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Sunshine and smiles!



Goodness me, doesn't a bit of sunshine make the world of difference! And this issue of the magazine is packed with sunshine, smiles and lively content too.

We have news and views from across the Ministry Area, a report from the Annual Vestry meeting, as well as updates and thank-yous a plenty.

The quiet and reflection of Lent came to a close with a wealth of services during Holy Week and then Easter. From the solemnity of Good Friday and the Easter Vigils to the celebration and excitement of creating Easter Gardens, a visit from the Easter Bunny, Family services and a very Messy Easter Mass. There was certainly something for everyone! I hope you enjoy looking at the photos as much as I have – a big thank you to everyone who sent them in. A few are included in this magazine, but there are lots more on the Ministry Area website (magazine page), so do pop across to look at them.

Thank you to everyone for your articles, please do keep them coming! And if you fancy dropping me a line, please do, we love new voices, new thoughts and new perspectives. For the June issue, please get copy to me by Friday 23rd May, thank you.

Happy Reading!
Helen Murdoch

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COVER IMAGE: The Easter Bunny paid a special visit to the Family Breakfast to congratulate the children on their lovely Easter garden

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Dear Friends,

Fr. Jonathan

In two week's time (from when I am writing this) we will commemorate VE Day and in our celebrations, try and capture some of the optimism of that first VE Day, some 80 years ago. But think what the world would be like if human beings actually lived by the Golden Rule.

In fact, it is a year David and I celebrate as our former generations were almost starved to death in the Channel Island of Jersey where our Maternal ancestry lived under the occupation of the German Forces! It was a devastating time, but little did my mother know that on the first Mail Boat entering the Channel Islands upon Liberation would be her future Father-in-law - my Grandfather!

This world, about which I am sure we and those who survived both World Wars dream, would be a world in which all disease would have been cured centuries ago – because the money that has been spent on weapons for 2000 years would have been spent on medical research. This world would be one in which everyone has enough to live on, because the resources of the world would be shared. This world would be one in which nations no longer existed, because neighbours don't divide themselves into nations, because borders are no longer needed. This world would be one in which terrorism and extremism like that of the Nazis, HAMAS and ISIS would simply have no place....because the conditions which create such extremism would not exist.

Until such a vision comes to pass, we need our troops, we need our weapons, we need our campaigners for peace and we need to protect what is ours from those who would forcibly take it away from us. We still need to hold on to our optimism. We can almost taste the optimism of those first VE Day crowds. We may want to bathe in that optimism, and keep crying out that the world really could be that good! If only we would listen to God.

So in this coming month of May, let us celebrate the ending of the war in Europe, and the relative peace we have enjoyed for the last 80 years. Let us give thanks for those who gave their lives for that peace. Let us remember the joy of VE Day and the optimism of all those

crowds. But let us also re-commit ourselves to the task of loving God, and loving our neighbour every day.

We have a VE DAY 80th Celebration at Margam Abbey on Saturday 3rd May at 2pm – All are welcome.

*Love and Prayers,
Fr. Jonathan*



VE Day 80th Anniversary

Remembrance Service

Margam Abbey - Saturday 3rd May at 2pm



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Dear Friends,

Rev Dr Duncan Walker

Ascension Day, celebrated 40 days after Easter, is a deeply significant event in Christian theology, marking the moment Jesus Christ completed His earthly ministry and ascended into heaven. It is a day of reflection and joy, symbolizing the fulfilment of His redemptive mission and the promise of His eventual return.

According to the Gospels and Acts, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, blessed them, and was lifted into the heavens, disappearing from their sight. The book of Acts records that two angels appeared to reassure them that Jesus would return just as He had departed. His ascension signifies His entry into the divine realm, where He now sits at the right hand of the Father, as described in multiple New Testament passages. This position represents His authority, kingship, and the completion of His mission on earth. His departure was not an abandonment but rather a transition, His presence shifted from a physical form to a spiritual reality.

