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BUILDING SOCIETY

PHILIP HALCROW sees **David Dimbleby** provide a window on history

HE'S building on his previous success. Two years ago David Dimbleby won Sunday-night television audiences over with *A Picture of Britain*, in which he drove around the country looking at how artists captured the landscape. Tomorrow (Sunday 3 June) the Land Rover returns with David at the wheel telling viewers the story of Britain through its houses, churches, factories and other buildings.

David begins his new BBC One series *How We Built Britain* in East Anglia where in medieval times, he says, the foundations of modern Britain were laid.

He calls in at Hedingham Castle where people went to swear allegiance and pay homage to noblemen. His visit to the Norman castle is in keeping with the way *How We Built Britain* has been developed. David says of the series: 'Instead of taking the straight architectural view, what I've been trying to do is ask what a building tells us. What does it say about the people who've built it and why they built it the way they did?'

So he explains that Hedingham was built to frighten commoners with the noblemen's power, but by the time Oxburgh Hall was built, in 1482, an Englishman's castle had become his home – the battlements and moat were put in as decoration rather than as defences.

He visits Gainsborough Old Hall to see how the rich lived it up. At the Cressing Temple farm complex, David highlights two huge 13th-century barns – 'cathedrals of the countryside' – to illustrate Britain's agricultural heritage. He also spends time in a cathedral of the non-barn kind and in churches.

At the beginning of the programme David notes: 'We are reflected in our buildings – they tell us who we are.' So what does Ely Cathedral tell us about ourselves?

As he enters, he talks about having a sense 'of awe, of the majesty of a building so glorious'. Every part of the stonework and woodwork is carefully crafted – even hidden parts, which were 'made for God not man to see'. He says: 'For medieval man, to build a cathedral was to build Paradise on earth.'

The awe a cathedral can inspire perhaps not only reflects who we are but also something about who we think God is.

Builders of cathedrals and churches have often wanted to express the majesty

religions that 'God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of Heaven and earth and does not live in temples made by human hands' (Acts 17:24 *Good News Bible*).

Paul and others who constructed the Christian way of talking about God said that it was important to build properly – and they weren't talking about places of worship, castles, halls or barns.

'God has already placed Jesus Christ as the one and only foundation,' said Paul (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Jesus – who restored people's hope and gave them a realisation that their flaws could be forgiven – shows that God has a monumental love for us.

And that wherever we are, God invites us to build our lives on that.

'We are reflected in our buildings – they tell us who we are'

and glory of God with the scale and artistry of their work.

But right from the early years of the faith there was an awareness that God's glory went beyond walls. The apostle Paul told philosophers of other

STOREY-TELLER: David Dimbleby visits places such as Gainsborough Old Hall

BBC pictures

Walkers take faith over Cumbrian fells

VISITORS and residents in Cumbria over the past month have been meeting walkers who want to talk about faith. The evangelists have been taking part in Walk Cumbria, an event organised by the Christian group Through Faith Missions. It is the latest in a series of evangelistic walks which have been taking place since

1991 when the Rev Daniel Cozens felt that God was calling him to go out and talk about his faith. Walkers call at shops, places of work and homes and talk with anyone who wants to discuss faith. They also lead assemblies at schools.

The walkers carry no mobile phones or credit cards and only £2 cash a day for when they go into a pub to chat. They trust God to provide them with shelter and food, normally staying with church members but also sometimes complete strangers. In conversations they describe how God has changed their lives.

By the end of the Walk Cumbria event, more than a hundred people had requested that someone visit them again to talk more about Christianity.



Walk Cumbria evangelists share their faith

Picture: JENNIFER HEATON

Comment

Gang culture

A REPORT by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) last week called for an end to describing groups of young people as 'gangs'. Terms such as 'gangs of youths roaming the streets' and 'the 80-year-old pensioner was attacked by a gang of youths' are seen as unhelpful.

The report, *Groups, Gangs and Weapons*, says that 'some commentators caution against the use of the term "gang" in relation to young people since this may lend a spurious glamour to the minor forms of delinquency committed by groups, and actively encourage them to become involved in more serious offending'.

Critics argue that this report is another example of politically correct rebranding of language.

Media people are aware of the power of words. No responsible journalist wants to attract kids into crime. Equally listeners, viewers and readers don't want everything spelt out for them. Dumbing-down is an insult to intelligence.

What often happens is that a mutually understood shorthand emerges. So tabloid readers have an image of a 'WAG', and inside information for a royal story comes from a 'pal' (who if they really did dish the dirt is far from a friend).

Challenge

Written, read or spoken, the right use of language is a daily challenge to us all. Do we always tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

The world's greatest communicator once told his disciples: Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No'.

A more telling finding from the YJB report is that absence of positive role models can lead youngsters into gang involvement.

For those whose role model is Jesus, the need for young people to belong and to feel valued is a challenge, an opportunity and the reason why Christians are proactive in offering them an alternative street culture.



