



Confused by Church jargon? Consult our regular *Pompey Chimes* glossary, compiled to help take the mystery out of Church life.

S is for...

PRATIENANCE - type system that ensures democracy pervades throughout the Church – so long as press-ganging people to attend endless meetings qualifies as democracy in action.

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: Matthew, Mark and Luke. So called because they contain similar content. Part of the thinking is that Mark was the original gospel, and that Matthew and Luke used material both from Mark and a long-lost source commonly called 'Q'. The writer of that material turned up in the 20th century as an inventor of gizmos for James Bond.

T is for...

TEAM MINISTRY: Large parish, usually with more than one church building, where a team of clergy work together – in theory. The 'team reactor' is in charge with a 'team vicar' working beneath him or her. The 'team coach' is used for outings to the seaside.

TE DEUM: The Latin words that begin a hymn which is an integral part of some church services. Sadly, in some churches, it's more like the English word suggested by the name.

TESTIMONY: Account of how someone became a Christian. Often delivered by someone who claims they are far too nervous to stand and speak in front of a congregation – but somehow is still talking about their past life of sin and depravity 20 minutes later.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Institution that turns out shiny, enthusiastic new clergy. Teaches them about the importance of eschatological visions in the book of Daniel – but not important stuff like how to chair a rowdy PCC meeting, deal with leaky gutters or handle the reporter from the local newspaper.

THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES: Set of statements compiled in 1592 and printed in the Book of Common Prayer that defined the Church of England's theological position as it was understood at the time. Originally there were Ten Articles (1536), then the Bishops' Book (1537), the Six Articles (1539), the King's Book (1543) and then the Forty-Two Articles (1553). Clergy are still required not to teach in contradiction of them. Of course, if re-formulated in today's society, they would probably be marketed as 'A Couple of Tentative Suggestions'.

THURIBLE: Vessel in which incense is burnt. In some churches, the thurible is wafted around during the entry procession and over the altar. The idea of waving around a metal container, sending sparks and burning material flying around clergy and congregation must give health and safety officers nightmares.

TITHES: The Bible suggests we 'tith' (or give) 10 per cent of our income to God. In the C of E fashion, the general synod suggested that five per cent might be appropriate. In our diocese, the actual figure is about 2.5 per cent. Either that, or people who go to our churches genuinely earn only £25.57 a week.

TITLE CURACY: First appointment of a newly-ordained curate. These days, his or her second appointment is likely to be running several parishes, single-handedly.

• *More A-Z next month*

Thanks for helping to send tsunami teams

THESE are the people who you helped to send to countries affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami.

These nine professionals were selected to help rebuild communities in Indonesia and Sri Lanka that were devastated by the tsunami that struck on Boxing Day. Among their number are engineers, healthcare professionals and development workers from across the UK who can help assess the damage and find out what needs to be done to help rebuild shattered lives.

The money that you have already given towards our bishop's Lent Appeal is helping to pay for them to spend three months in the affected areas, working with the Church Mission Society (CMS) and partner organisations in both countries.

They were selected from hundreds of people who originally contacted CMS to ask about helping with relief work in the aftermath of the tsunami. The initial applicants were whittled down to nine after interview and selection – with the organisations in Indonesia and Sri Lanka given the final say about the professional skills they most needed.

The teams flew out last month and are now working with those partner organisations – Bless Indonesia Today, based in Sumatra, and the Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Services (LEADS), based in Colombo.

The Indonesian team were met by Rachel and Mike Duff, CMS mission partners in Indonesia, who are supported by four churches in our diocese after Mike's recent stint as curate at St Jude's, Southsea. Among the nine is Carol Vaughan Smith, who teaches nurses about counselling in a psychiatric hospital. Although she has experienced acute trauma, she knows the limits of the tsunami will stretch the effects of her professional expertise.

Kathy Pritsent, CMS personnel officer for the Asia region, said: "It was our partner churches in Indonesia and Sri Lanka that asked for help from professionals in the UK and we were glad to respond. "Of course, these nine people will only be able to scratch the surface of the problem in these countries, but we are grateful that they were happy to give up jobs or take unpaid leave to show Christian compassion to those affected by the tsunami. We're also incredibly grateful to the people worshipping in the Portsmouth diocese who have helped make this possible through their generosity."

More than 300,000 people were left either dead or missing in 11 Indian Ocean countries after the Boxing Day tsunami, but counting the exact number of those who died is difficult to determine.