The Ascension stands as the crowning achievement of Jesus' earthly journey. Through His life, crucifixion, and resurrection, He triumphed over sin and death, restoring the relationship between humanity and God. His ascension affirms His divine nature, proving that He was not merely a prophet or teacher but the Son of God, now reigning with the Father. One of the most profound theological implications of this event is Jesus' role as intercessor. The book of Hebrews portrays Him as the ultimate High Priest who intercedes on behalf of humanity. Unlike earthly priests, who offered sacrifices repeatedly, Jesus provided Himself as the perfect sacrifice once and for all. His presence in heaven means believers have a constant advocate who understands their struggles and presents their needs before God.

Additionally, His departure prepared the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had assured His disciples that it was beneficial for Him to leave so that the Spirit could be sent. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them to spread the gospel and establish the Church. This pivotal transition signified that Christ's mission was now to be carried forward by His followers, guided by the Spirit.

Ascension Day carries profound meaning for the Church. First, it affirms Christ's kingship and authority, reinforcing trust in His sovereignty even when circumstances seem uncertain. The Church acknowledges Jesus as the reigning King, governing both heaven and earth. His ascension also marks the official commissioning of His disciples through the Great Commission, commanding them to go and make disciples of all nations. Rather than being an end, His departure signalled a beginning, the Church was now entrusted with continuing His work on earth.

Beyond its immediate implications, Ascension Day fills believers with hope and anticipation. It serves as a reminder of Jesus' promise to return. Just as the disciples were assured that He would come again, Christians today live in expectation, longing for the day when Christ will restore creation and bring His kingdom to fullness. In the meantime, they are encouraged by the knowledge that Jesus remains at hand, guiding and strengthening them through the Holy Spirit.

This occasion is one of reflection, thanksgiving, and celebration. Worshippers take time to meditate on the glorious reality that Jesus reigns, that His work continues through the Church, and that His return is promised. While some churches mark Ascension Day with processions and prayers, others commemorate it through quiet reflection and renewed dedication to the mission entrusted to them.

For those facing doubts or uncertainties, Ascension Day serves as a powerful reassurance. Jesus' work did not conclude when He left the earth - it continues within the lives of believers. While His presence may not be visible in the same way it was to the disciples, He remains active, offering grace, strength, and guidance.

Ultimately, the Ascension is not a departure to be mourned, but rather a fulfilment to be celebrated. Jesus did not leave to be distant but ascended to be closer in a new and divine way. His reign assures believers of His power and presence, empowering them to live faithfully and with confidence in His eventual return. Ascension Day is a proclamation that Christ reigns, His work is ongoing, and His followers are called to share in that mission, with the steadfast hope that one day, they will see Him again.

With Christian Greetings, Duncan

Our High Sheriffs

The High Sheriff is one of the oldest voluntary roles in the UK. It is a Royal Appointment and supports the judiciary, emergency services, community organisations and the voluntary sector.

High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan

My name is Sharon Dixon and I am proud and honoured to be the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan 2025-2026. My Declaration Ceremony on 4th April was such a special night as I was surrounded by my family and friends. It took place at the STEAM Academy, Bridgend College in the presence of His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Mid Glamorgan, Professor Peter Vaughan, my Under Sheriff Mr Philip Evans, His Honour Judge Paul Hopkins KC, my chaplain the wonderful Rev Mark Broadway, the Clerk to the Lieutenancy Ceri Denham, JP Lisa Hopkins and the outgoing High Sheriff Dr Richard Lewis, my mentor for the past 2 years. Porthcawl Male Choir were outstanding - You Raise Me Up had many of us in tears!

My charitable focus will be RNLI Porthcawl and Young Persons Mental Health Charities that enable people to live better, happier and safer lives. I aim to inspire people to support others in any small way that they can. Be a cheerleader!!