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Dalits could benefit from law change

DISCRIMINATION against Christian and Muslim Dalits in India's benefits system could be coming to an end. The indication comes in a new commission report, says Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), a group which

monitors persecution against Christians.

The report by the Justice Ranganath Mishra National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities has been submitted to the Indian Prime Minister Manmohan

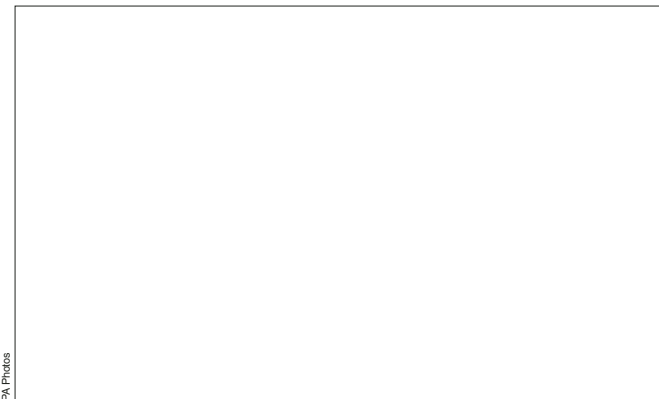
Singh. It recommends that membership of the Scheduled Castes (the legal category for Dalits) should cease to be linked to religious status.

This, says CSW, would mean that Dalits who embrace Christianity or Islam

would not lose their eligibility for the Government's system of benefits which have been designed to address socio-economic exclusion.

Currently only Dalits belonging to the Hindu, Buddhist or Sikh religions are classified as members of the Scheduled Castes and receive benefits.

Dr Joseph D'souza, president of the Dalit Freedom Network, says: 'Sadly, caste is still practised everywhere and the disenfranchisement of all Dalits, regardless of religion, must be tackled.'



PA Photos

Dalit farmers work in Uttar Pradesh for an average of 30 rupees (37p) a day

SHOW SCRATCHES THE SURFACE ON SLAVERY

AN exhibition at the National Gallery in London is to mark the bicentenary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade by highlighting two portraits of sitters who were linked to the trade and a modern artist's response to these.

Scratch the Surface will begin with two works from the gallery's collection – Johann Zoffany's

Mrs Oswald and Joshua Reynolds's Colonel Turlington. It will continue with a response to these by Yinka Shonibare, who was born in the UK and raised in Nigeria.

The free exhibition will run at the National Gallery from 20 July to 4 November.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Mail, 3 Vet, 5 Seal, 7 Purchased, 9 Sold, 10 Fly, 11 Bring, 14 Mayor, 15 Reeve, 17 Omega, 18 Nohow, 19 Vital, 20 Nasty, 23 Kind, 25 Fork, 27 Go-between, 28 Pair, 29 Tar, 30 Lass.

DOWN: 1 Mass, 2 Laud, 3 Vicar, 4 Train, 5 Seep, 6 Lazy, 7 Plaything, 8 Direction, 11 Brown, 12 Ideas, 13 Gravy, 14 Man, 16 Est, 21 Avert, 22 Tower, 23 Keep, 24 Dour, 25 Fell, 26 Kiss.

QUICK QUIZ

1 Mercury, 2 Mr Jelly, 3 The first official postage stamp, 4 Chelsea, 5 German Shepherd (Alsatian), 6 Is another man's gain.

HONEYCOMB

1 Tablet, 2 Boater, 3 Unlock, 4 Phoney, 5 Shrink, 6 Tanker.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

■ A SALVATION Army centre for homeless women has been officially opened. Cedar House in Newcastle upon Tyne offers 18 direct access rooms and 6 self-contained flats.

■ GROUPS of ten or more people who book to see the British Library's *Sacred* exhibition are being offered a free tour. The exhibition, which

itself is free, features displays of sacred texts from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. For more information call 020 7412 7760.

■ THE Church of England has joined Still Human Still Here, a coalition of groups campaigning for the Government to end the destitution of people refused asylum in Britain.

Want to know more?

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NEWCASTLE'S exhibition and research building the Centre for Life is a reminder that quality is characteristic of civilised life. It was in the shadow of this magnificent architecture that I joined a small but vocal group of desperate asylum-seekers as they marched through Newcastle upon Tyne.

For a while I walked beside Toura from Togo in his pushchair. His mum wouldn't tell me her name. She was too scared. Toura was shielding his eyes from the sun but his expression seemed to say everything you need to know about these poor people – 'I'm frightened. I don't understand. I don't want to be identified really, but I'm actually loveable if only you'd get to know me.'

On the day the Cup Final crowd would be singing 'Abide With Me', this ragtag mix of global flotsam united behind their chants of 'Stop locking up children' and '1, 2, 3, 4, stop deporting any more'.

I've been on demos before. Student protests in my uni days. Nothing worth bothering MI5 and the front pages of the tabloids about. The closest I got to being politicised was doing the *Morning Star* crossword. But on this march, with people I barely knew, I was incensed.

