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Relax, re-charge and refresh!



Summer is here! And, for many of us, holidays are just around the corner. Even if we're not going away, we're lucky enough to live in a holiday location and can share that summer spirit with the people all around us.

Let's hope the good weather holds for all the summer fayres, carnivals and other outdoor gatherings - the sunshine certainly draws the crowds, locals and holidaymakers alike, and brings a smile to our faces too!

It's been another busy month of reporting with the Confirmation Service taking centre stage – what a joyous, happy occasion, so lovely to see everyone together celebrating. The Porthcawl Music and Flower Festival, celebrating Porthcawl's 200th anniversary, a convivial Deanery MU lunch, a musical Croeso tea, an MU visit to the Abbey and an interesting, if wet, Count on Nature Day added to the excitement. And Adrian treats us to highlights of his visit to Westminster Abbey – what an adventurous spirit you are to brave the elements in your little tent! There's certainly plenty to read about over your summer cuppa. So stop. Take a breath. Relax. Enjoy your summer and I'll see you in the September issue.

All contributions for the September issue to be by 22nd August, please.

Have a super summer!

Helen Murdoch

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COVER IMAGE: Confirmation Service 2025 at All Saints Church, Porthcawl with Bishop Mary

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Dear Friends,

Fr. Jonathan

On the 12th June we celebrated our first Ministry Area Confirmation Service in All Saints, Porthcawl. As you will see from the photographs elsewhere in this publication, it was a wonderful celebration, when Bishop Mary confirmed 16 people from congregations in the Abbey, All Saints, St David's and St John the Baptist.



The Sacrament of Confirmation is an important celebration in the life of the Church, as it marks a person for undertaking the vocation to which they have been called. Confirmation is sort of like Ordination, as it marks you out for a specific calling. But unlike Ordination, the Church confirms both lay people and priests. And this is because every Christian's vocation is to proclaim the Gospel and live a holy life.

This is also why Confirmation is linked to the bishop's presence. As Ordination into the priesthood requires the bishop's presence, so too, in Confirmation, the bishop's presence signifies that the person being confirmed is now charged with the duty of carrying on the apostolic mission, the ministry of those first disciples.

Too often, we have thought that once a person is confirmed, it's the end of the journey. So far from being the end of the road, Confirmation marks a new beginning. It is a new, more profound sense of vocation. Confirmation marks us out for a life on mission, wherever that may lead us.

Mission doesn't just happen overseas. It happens everywhere: in our neighbourhoods, homes, and the ordinary places of our everyday existence. Mission is right where we are, right now.

To reinvigorate and renew the practice of Confirmation is one of the most critical tasks for the church today because renewing the practice of Confirmation means renewing the mission of the church.

It means further equipping all the saints for the work of God's kingdom. It means a rising generation of Christians who have dedicated their lives to the glory of God in every area of life.

So let us continue to pray for those who have received this wonderful Sacrament –

Henry, Elaine, Jemma, Meg, Gwenda, Florence, Francesca, Geraint,
David, Jay, Katie, Laura, Reni, Averil, Keith and Megan.

**Heavenly Father,
By the power of your Holy Spirit
You give to your people
New life in the water of Baptism
Guide and strengthen they
and us all by the same Spirit.
May we who are born again,
serve you in faith and love.
May we grow into the full stature of Christ
We ask this through Jesus, our Lord,
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
Amen**

This is the last edition of the magazine before the summer break, so whatever the next few weeks entail for you, I pray that they are enjoyable, refreshing and renewing.

*Love and Prayers,
Fr. Jon*



Dear Friends,

Rev Dr Duncan Walker

On July 22nd, the Church joyfully celebrates the feast of St Mary Magdalene, a woman whose life was transformed by grace and whose witness continues to inspire generations. Often called the “apostle to the apostles,” Mary Magdalene stands as a radiant example of healing, renewal, and faithful love. Her story is not one of perfection but of redemption, a journey from brokenness to bold proclamation, from tears to testimony.