High Sheriff of West Glamorgan

My name is Diana Stroia and I am honoured and humbled to serve as the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2025-2026. I was officially appointed on 8th April at the beautiful Margam Abbey in a ceremony filled with meaning and tradition. I was installed in the presence of His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, Mrs Louise Fleet JP, the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, the Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea, Her Excellency The Romanian Ambassador to the Court of St James', the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable of South Wales Police, members of the judiciary, third sector organisations, inspiring entrepreneurs, and my wonderful family and friends. My focus will be on the wellbeing and safety of our young people, preventing crime and violence by promoting connection, encouragement, and positive support. Also, I will be supporting Thrive Domestic Abuse Services.

Rome

John Berry BEM

The funeral of Pope Francis and the media coverage of St Peter's square prompted me to share my memories of my visit to Rome.

When in the RAF, in billet on my left was Tony, a member of the Roman Catholic Church. On my right, Michael was a member of the Methodist church. Each, at different times, had asked if I could play their hymns and I played for occasional services at both their churches on the base.

Tony was a member of the group that attended concerts and the opera on a regular basis and became a good friend. He told me he wanted to visit Rome and we agreed we would do this together for Pentecost (Whitsun), which included a Bank holiday. Our RAF passes would take us to the Italian border from where we would have a reduced fare to Rome.

We stayed a night in Cologne and the following day organised the tickets to Rome. This was 1956, all train seats were wooden slatted and no question of sleepers! It was a fascinating 24-hour journey. We had the carriage mostly to ourselves during the afternoon and evening; it was completely ours from about 10pm until 5.30am when people started entraining on their way to market with goats, hens, pigs and other produce! They were a friendly, jolly lot and we were breakfasted on lots of local produce and good hot coffee!!

At Rome railway station a young boy offered to take us to a good hotel; he didn't let us down. We had a room with a balcony overlooking St. Peter's square, which did not have the security measures we see today. We visited the catacombs, the forum and all the usual tourist areas before approaching the Vatican. Here a Swiss Guard showed an interest in these two young, naive Englishmen. When he realised we were servicemen with the RAF he took us on a personal guided tour into areas not normally open to the public. His excuse to his colleagues being we were giving him English lessons!

On Pentecost Sunday I went to St. Peter's with Tony in the morning where I very much enjoyed the music. In the afternoon Tony accompanied me to St George's, the English, Anglican Church where I played for the Communion Service.

Happy Easter!

Judith Shawe

The Thursday Group hosted a great afternoon on Holy Saturday - the family service was fun. Fr Wayne led, with visual aids including a rather large teapot - you had to be there! The children were keen to answer questions and to put their own angle on the Easter story!

The service was followed by craft, There's a picture of our Young at Heart MU members on page 31, as well as on the magazine page on the website. They've just made bunny biscuits! George and William made some very good Last Supper models while munching hot cross buns - now that's multitasking!

The highlight of the afternoon was the construction of the Easter garden under the watchful eye of Fr Wayne. The children had a fascination with gravel and competed to make a gravel path. The Easter Egg hunt proved no contest for Jay, but he didn't divulge any secrets - thank you !

Tea, coffee and hot cross buns rounded off the afternoon. Thank you to the girls of the MU (both groups!) who did the work and who gave their support!

Our next CROESO Tea will include a celebration of VE Day and it will be in All Saints hall (Hall, not church) on Saturday May 10th at 2pm - please wear a hat if you can !

More next time

Judith

"Be Still"

Contemplative Prayer

Be Still is a scriptural-led quiet time with God. Hosted by Valerie Fyans, it is on the third Tuesday every month at 8pm on Zoom. Each session is approximately 40 minutes.

For more information, contact Valerie on 07881 818760.



News from All Saints

Pam Rossini



Here we are just one week after Easter - a very short period but with so much happening in our church and worldwide, it has been both dramatic and sad.

Easter was beautiful, the church decked in daffodils and lilies, the seating filled with family and friends joining our usual parishioners to proclaim the joy and wonder that Jesus, Our Lord, is risen.

