

## Shelter from the storm

WHEN STEVE McCarthy retired, he and his wife Carol decided to start a "little camino project". They opened Emmaüs, a modest *centre d'accueil* at Arthez-de-Béarn on the Via Podiensis, one of the four main pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela through France – and probably the one with the best scenery.

Here pilgrims can, for a while, lay down their burdens – either physical or spiritual. "What is really striking is how grateful people are for the very little we offer," Steve told us.

"Perhaps it's because we never ask for money. Or maybe our little wooden shelter is one of those places where the boundary between heaven and earth has become thin."

Another enterprising retiree, John Rafferty, has written to tell us about an innovative camino project. John founded the Camino Chaplaincy, which recruits volunteer priests to say Mass in English in the cathedral of Santiago, and has now launched a fund which will provide grants of up to £1,000 to encourage more young people to become pilgrims. The Camino Fund is dedicated to the



memory of Fr Gerard Postlethwaite, a former monk of Ampleforth who went on to work in parishes in Scotland, El Salvador and England.

Fr Gerard died suddenly four days after setting off on the first of a combined Camino with guided retreat he had devised himself.

More details of the Camino Fund from John Rafferty, johnrafferty@hotmail.com; to learn more about Steve and Carol's Emmaüs project, go to [caminoaccueilarthez.org](http://caminoaccueilarthez.org).

A NEW BOOK from The Twentieth Century Society, *100 Churches 100 Years*, features

100 churches built since 1914, and includes some of the best known buildings of the period, from Basil Spence's Coventry Cathedral of 1962 to Giles Gilbert Scott's Liverpool Cathedral in 1978. But the front cover features the glorious light-filled interior of an ordinary Essex parish church: Our Lady of Fatima in Harlow.

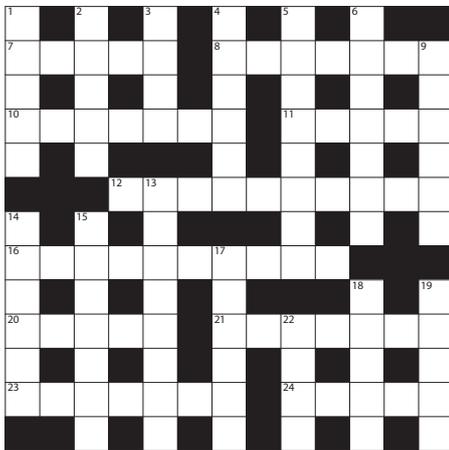
Plans were approved for this audacious building in 1954, although it was 1960 before it was completed. One of the first liturgically-planned churches in England, it was built to the designs of Gerard Goalen with a pre-cast concrete frame and astonishing stained glass by Dom Charles Norris of Buckfast Abbey.

However, the Grade II listed church has been beset by structural problems in the decades since it opened. The latest of these concerns the needle-like spire that pierces the sky above the new town. The cross recently fell off and, on the advice of structural engineers, cables have been installed to tether the spire to the roof of the church.

Some £7,000 is to be spent hiring a cherry picker to put the cross back but that's a drop in the ocean to what is needed to re-build the spire. Made only of plywood coated in copper, this has now reached the end of its life and the parish has to find upwards of £250,000 to have it rebuilt. An appeal is planned.

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 659 | Alanus



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 25 May, The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Email: [thetablet@thetablet.co.uk](mailto: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 on Friday 7 June. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 15 June issue.

### Across

- 7 One end letters back to one end unleavened bread (5)
- 8 Paper by Newman, say, with alternative used in fieldwork (7)
- 10 Water blockage after transport for Carolean court painter (3,4)
- 11 Pour forth with smoke at fair French place of worship (5)
- 12 Walking aid and accommodation for use by teachers (10)
- 16 Citadel within circle rebuilt for persecutor of early Christians (10)
- 20 Revealing poetic feet being with Building Society (5)
- 21 Singer with a number for Mannerist painter Jacopo (7)

- 23 Pacific Coast city and state wherein Navj with a Cypriot destination (7)
- 24 Pity about one leaving first example of place where Holy Family took refuge (5)

### Down

- 1 Greeting perhaps to Queen in prayer (5)
- 2 Navy in farewell for fourteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle (5)
- 3 In battle vying for imposition of a tax (4)
- 4 Stifle original unique identity of creature (6)
- 5 Have life inside place of wedding feast with posh car in southern capital (8)
- 6 Food with crackers holy man replacing head of hotel chain (7)
- 9 Old material in different presentation for

- teaching of the faith at school then stew for lunch (6)
- 13 Charm with a saint reformed with animal (8)
- 14 One lied about holding monarch to be son-in-law of King Saul (6)
- 15 Snake and me being inside city of Fátima seer nun's convent (7)
- 17 Nominal link between writer Smollett and son of Tobit (6)
- 18 & 19 Down: Roman myths shattered for this time of the Blessed Virgin (5,5)
- 19 See 18 Down
- 22 Do this and you will find a sound Indian religious (4)

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

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Solution to the 4 May puzzle

### Solution to the 4 May crossword No. 656

**Across:** 7 Obote; 8 Aramaic; 10 Tibaldi; 11 Doric; 12 Canterbury; 16 Carthusian; 20 Regal; 21 Barberi; 23 Surgeon; 24 Tales. **Down:** 1 Cotta; 2 Kolbe; 3; Heel; 4 Marist; 5 Mandorla; 6 Haircut; 9 Coccyx; 13 Achilles; 14 Access; 15 Gregory; 17 Sabine; 18 Weill; 19 Hirst; 22 Ruth. **Winner:** Prof. Gerard Slavina, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire.

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