Mary Magdalene first appears in the Gospels as one from whom Jesus cast out seven demons (Luke 8:2). This detail, though brief, speaks volumes. She knew what it meant to be healed, deeply, personally, and completely. Her life was not merely improved by Jesus; it was made new. In this, she becomes a living echo of Hosea 6:1–3, where the prophet calls, “Come, let us return to the Lord... he will bind up our wounds... he will revive us.” Mary’s healing was not just physical or emotional, it was spiritual restoration, a return to the God who heals and revives.

From that moment on, Mary followed Jesus with unwavering devotion. She stood by him in his ministry, supported him from her own means, and remained near even at the foot of the cross when others fled. Her presence at the crucifixion and her early arrival at the tomb on Easter morning reveal a heart that had been captivated by love and transformed by mercy.

In John 20:11–18, we find Mary weeping outside the empty tomb. Her grief is raw, her love undiminished. But then, in a moment of tender recognition, Jesus calls her by name, “Mary.” That single word breaks through her sorrow and opens her eyes to the risen Lord. She becomes the first to witness the resurrection and is entrusted with the message: “Go to my brothers and say to them...” In this sacred commission, Mary becomes the first preacher of the resurrection, the first to proclaim new life to a world still shadowed by death.

This moment resonates deeply with 2 Corinthians 5:14–17, where Paul writes, “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.” Mary Magdalene embodies this truth. Her past no longer defines her; her identity is now rooted in the risen Christ. She is not remembered for

her wounds but for her witness. Her life proclaims that no one is beyond the reach of grace and that healing is always possible in the presence of Christ.

Psalm 71 offers a fitting prayer for Mary's journey: "You have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth... you will restore my life again." These words could well have been on her lips as she stood at the tomb, as she heard her name spoken by the risen Jesus, and as she ran to tell the others. Her story is one of restoration, of hope rekindled, of life renewed.

In the life of the Church, Mary Magdalene holds a cherished place. She reminds us that healing is not only possible but promised. Her association with compassionate care is not accidental, many hospitals and ministries of mercy bear her name, inspired by her transformation and her unwavering love. She is a patron of those who seek healing, of those who serve the broken, and of all who long to be made whole.

On her feast day, we do not merely remember a woman of the past. We celebrate a sister in faith who still walks with us, pointing always to the One who calls us by name, who heals our wounds, and who sends us out to proclaim life. St Mary Magdalene, pray for us, that we too may be made new.

*With Christian Greetings,
Duncan*

Say a little prayer

Barbara Birch

A little reminder for us all from words Barbara found some time ago in a magazine.

Prayer helps you relax as it makes you stop, slow down, and think. It triggers what scientists call a "relaxation response" in the body, calming the mind, lowering the heart rate and easing muscle tension. Studies show that people who pray regularly suffer less depression, cope better with addictions and have healthier immune systems than those who don't.

Whose Prize?

John Berry BEM

A very good friend who lives in West Wales was born with Cerebral Palsy, he has numerous physical problems, has a calliper on one leg and lives alone in a disability adapted flat with a lot of pain. We were introduced to each other twelve years ago - he is now 32. He enjoys my visits when we go to castles where he will climb towers, or at the seaside we clamber over rocks avoiding the rock pools. He tells me he knows he must do these things, won't go alone, but feels safe with me - an octogenarian nearing the end of the decade!!

I was visiting him last year and had booked a table for dinner in a restaurant where I was told the booking could be not be later than 6.15pm as the restaurant was booked for the RNLI Annual Fund-Raising dinner but there was a table for two available in the bar. During the afternoon as we were walking along the Waterfront I was explaining I was attending a Diamond Wedding Celebration on my way home the following day and needed to buy a present. A lady had caught up and was passing us, she excused herself, but having heard some of the conversation wanted to explain there were shops ahead and described what was available. We thanked her for the information (although we knew the shops) and she went on ahead.

Later, we presented ourselves at our dinner venue and were seated in the bar studying our menus when the restaurant door opened and into the bar walked the same lady from the afternoon - this time selling raffle tickets for the RNLI dinner! She came straight to us, remembering our previous encounter; we both bought raffle tickets giving our contact details as one does - later that evening I received a phone call: we had each won a prize! Both our prizes were a meal for two: Jon's was at the same restaurant, mine at an inn in a nearby bay.