Fr Wayne was resplendent in the most beautiful cope which had belonged to Fr Erle Hastey. It inspired him to give a heart-warming service. Fr Erle would have been so pleased.

In the church hall, Jane had surprised us with hot cross buns and sherry – what a lovely treat for Easter Sunday.

Easter Monday and we were told of the sudden death of dear Kay Foyle, who had been with us and enjoyed her Easter Sunday. She will be sadly missed.

During the day an announcement was made of the death of Pope Francis. He had been very ill in hospital but, for Easter, made a recovery, blessed the people in St Peter's Square and toured around the square later in his Pope-mobile, greeting as many as possible who had come to hear him on Easter Sunday.

The Pope's death is a great loss, not just for Roman Catholics, but for all religions. His policies to help the poor and needy, the immigrants and the prisoners tell of his love for all mankind. How much the Pope was loved could be seen by the crowds, cardinals, bishops, priests, nuns, presidents and princes at his funeral - all paying their respects to a Pope who was close to God, a simple man. Many banners were held up by groups of people from all over the world saying 'Grazie, Francesco'. He had given so many disenfranchised people hope. His legacy will carry on – and, a gladdening sight, Donald Trump could be seen in deep conversation with President Zelensky. There is hope of a settlement and peace for Ukraine and its leader, President Zelensky, another simple, humble and well-loved man.

Coffee and Cakes

Carolyn Perren

I've somewhat foolishly volunteered to run a cake stall at the 'Churches Together in Porthcawl' Coffee and Breakfast event in Trinity Church on Saturday 17th May, 10am-2pm.



If anyone in any of our churches is able to either help or make cakes please contact me on 07970 508233 or carolyn.tansey@gmail.com.

*Thank you,
Carolyn*



Did you know....

1 May 1873 David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and explorer, died. He is best known for his search for the source of the Nile, and for going missing – and being found – in Africa.

2 May 1933 the first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.

6 May 1954 Roger Bannister was the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes, at the Iffley Road Sports Ground in Oxford.

10 May 1773 Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies. This led to the 'Boston Tea Party' in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

26-27 May 1923 the first Le Mans 24 hour endurance motor race was held.

29 May 1953 New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

News from St David's

Pat Parry



As mentioned previously, 2025 is the 30th anniversary of the completion of St. David's church and hall. We are keen to mark this in some way and have decided to hold a **'Songs of Praise'** in the church on **Friday 23rd May at 7pm** followed by light refreshments. See the weekly sheet for details nearer the time. All are welcome. Hymns will be chosen in advance.

Happy Easter to everyone. It was wonderful to see the church full of beautiful flowers - and the Easter Garden in place under the altar. Many thanks to the flower arrangers Our banner 'He is Risen' is in prominence on the wall. Easter Sunday is a special time for our family. My daughter-in-law, Antonia, was confirmed on Easter Sunday in Salisbury Cathedral. We gathered around a bonfire outside the cathedral before dawn and stories from the Old Testament were read. As dawn broke, we entered the cathedral with lighted candles, the sun shone through the East window and all the bells were rung. It was a wonderful experience.

My granddaughter, Ellie, was christened in St David's on Easter Sunday. My father died on Easter Sunday. This year was special again as my grandson, Louis was 18 on Easter Sunday and we had a family gathering. His little brother Charlie was one a few days before.

Back to church affairs. We had a Family Service on Good Friday following the Stations of the Cross. The large wooden cross was placed before the altar and everyone lit a candle and placed it on the cross. Jay read a poem that had been written by a child. He read beautifully. As is our custom, we had hot cross buns with our coffee following the service.



Churches of Newton, Nottage and Porthcawl

Thank you! Our Lenten Lunch raised £100 and will be sent with other donations for Christian Aid.