Bishop Kenneth's Lent Appeal aimed to raise around £20,000 to split between these teams sent out by CMS and a local charity – the Rainbow Centre in Fareham, which helps children with cerebral palsy from across the south gain greater independence.

Although Lent has finished, it's not too late to send in a donation to the appeal – simply fill in the gift aid declaration form (*above right*) and send it with a cheque made payable to Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance to Bishop's Lent Appeal, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA.

INDONESIA TEAM

JANE GOLDBERG, 42, from Elstead, Surrey
Professional skill: Occupational therapist

Worked for 20 years in NHS, mainly with adults with acquired physical problems, such as strokes, head injuries and Multiple Sclerosis. Worked in Singapore as an OT and taken part in mercy mission to China.

"I felt that I'd like to do more than give money. The mission partner at our church gave a notice asking for those with healthcare or engineering background to contact him. I'm taking paid and unpaid leave to go."



SUZIE BLAND, 30, from Guildford
Professional skill: Civil engineer

Worked in Kazakhstan for two months as project manager for a couple of small civil engineering projects. Background in engineering geology and water. Likely to be working with a water drilling team.

"Having got unexcited in my job, I started to think about what else I could do with my skills. To be able to show God's love in a practical way is great, whatever it might entail."

ERIC DOHERTY, 61, from Seaford

Professional skill: Work in construction industry and mechanical engineer

Was an apprentice engineer, and worked as a police officer. Also worked in the building trade and as a balliff. Has spent time using his construction skills in Rwanda and Uganda. His wife was CMS co-ordinator in Chichester, and is now working as a curate-in-charge of a church in Seaford.

"Most of the parishioners in my church are quite elderly, but they managed to raise £3,000 to help send me to Indonesia within 10 days. They are quite proud that St Luke's is sending a representative to help with the rebuilding work. I expect I'll be assessing the damage caused by the tsunami and the cost of replacements because of the compensation claims."

CAROL VAUGHAN SMITH, 56, from York
Professional skill: Counselling and nursing

Teaches counselling skills to nurses, working in a mental-health care unit. Has been involved in acute nursing in the past few years, and taught Christian listening Healing Centre in Borden. Last year, led party going to Uganda.

"I was encouraged to come by looking at Australia. God said he would be the father of our nation, and he didn't look at what he couldn't do, but what God had promised. I'm not looking at my lack of experience, but that God has opened doors. They might not be ready yet for counselling, but I'm going to see what God has for me to do."

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SRI LANKA TEAM

PETE WILSON, 55, from Ilford in London

Professional skill: Community development worker

Lived in Bangladesh for five years, working as a development adviser. Worked in the UK for a council for community services, supporting voluntary organisations.

"I learnt in Bangladesh about the importance of a participatory approach to development. When the tsunami happened, I thought I could help assess the needs of the communities, to define their needs and help them turn that into an action plan. There's a lot of theology about how God can bring beauty out of tragedy."

SARAH LOVE, 26, from Richmond

Professional skill: Community water supply and sanitation

Worked in Africa on water supplies, completed a Masters in community water supply and sanitation, and was a flood warning officer for the Environment Agency.

"I wanted to know what God wanted me to do, and prayed about it over Christmas. Then everything changed on Boxing Day. Our diocese is twinned with Sri Lanka, so that was a reason for going there. As people move into new homes, I want to make sure clean water is accessible, and remind churches that they have a role in demonstrating good hygiene themselves."

MIKE BOARDMAN, 75, from Macclesfield

Professional skill: Development consultant

Worked in disaster relief in Bangladesh and Pakistan. On a group that provides support for personnel director of CMS, and has done short-term projects abroad with CMS – 1.4 countries in the past 10 years.

"Our sense of standing alongside our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters in the church is very important. We do see ourselves as taking a sense of solidarity, love and prayer with us from the British church."

AMANDA HOWETT, 36, from Birmingham
Professional skill: Speech therapist and academic lecturer

Lectures in speech and language therapy at the University of Central England. Practised as a speech and language therapist in southern India for a year. Also has experience of church youth work. Expects to use academic management skills to co-ordinate projects, or to work with children.

"I can work with occupational therapists to help those with head injuries, but I expect it will be my academic skills that will be used. Seeing places that I knew and were dear to my heart, devastated by the tsunami led me to me responding."



BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2005
In aid of The Rainbow Centre, Fareham and CMS teams offering professional help in areas affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami

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