Jon collected both vouchers and on my next visit we found the Ferry Inn at Llanstadwell and redeemed my voucher. We enjoyed the venue, the reception and the meal so much we have been back three times!

Saving Lives at Sea

Porthcawl RNLI recently held their annual crew dinner and during the evening it was an opportunity to make a presentation and thank Angharad Masson who recently left the crew after 6 years of service.

On the same evening, Porthcawl RNLI also recognised and thanked Etienne Cronje and Dan Jones who had also decided to leave the crew after many years of service.

Etienne joined the crew in 2007 and saved 174 lives during his 18 years of service.

Dan joined the crew in 2008 and passed out as a helm in 2016. During his 17 years of service Dan saved 170 lives.



Angharad joined the crew in 2019 and saved 66 lives during her 6 years of service.

Being part of a volunteer RNLI lifeboat crew is a huge commitment and we are grateful to them all for their service and to their families for supporting them over the years. We wish them all the best for the future.



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Our contribution that night to the RNLI was not enormous, but overall, the willingness of two catering establishments to contribute to the RNLI brought additional benefits – one of them so far has had six customers for the cost of two.

The value of communities living and working together, looking outside themselves brings its own rewards – winners all round.

News from All Saints

Pam Rossini



It's been a very busy time in All Saints with a great variety of events which were all hugely enjoyed.

On Thursday 12th June, the highlight of the religious year was the first confirmation in the Ministry Area of 16 candidates officiated by Bishop Mary. The church was packed with family, friends and well-wishers of the candidates and a total of 102 parishioners of all ages took communion to join the celebration. A first-class buffet was arranged in the church hall with some 200 guests enjoying the food and wine available. Congratulations to all who were confirmed, and particular best wishes to those from All Saints.



The usual suspects were in the kitchen doing a sterling job. We missed Jane who is one of the mainstays in the catering scene but unfortunately, she is quite poorly. We hope she makes a recovery soon – we definitely miss you.

On Friday 13th June, arrangements were being made for the Music and Flower Festival organised by Erica Beynon. This was a special event to celebrate 200 years of Porthcawl. In the porch could be seen the original charter for our lovely town.

The 14th June was an amazing day with the church bedecked with dazzling and innovative displays of flowers. Some displays relating to Porthcawl railway, which I well remember, when I used to travel to get to the Grammar School in Bridgend.

The variety of musical groups, choral and instrumental, were all highly professional and entertaining. This superb day finished with a rendition of the 1812 Overture – what a fitting end to this hugely successful day.

At Margam Abbey on Saturday 21st June, we were delighted by an organ recital by Fr Graham. This was to raise money towards the

upkeep of the organ. We are so lucky with Fr Graham, he always gives an interesting and knowledgeable sermon but is also able to entertain us with beautiful recitals and some jolly piano-playing from the 1940s on.



Also on 21st, the Sea Festival took place in the town. This was a huge event with the lifeboatmen, ambulance service, and all the armed forces taking part. The town was packed with locals, friends, families, and holidaymakers all enjoying the day.

So much happening but just to mention, Ezra's 18th birthday held at the Football Club. A super happy time and we wish Ezra and all his family a joyful year ahead.

HAPPY
Birthday

Fr Wayne has been on holiday cruising in the Med – hopefully he had calm seas.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and now Iran and sensible leaders of all countries to facilitate peace talks.



Porthcawl Music and Flower Festival

Sharon Dixon, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan

I was honoured to attend Porthcawl Music and Flower Festival celebrating 200 years of Porthcawl's History.

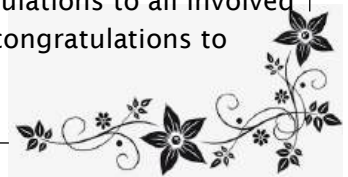


After the official opening, the cake was cut by Porthcawl Mayor Elin Jones.

Then followed a musical extravaganza by The Porthcawl Bandits, a fabulous ukelele band. I could not stop my feet tapping.

A change of tempo as we enjoyed the incredible choir Col Canto – such beautiful voices. There were several more musical events and the flower arrangements were superb!

Thank you all for your warm welcome! Congratulations to all involved in making the celebration such a success and congratulations to Porthcawl on 200 years.