News from St John's

Diane Jackson



Easter Day dawned bright and sunny and we were also greeted to the sound of our bells ringing out, proclaiming the Lord is risen. On entering the church, we were again greeted to the delightful sight of the church in all its glory enhanced by the beautiful arrangements of lilies and other flowers. Thanks is due to so many people - Sandra and her talented team who make up the Flower Guild, Guttridge's for supplying the flowers and also to all of you who contributed towards the Lily Appeal. Thanks for all donations received. In addition, as Fr Wayne acknowledged, the brass and silver were also sparkingly clean, so thanks to those who carried this out - not an easy job!

Those who gave up 'treats' for Lent are now probably glad to resume normal service, and in Fr Wayne's case, sweets and chocolate bars. It was good hear that he is human like the rest of us and was tempted to break his good intentions!

St Johns Summer Fayre 2025

Jonathan and Karen Lewis

Let's not forget the St John's Summer Fayre c midday.

The committee are busy arranging everything do with books and bric-a-brac. Contact me on 07881 325383 or Robbie Owen at church with details of where to drop things off.

We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day - again, please contact us if you would like to help.

Most of all, we're looking forward to seeing everyone on Newton Green, so pop the date in your diary!

See you soon!

PS I've posted a few photos as a reminder of how wonderful Newton is—the cherry blossom and Newton beach at low tide. Have a look at the magazine page on the website.





Our Congregational meeting was held earlier in the month and it was heartening to see so many people attend who obviously have such an interest in our church. Nicola Willis and Gareth Lewis were elected onto the MAC (Ministry Area Council).

Denver Whale was re-elected as Vicar's warden and Gareth Lewis was elected as People's warden. A number of people put their names forward to go onto the LCC. It was noted that it is not usual that so many want to go on the committee! The date of the next LCC meeting is still to be announced when the Chair etc will be elected. The job of the committee will be to support Fr Wayne in various ways to keep our church going on a day-to-day basis, enabling him to concentrate more on his spiritual duties.

As part of the introduction, it was good to hear that our church numbers are slowly going up, despite the lack of heating during the winter months. So that this continues, it is even more important that we give him all the support we can. When the meeting ended wine and nibbles were very kindly provided by Liz and Andrew Singer. Our thanks to them for doing this.

Latest news on the boiler! The good news is that it is now in place. The bad news is it has come with a fan which is so loud, it drowns everything else out! As a compromise, Fr Wayne has arranged for the heating system to come on two hours before each service so the church is warm, with the fan being switched off before the start of the service. I believe he is trying to see if this can be altered in any way. He has worked so hard over the last year to get it operating, in addition to all his other responsibilities.

During Lent it was lovely to hear the Ten Commandments read out in full during the Eucharist. However, we should also remember that Jesus' commandment to us was to love one another. In the real world, with all our different personalities, it is not possible to even like everyone or everyone like us, let alone love them, but whatever we think of others, at the very least we must treat one another politely, civilly and with respect.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,
Diane

Margam Ministry Area

Annual Vestry Report April 2025

Rev Jonathan Durley, Ministry Area Leader

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to our Annual Vestry report which covers our third year as the Margam Ministry Area. Firstly, may I thank all those who have submitted reports covering the many groups and activities which have taken place during the last year. I commend them to you to read in your own time, to reflect on them and to pray for each aspect of our life as a Ministry Area together, as we seek to fulfil our shared aims:

Telling a joyful story.

Growing the Kingdom of God.

Building our capacity for good.

As you will see throughout this report, this last year has certainly been another busy one, with many projects continuing to gather momentum. It has been heartening to see new partnerships being developed with the wider community and initiatives celebrated for their contribution to Community life. This is heartening as we seek to fulfil our calling to be Christ's disciples in this part of the Diocese of Llandaff. A more detailed narrative of all that has been achieved is covered within this report.

