

WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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Viva Maria Elena!

JUST A few weeks ago, Maria Elena Arana, Campaign Coordinator at Cafod for 30 years, was lobbying the UN Climate talks in Glasgow alongside Claudelice Silva dos Santos, a land defender from Pará, in the Brazilian Amazon, who has braved death threats to challenge illegal logging. She had already announced her plans to retire. On 2 December, current and past staff, Justice and Peace workers and international Cafod partners gathered at a hybrid in-person and virtual leaving party at Cafod's London offices to give her an affectionate and tearful send off. Cafod's director, Christine Allen, saluted Maria Elena's "amazing energy and drive over those 30 years".

Born in Chihuahua, Mexico and brought up in New York, Maria Elena met her English husband Robert on a demonstration in front of the White House and moved to London. In 1991, she was interviewed by Julian Filochowski, then Cafod's director, for the post of Campaign Coordinator. Before raising his glass at last week's party, he said: "Maria Elena exudes hope, energy, and positivity. Pope Francis would recognise her as the missionary disciple he wants us all to be. Viva Maria Elena!"



ONE OF the Church of England's great networkers, noticers and encouragers, Graham Kings served as missionary, scholar, priest and bishop in Kenya, Cambridge, Islington and Sherborne before winding up as Mission Theologian in the Anglican Communion. His latest book *Nourishing Mission* (Brill) is described by David Ford in his Foreword as "feeling like an embodiment of Graham Kings in print, characterised by energy and encouragement, with connections in many directions".

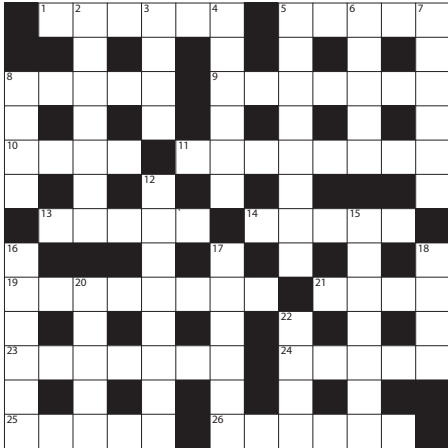
A youthful Kings spent a year as caretaker and cleaner at All Souls, Langham Place, living at the back of the church, where John Stott –

famously dubbed "the Evangelical Pope" – was Rector Emeritus in 1975. It was, Kings told us, a period when Stott's evangelical imagination was becoming enlarged through critical engagement with the Roman Catholic Church. In a letter to Mgr Basil Meeking, after Pope John Paul II's visit to Ireland in 1979, Stott wrote: "Many of us are deeply thankful for the Christ-centredness of his messages. There are times when he sounds like a true blue evangelical!" Still, when John Paul II visited Britain in 1982, the unmoved evangelical said his attitude might best be summed up as saying: "We should welcome him as John Paul but not as Peter."

THE ILLUSTRATION on last week's cover – a slightly alarming cross-section of a brain divided between clockwork gears on one side and vernal mysticism on the other – generated several comments. Where is it from? If you squinted, you could have read at the foot of page 3 that it comes from a terrific documentary inspired by Iain McGilchrist's work called *The Divided Brain*. The film is produced by Vanessa Dylun of Matter of Fact Media Inc. and features John Cleese and Rowan Williams, amongst other eloquent and evenly-poised and well-connected brains. You can rent it online for £4.99 here: www.vimeo.com/ondemand/thedividedbrain

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 785 Alanus



Across

- 1 Disappointing outcomes when status of collections improved (6)
- 5 Predominant sound of Cornwall martyr saint (5)
- 8 Tetrachord a man with Aaron's miraculous aid (5)
- 9 Contributor in percussion section shortened snake (7)
- 10 Prepare fruit for PM (4)
- 11 Silver sign from passage evangelist completed (8)
- 13 (& 3 Down) Christian Scientist founder who works with bread and water turning round (5,4)
- 14 Composer having agenda about last letter with minor orders (5)

- 19 Particular angels have mercy over man (8)
- 21 Mount encumbered by Pelion to further complicate matters (4)
- 23 Patrilineal relatives with saint holding lamb at heart (7)
- 24 Inspired by Bactrian camel bears a burden? (5)
- 25 Agreement in Russia to start charitable summer house (5)
- 26 Part of Plague in the Baptist's diet (6)

Down

- 2 See 18 Down
- 3 See 13 Across
- 4 Turning I cry as ancient Holy Land language revealed (6)
- 5 Climate change has novice providing type of paint (7)

- 6 Non-religious returns giving thanks for war victors' Peace Conference (5)
- 7 Cry of discovery at discovering Archimedes' cry? (6)
- 8 Gift of the Holy Spirit from Pandora (4)
- 12 Nearly non-stop early martyr in the Canon of the Mass (8)
- 15 Innocent successor in early Rome reverses total being with little weight (7)
- 16 Slow promotion over British king and saint (6)
- 17 Listen out for seasonal tree decoration (6)
- 18 (& 2 Down): Etruscan King overthrew last Roman King Lear with parsons involved (4,7)
- 20 Manage being in charge of pre-Latin alphabet (5)
- 22 Fashionable centre of church icons (4)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 11 December, The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Email: thetablet@thetablet.co.uk, with Crossword in the subject field. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Jesus, Christian Art and Catholicism – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random. **■ We are processing entries but there may be a delay in notifying winners and sending out prizes. Please keep entering.**

SUDOKU | Challenging

	9	7		1		4	3	
4	5	7		3	1		6	
		8	4	7	2			
9								5
	2	6		9	8			
5	3	9		8	6			1
	7	6		2	9	8		

Each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to the 20 November puzzle

5	6	8	4	7	9	2	1	3
9	1	4	3	5	2	8	7	6
2	3	7	6	8	1	9	4	5
1	4	6	7	2	5	3	8	9
7	2	3	8	9	6	1	5	4
8	9	5	1	3	4	6	2	7
3	5	1	9	4	8	7	6	2
4	8	9	2	6	7	5	3	1
6	7	2	5	1	3	4	9	8

Solution to the 20 November crossword No. 782

Across: 1 Moloch; 5 Felix; 8 Araby; 9 Balkans; 10 Naim [sometimes Nain]; 11 Conclave; 13 Jaffa; 14 Stamp; 19 Gossamer; 21 INRI; 23 Antioch; 24 Zaire; 25 Ayers; 26 Orange. **Down:** 2 Ocarina; 3 Oryx; 4 Hebron; 5 Felicity; 6 Lhasa; 7 Xyster; 8 Anne; 12 Of Valois; 15 Manning; 16 Iguana; 17 Jethro; 18 Line; 20 Satie; 22 Ezra.

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