Clearance Sales of Artwork

Peter Millis

Having launched my life story book - A Time for Telling - and enjoying the 30 Years Songs of Praise celebrations at St David's AND the unexpected accolade of appearing on the cover of the Ministry Area magazine, I am now sorting out my surplus artwork items, mainly from the Silures Gallery days.

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P.S. I also have a table top drawing board with parallel motion, size Imperial 3' x 2', which I bought in a fit of enthusiasm many years ago - never used and still in its packaging. Would be suitable for artwork or a technical student. Offers considered.

*Best wishes,
Peter Millis*



News from St David's

Pat Parry



Congratulations

Three of our Junior Church members, David, Katie and Jay, were confirmed by Bishop Mary in June at a wonderful service in All Saints Church. There were about 16 candidates in all from all parts of the Margam Ministry. This was the first confirmation service for seven years.

The candidates had written to the Bishop about why they wanted to be confirmed and she read out some of the letters in her address. We had a chance to meet and talk to everyone in the hall afterwards where a splendid buffet was laid out.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the service and the refreshments.

David, Katie and Jay took their first communion in St David's this week.

Audrey Tinkler, a previously regular member of our congregation, celebrated her 100th birthday in June with a party in the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Care Home. We sent a card and very best wishes from her friends in St David's.



Concerts in All Saints:

Saturday July 12th at 7.30pm

Broadway Chorus presents 'A Summer Serenade'

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Saturday 26th July at 7.00pm

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St John's Summer Fayre

Robbie Owen

On the green! Come and join us for a grand day out on the village green.

We have some fabulous stalls, entertainment, refreshments, and you can pop into St John's church, a 12th century church, which is open for the day.

We have Newton Bells at 11.45am—followed by the opening of the Fayre at 12 noon with the wonderful Rock Choir, Performance House, Children's entertainment, Porthcawl Male Choir, Seren Arabi Belly Dancers, and Arlington Road Guitar Band.

We also have a tug of war featuring Newton v Nottage pubs, Jolly Sailor versus The Swan.

Get yourself a programme, some raffle tickets, and come and enjoy Porthcawl's greatest annual day out as we raise funds for the church's restoration.

See you there!

Robbie



It's almost here and we're really looking forward to seeing everyone on Newton Green for this year's Summer Fayre.

Here's a last minute request for bric-a-brac, hats, handbags—and tombola prizes, please. Drop them in to Newton Schoolroom

or give me a call on 07881 335483.

Thank you—see you soon,

Jonathan Lewis, Chair of Summer Fayre Committee





News from St John's

Diane Jackson

We were all shocked to hear that Fr Wayne has resigned. The majority of us in St John's welcomed his appointment and have tried to be very supportive.

In spite of us being a Christian Church, I feel that there are many throughout the entire Ministry Area who did not offer him the support he should have had and have not treated him in a very Christian way. How his departure now pans out for future services, we will have to see.

We recently held a confirmation when there were more being confirmed than there has been for some time. This was down to Fr Wayne and it is sad that we are losing him at a time when he has started to bring people back into church!

In the meantime, I hope everyone joins me in wishing him every blessing, happiness and peace in whatever the future holds for him and ensure that his remaining time with us is happy and pleasant.

Good luck!

On the subject of the confirmation many congratulations to all who were confirmed. It was great to see the Bishop Mary and to interact with her after the service.

It will not be long before our Summer Fayre takes place. Hopefully we will be blessed with good weather and the crowds will come out with money to spend, even in these difficult times. As always, we would welcome hats, cakes, bric-a-brac etc. for the various stalls.



Finally, Nicola Willis retired after very many years in our local Health Centre. Over the years, Nicola has gone out of her way to help so many people. We will miss her in the surgery. Nicola, Have a very long happy and healthy retirement. It is fully deserved

*Yours in Christian Fellowship,
Diane*

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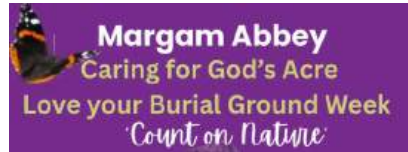
News from Margam Abbey

Bev Gulley



We are just getting back to a more church opening/normal summer period at the Abbey, with music festivals and the Urdd Eisteddfod, effectively closing the park to visitors. It is nice to welcome and chat to people again and meet our regular visitors. That aside, June was still a busy month!