I would like to thank all of you who have served and given so much in terms of your time, commitment, and energy through the many hours of volunteering. This has made this past year one that has been incredibly exciting and surprising, as to the great impact that our joint effort has made on so many lives. We pray that this will continue through this coming year as we proclaim Christ's Gospel through Worship, Mission and Evangelism.

While the past year has seen some of our faithful communicants depart this earthly life, we rejoice that we have also welcomed new people joining the worshipping life of our benefice. This is very encouraging, considering the significant challenges which are facing the wider church. It is also with great joy that we will be holding our

first Ministry Area Confirmation celebration on June 12th in All Saints, Porthcawl at 7pm. Eight adults and six young people will be Confirmed by Bishop Mary as they continue their journey of faith as Christ's disciples.

I am extremely grateful for all your support over this last year and I am proud to commend this report to you.

*With prayerful best wishes,
Fr Jonathan*



The Margam Ministry Area Annual Vestry Meeting was held on Sunday 27th April 2025 in All Saints, Porthcawl, following a Ministry Area Mass. The meeting was chaired by David-Lloyd Jones, Acting Ministry Area Chair and attended by people from all churches across the Margam Ministry Area. Following the meeting, everyone gathered in the church hall for refreshments and friendship.

The Annual Report 2025 is available on the Margam Ministry Area website.

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The Family Breakfast

Jan Battrick

I hope that everyone reading this had a truly wonderful Easter: at the Family Breakfast in Pyle, we most certainly did.

Just like last year, the children built their Easter Garden with Fr. Jonathan. As they avidly filled small pots with flowers and foliage, Fr. Jon handed out Palm crosses and brought the story of Easter to life. On Good Friday it was good to see regulars at the Family Breakfast join in the March of Witness through Kenfig Hill to Pyle Church Hall where they were welcomed with Hot Cross Buns. The following day we were delighted to welcome the Easter Bunny and held an Easter Egg Hunt where, thanks to so many generous donations, every child went home with a boxed egg and a clutch of smaller ones.

Since we started the Family Breakfast everything has operated on a "Take if you need, donate if you can" basis. From small beginnings we now regularly see over 80 people each week and hand out over £600 of food. We welcome all donations, however small, but this year we were overwhelmed by generosity.

Ceri McMillan, the daughter of one of our volunteers, Meryl Greenway, decided to run the London Marathon in aid of a terminally ill friend and the Family Breakfast. She has trained for months and raised an incredible amount of money which will keep us running for many months. Her sheer determination and big heart will benefit so many people she has never met.

Another surprise came on Easter Saturday when an envelope containing a very generous donation was handed in to us anonymously. We do not know the donor's identity, but we cannot thank her enough for this welcome gift which will make a difference to so many people's lives.

Sometimes, miracles really do happen!

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News from Margam Abbey

Bev Gulley

April was a joy, with the Inauguration Service for the new High Sheriff of West Glamorgan, the Declaration Ceremony for Master Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and Knights Templar for their annual service. Tir Iarll WI enjoyed a guided tour of the Abbey and Easter Services were well-attended and moving. Our choir goes from strength to strength under the musical direction of Nigel Wills, and is always looking for new members. With Easter holidays and services, we are most grateful to all of our volunteers, the Priests of the MA and retired Priests who have looked after us.

May:

We are delighted to have been chosen for the Urdd Eisteddfod Service (to which everyone is welcome), have a VE Service and tours/talks, for Porthcawl MU, Minny St Independent Chapel (as part of their Pilgrimage), Trefoil Guild, 90 children from Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sker, and a Talk on the Life and Legacy of Christopher Rice Mansel Talbot. We wish Gary and Hayley, Rachel and Sion every blessing for their marriages at the Abbey. Our events are:

