delight, "A church!" and rushed inside, knelt and started to count his rosary.

Peter turned to the Baptist and pointed to another door, with posters on it. The Baptist opened it to find a canvas tent filled with people singing and waving their arms to a lively band and guitar playing pastor. "A praise meeting!" He rushed in and joined the crowd.

Finally Peter turned to the Anglican, and guided him to a quiet brown wood door. Inside was a large table with people seated around, shuffling papers and looking faintly bored. The Anglican clapped his hands to his face in happiness. "A PCC meeting!"

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Coffee Time

Cryptics (thanks and courtesy Barbara Cartwright).

All begin with the letter 'K'.

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|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Partially darken town in English county (4) | Results for last month: |
| 2. Save a part of the castle (4) | 1. Carols |
| 3. Weight of the cask I looked within (4) | 2. Crib |
| 4. Royal angler's bird (10) | 3. Swaddle |
| 5. Two features of a piano to avoid fallen arches (8) | 4. Rudolph |
| 6. Kitchener had an army kit in this colour originally (5) | 5. Capon |
| 7. Left his mark in troubled region (7) | 6. Mistletoe |
| 8. Poet ordered steak (5) | 7. Holly and ivy |
| 9. Sports gear is in the rucksack I took. (3) | 8. Choral |
| 10. Clever-clogs king without security barrier? (4,3) | 9. Ribbon |
| | 10. Frost |