Children's Corner – Liz, her husband Jamey and her team continue to provide a rotation of relevant and fun activities, for our little ones at services and Abbey visitors. Despite Caring for God's Green Acre (Count on Nature) being wet, it was a well-planned and enjoyable day.



Mother's Union – In June, Geoff Henderson, spoke on the life of brilliant Welshman Gareth Jones, Interpreter linguist and journalist; who identified injustice and starvation in pre-WW2 Ukraine.

In July, we are visiting Ewenny Priory, followed by a meal in the Watermill. Our MU meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2pm. New and prospective members are always welcome.

Fabric Report – Remedial carpentry has been taking place, across a week period. Thank you to Alun Howell and our very own Mr Fix it, Anthony Radcliffe.

Choir – Nigel and the choir really do uplift services and it is lovely to see them processing in their robes. If anyone is interested in joining, do come along for choir practice at 9.30am on a Sunday. We were delighted to see Helen, Wendy and Chris in the 5-church choir at the recent Confirmation Service.

The Confirmation Service at All Saints Church, saw a good attendance in support of our four Abbey candidates: Francesca, Geraint, Averil and Laura. Many congratulations to you all, on what can only be described as a joyous occasion.

Blessings

We welcomed The Pyle and Kenfig MU for an Abbey tour and look at the Vestments (with Fr Jonathan), and Cor Nedd for their Summer Concert. A most enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Anne-Marie and Liam married at the Abbey, and Averil and Jamey, both baptised.

Congratulations

Canon Graham Holcombe's Midsummer Organ Recital based on previous Margam Abbey Organists, was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed and well-attended. Thank you Fr. Graham.

July/August:

- Saturday 12th July 6pm – Concert in Memory of Mervyn Burch. William Reynolds on organ. Soloists, tbc.
- Saturday 19th July 7pm – Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir Annual Concert. Tickets £10, available from the choir (07866 742452). Parking for this event is in Margam Orangery Car Park.



Congratulations on their Silver Wedding Anniversary, to Chris and Brian Munday, married at the Abbey 25 years ago. We look forward to the wedding of David and Lisa.

Visits – We are hosting the Neath MU, Morley Medieval Society and several NPT Heritage departments (including 'Coventry Live' blog) visits to showcase the Abbey.

Abbey Volunteers – Lastly, a big shout out to those who Serve, are part of the choir, work in the Abbey shop, make much-appreciated refreshments, look after the children's corner, Abbey Socials, fabric, complete bulletins, photocopying, any other volunteering activities and, last but not least; to the retired priests, who officiate at services. We could not manage without you all.

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1 July 1838 – British scientist Charles Darwin presented a paper to the Linnean Society in London on his theory of evolution of species and natural selection.

5 July 1954—the BBC launched the first daily television news programme in the UK.

9 July 1877 - the inaugural Lawn Tennis Championship was played on top of the croquet lawns at Wimbledon.

11 July 1950 – the first episode of the BBC children's TV show *Andy Pandy* was broadcast in the UK.

16 July 1955 – Stirling Moss became the first British racing driver to win the British Grand Prix.

21 July 1925 – racing driver Malcolm Campbell set a new land speed record of 150.87 mph at Pendine Sands in a Sunbeam 350HP becoming the first person to travel over 150 mph.

21 July 1969 - The Eagle landed on the moon and US astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on its powdery surface.

23 July 1955 – racing driver Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record and became the first person to break the 200 mph barrier at Ullswater in Cumbria.

24 July 1950 – the first rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida. It reached a height of 25 miles.

25 July 1814 - George Stevenson unveiled *Blucher*, a steam-powered locomotive that can haul 8 carriages loaded with 30 tons of coal at the break-neck speed of 4 mph.

25 July 1959 – the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel.

27 July 1949 – the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place.

29 July 1949 – the BBC began broadcasting regular weather forecasts on TV.

30 July 1966 - England won the Jules Rimet trophy, Association Football's World Cup, at Wembley Stadium in London after beating Germany 4-2 in extra time.