May		
Saturday 3 rd	VE 80 th Anniversary Service	2pm
Saturday 10 th	Talk: <i>The Life and Legacy of Christopher Rice Mansel Talbot</i>	11am
Friday 16 th May	Concert Cor Ysgol Gynradd Cwmafan and Cantorion Pentalar – Soloist Adele O'Neill (Soprano)	7pm
Sunday 25 th	Urdd Eisteddfod Service – All Welcome	11.30
June		
Saturday 14 th	Talk - <i>The Monks of Margam</i>	11am
Saturday 21 st	Midsummer Organ Recital – with Canon Graham Holcombe	3pm

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Men's Inhumanity to Other Men

Adrian Warner

I was recently invited to go to a screening of a film made by a Palestinian fisherman who has come to the UK to show the film and appeal for funds. They and their boats seem to be target practice for high speed Israeli gunboats, and are restricted to fishing in small areas. Many have been killed and the fishing (an important source of food in a starving country) is very curtailed. Where wives have taken out the boats of their dead husbands they have suffered similarly.

Inhumanity is nothing new. It is all around us, and history is full of atrocities. Being kind, considerate and sharing brings condemnation from the dominant and greedy. What a sad world we have. The homeless are evident on the streets, while huge expensive houses (with every energy-consuming labour-saving gadgets) fill expanding suburbs and the accompanying big cars use up the world's resources. The less able deserve an equal share, but they are pushed to the margins. Huge gardens are 'essential' while affordable housing cannot find building space. Not in my back yard is the norm: do not lower my standard of living!



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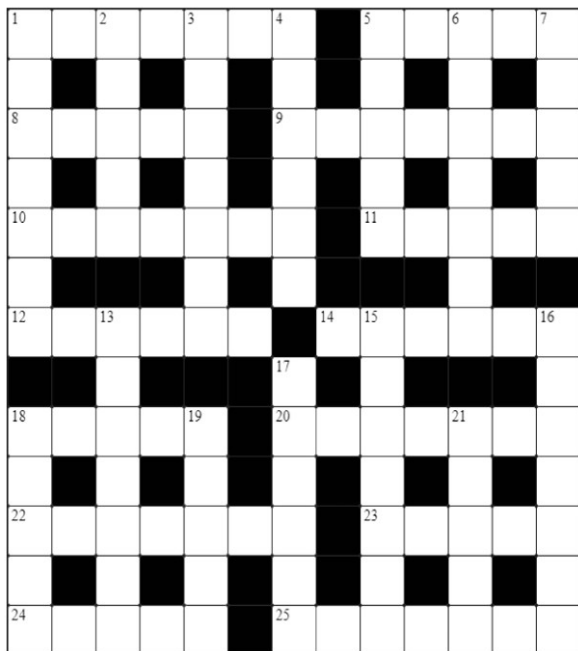
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- 1 Tongue (8)
- 6 Rotter (3)
- 9 Enticed (5)
- 10 Small waves (7)
- 11 Car frame (7)
- 13 Possessed (5)
- 14 Shout loudly (6)
- 15 Vast desert of North Africa (6)
- 18 Religious observances (5)
- 20 Chic (7)
- 21 Make better (7)
- 22 Strap (5)
- 23 Utter (3)
- 24 Ponder (4,4)

Down

- 2 Letters sent by plane (7)
- 3 Deity (3)
- 4 Horizontally (6)
- 5 Spying (9)
- 6 Punctuation mark (5)
- 7 Handicap (12)
- 8 Bramble fruit (12)
- 12 Blizzard (9)
- 16 Fashionable (1,2,4)
- 17 Expose (6)
- 19 Slightly drunk (5)
- 22 Excessively (3)

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Quick Crossword Answer (page29)

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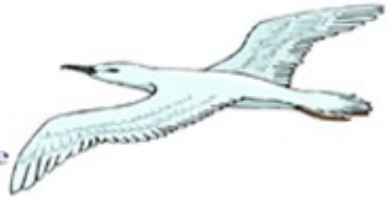
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Give lavishly! Live abundantly

The more you give, the more you get
The more you laugh, the less you fret.

The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly.

The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare
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That life is good and friends are kind.

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