

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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## Go tell everyone

IN THE LATE 1960s, Southend-on-Sea in Essex became the unlikely well-spring of a transformation in the music heard in churches. Under its dynamic young choir-master Kevin Mayhew, the choir of the Sacred Heart church began to develop a lively repertoire of new hymns for use in the Mass. In 1968, the choir released *Go Tell Everyone*, a vinyl LP produced by *Top of the Pops* musical director Johnny Pearson and recorded at EMI's studios at Abbey Road. Mayhew directed the music, composed several of the hymns and sang solo on the closing hymn, "Glory to the Risen Lord". The title track, co-written by the then-Father Hubert Richards and Methodist minister Alan Dale, was typical of the choir's style, with evocative lyrics taken from the gospels put to a jaunty tune we're still whistling on the way home from Mass.

Kevin Mayhew, who died on Thursday 14 January at the age of 78, went on to do as much as anyone to get Catholics to sing in church, even if they still don't always feel entirely comfortable about it. With Joan McCrimmon, a member of the Southend choir, Mayhew established a publishing company to publish collections of new hymns.



After Mayhew and McCrimmon fell out, Mayhew formed his own company, eventually settling in the Suffolk village of Buxhall. At first, his father Walter packed up the hymn books; his catalogue quickly grew to embrace CDs, spiritual resources, children's books, greeting cards and a wide range of church supplies. Mayhew and his wife Barbara shared a strong commitment to peace and justice; and he also published Ellen Teague's *Paint the Church Green*, a pioneering ecumenical study programme.

A great talent-spotter and encourager,

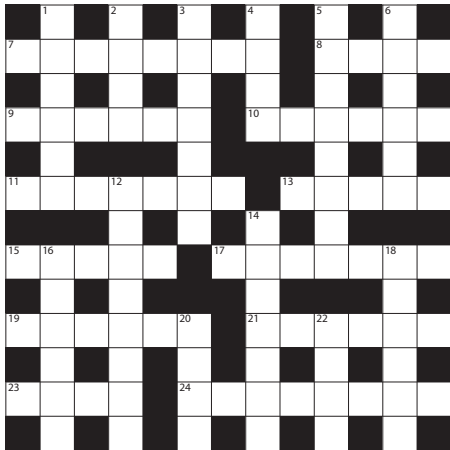
Mayhew nurtured a stable of composers from every Christian tradition, including classical, folk and jazz musicians. The writer Tony Castle, who worked with Mayhew for several years, remembers a demanding, sometimes fiery man of extraordinary energy. "The amazing thing about Kevin was not just that he had wonderful creative ideas, but he had the drive to see them through. I don't think anyone did more to change the landscape of church music in England in the last 50 years."

"WILL YOU translate the whole Bible for me?" Mayhew called to ask the Jesuit biblical scholar Nicholas King after he heard that he had translated Mark's gospel. Fr King resisted. The Bible is rather long. Mayhew persisted. Eventually Fr King produced the New Testament. Then he noticed that Mayhew had begun to describe his new author as "currently working on a translation of the Old Testament". After sulking for a while, Fr King eventually thought that it might be a good idea to do it.

"I was occasionally mildly irked to be getting communications from him, asking when it might all be finished," Fr King told us. "But I shall always remain grateful his enthusiasm, and for the fact that he had the vision to see that it might be possible."

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 741 Axe



#### Across

- 7 Chronicles leading priest's alibi he fabricated (8)
- 8 Horite chief alternatively named by a certain quarter (4)
- 9 First of Issachar's successors routinely annexed extra land in the country (6)
- 10 Return of culture's limited, likely, before Paul got stoned here (6)
- 11 King of Babylon's lost his hair, one read in article (7)
- 13 Old Byblos scholar gets set about (5)
- 15 River haven, Rugby's irregular outfall, where Samaritan Israelites were deported (5)
- 17 One of David's thirty warriors in lie Ahab made (7)

- 19 Persian leader gets Russian approval, one finds, in the western half of the country (6)
- 21 Middle Eastern bloke – a Hittite – the first to see the Jordan valley (6)
- 23 Strip search for Samson here? (4)
- 24 Haman's son had a raita salad (8)

#### Down

- 1 Judge on aborted fraud names a prophet (6)
- 2 Tin discovered north of a town in Galilee (4)
- 3 Sailor found south of Cape Horn country is Abigail's boy (7)
- 4 Shepherd, Abraham's familiar pupil (4)
- 5 Asher can make amends for Persian noble (8)

- 6 Ezra's scribe offered up lousy service all round (6)
- 12 Oxford guy, a leading chap in Mecca, raised an O.T. murder victim (8)
- 14 Part of Illyricum and Dalmatia today
- English saint visited, turning up the Great North Road (7)
- 16 Joash's secretary takes a first-class return through the wood (6)
- 18 In a tree surrounded by sheep, sounds like we've got the usurper (6)
- 20 One to follow, wise men say of A-lister? (4)
- 22 Lady singer falls for Amalekite king (4)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 30 January, 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 Augustine, Christianity and Thomas Aquinas – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random. **■ We cannot process entries or prizes at present. Please keep entering. Winners will be notified and prizes awarded as soon possible.**

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

#### Solution to the 9 January puzzle

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#### Solution to the 9 January crossword No. 738

**Across:** 6 Lebanese; 8 Hera; 9 Before Christ; 10 Anglican; 12 Tyre; 13 Eden; 15 Aramaean; 17 Maria Goretti; 19 Jehu; 20 Anicetus.  
**Down:** 1 Aegean; 2 Seleucia; 3 Leah; 4 Christmas Eve; 5 Frater; 7 Apollinarius; 11 Neapolis; 14 Damned; 16 Aetius; 18 Anak.

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