Christian Aid 80th Anniversary Service

Adrian Warner

Weeks ago an email came inviting me to the service. So I bought a little tent to enable me to stay on the outskirts of London at low cost. It seemed questionable to spend so much on the train fare when it could have gone to the starving, but I tried to make the most from the three day venture.

An hour in Reading to soak up the atmosphere of the Abbey ruins, the Kennet and Avon canal and the gaol site - famous for the ballad - were enjoyed in the sunshine. With the tent sited on the banks of the Thames at Chertsey there was time for a leisurely evening walk by the weir.

Next morning a day rover ticket was bought to ride to Waterloo. I paused at the Windrush monument and walked across Westminster Bridge passing Churchill and Gandhi to join the queue for the Abbey.

My seat was on the end of a row with an unimpeded view of the poppies around the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The Service at noon was very poignant especially the reading by Rev. Kate Bottley of the Good Shepherd story. I felt very aware of often, and indeed recently, failing to help the needy, especially in Penarth. She was by the door as I left and how warmly encouraging felt her handshake. A Welsh flag outside enabled the handful from Wales to come together. Three were from Penarth.

Then a visit to Westminster Cathedral to nod to Basil Hume and Eric Gill before Canary Wharf (using the Elizabeth line and Docklands Light Railway) and walking the foot tunnel to see the Cutty Sark. Getting tired by now the planned walk to St. James's Park and Trafalgar Square etc. had to be omitted.

On Friday 13th June, the journey home was on six trains, with sight-seeing stops in Reading (the Lion), Swindon (Railway monuments) and Gloucester (Docks)

A little light relief

A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds.

He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God.



"God", he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million pounds?"

God answered, "To me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God said, "In a minute."



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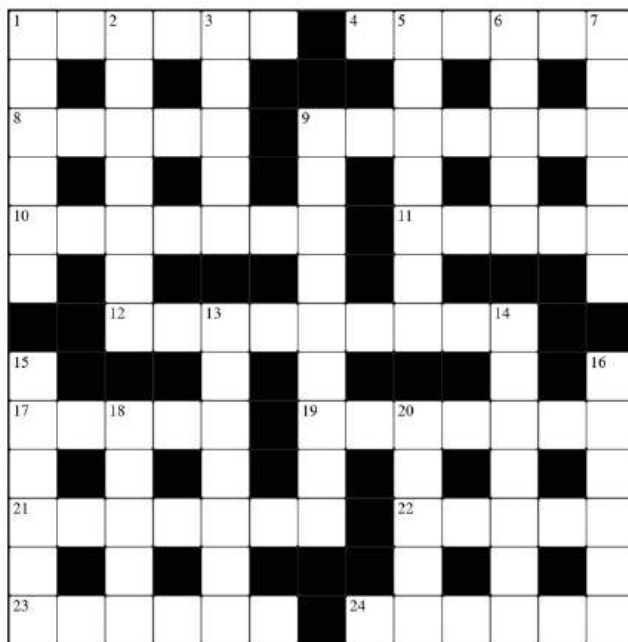
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Across

- 1 Catlike (6)
- 4 Consume (6)
- 8 Strained (5)
- 9 Toxic element (7)
- 10 Correspondence (7)
- 11 Copious, abundant (5)
- 12 Catastrophe (9)
- 17 Glowing coal (5)
- 19 Refrain from voting (7)
- 21 Thai (7)
- 22 Troublesome little insect (5)
- 23 Tyrant (6)
- 24 Spanish capital (6)

Down

- 1 Useless (6)
- 2 Madman (7)
- 3 Female relative (5)
- 5 Rapture, bliss (7)
- 6 Confess (3,2)
- 7 Wealthier (6)
- 9 Colleague (9)
- 13 Submarine weapon (7)
- 14 Wander, wind (7)
- 15 Came to an end (6)
- 16 In fact, truly (6)
- 18 Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
- 20 Brazilian dance (5)

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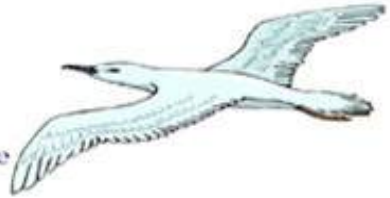
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Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
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Enough determination to make each day
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