Two years ago *The War Cry* published my piece on Beauty, a young Zimbabwean who is now in her seventh year with life on hold because the Home Office can't decide what to do. Beauty is still in Newcastle, living somewhere provided free of charge by a well-wisher and being given some living money by the local Salvation Army congregation. That's not quality of life. It's hardly life at all.

Seeking asylum and understanding



Newcastle, like so many of our towns and cities, is no longer a centre for life for these people. It is a centre for hopeless, meaningless, aimless existence. As we gathered under Grey's Monument, which celebrates Earl Grey, the reformer

KEITH MORLEY joins a march to challenge asylum-seeker policy

Those who find friendship at church are the lucky ones. But even this isn't quality life.

There's a story in the Bible of a Samaritan man who helps a Jewish victim of a mugging. The Samaritans and the Jews were sworn enemies. Yet he took the traumatised and injured man to an inn and paid for his bed and board until he was well again.

We can't all be good Samaritans. Some of us may never have met an asylum-seeker. But surely we can be a nation of innkeepers – offering a welcome.

This is no political argument. This is an argument about humanity. This is an argument that looks back to the days when we proudly said we were a Christian country. But it is an argument that sits just as easily in

the centre of a country that now seems to say it is multi-faith.

None of the great faiths of the world promotes the treatment of a needy stranger in the manner presently adopted, or at least

tolerated, by our society.

Can't we become a nation where the injured, mugged and traumatised at least sleep in peace at night? Can't we become a nation where they can sweep the floor in the inn when they're fit enough? Can't we become a real centre for life?

and seeker after social justice, one African man took the microphone with a message for the city fathers: 'We do not claim benefits. All we want to do is work. We will make your city beautiful. We will work hard for you. We will clean and tidy it.'

His simple words said so much more than the inept Marxist ramblings of one of the organisers – his sort of extremism didn't help. Especially as most of the asylum-seekers cheering him on had too little English to comprehend the manipulation of their situation that he was attempting. All they could see was someone, anyone, who might help. Someone, anyone who would take an interest.

The young Marxist was an extremist and I was offended by his words, but surely it is much more offensive to know that we live in a society where our own police forces routinely collect failed asylum-seekers from their homes at 4 o'clock in the morning to minimise the fuss. Where whole families seek shelter on church floors just to get a full night's fear-free sleep.

Whole families seek shelter on church floors to get a night's sleep



Left: protesters gather outside Newcastle's Centre for Life

Top: Toura shields his eyes with his hand

QUICK QUIZ

1. What chemical element is symbolised by the letters Hg?
2. Which of the Mr Men characters is pink and wobbles?
3. What did Sir Rowland Hill invent in 1840?
4. Who won this year's FA Cup Final?
5. What type of dog was Rin Tin Tin?
6. Complete the proverb: One man's loss...

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smile, they hear and they think. There is a lot of public sympathy for the opinion that 24 weeks is too old for a foetus to be aborted.

But doesn't offering a middle option mean that you get caught in the crossfire between strident pro-choicers and avid anti-abortionists?

'Yes it does. I've been told my Bill will get nowhere while I have pro-lifers and abortion rights people against me. But my argument is: How can anyone argue – on any grounds – that my proposal is not right.

'Currently there are about 600 abortions a day in the UK. I'd like to reduce that number by at least half. The public is not interested in banning abortion. Those who hold out for a complete ban have not changed the law – they have not saved a single life.

'To me, saving some lives is better than saving no lives at all. I hope pro-lifers will come to share my view that some progress is better than no progress.

'Doctors who carry out abortions are increasingly worried that they'll deliver a live foetus, even at 20 weeks. The way babies are terminated from 20 weeks is horrendous.

'According to Royal College guidelines, a canular is inserted through the mother's abdominal wall into the heart of the foetus, which is given a lethal injection. Doctors wait two days to ensure that the baby is dead and then it is delivered.

'I have seen scans of this process. It was like watching murder. I have seen the foetus moving away from the needle. It is the most heart-wrenching, awful thing to see.

'If the public saw these images, they would be firmly in favour of reducing the age limit on abortion.'

Taking on such an emotive and explosive area as

abortion is not a soft option for any MP, let alone one so new to the trade.

'When I first started this campaign I felt under attack,' says Nadine. 'I had hate mail. I felt my personal world was falling apart. My faith has helped me pull through. People are praying for me – not only fellow MPs but also thousands of people across the country.'

AS a child Nadine was brought up to go to church. 'But like a lot of kids, I left the church when I was a teenager,' she says. 'At the time I would have described myself as a Christian but it was only about 15 years ago that I was converted through an Alpha course. I realise how shallow my belief was before my conversion.'

It was the vicar of her local church who invited Nadine along to the ten-week introductory course on Christianity.

'My first response was to tell him I didn't need to go,' she says. 'But I ended up going anyway. I suppose I was going to church without even knowing the most important aspects of Christianity – what it means and what it is about. Like many people I didn't really know why Jesus died on the cross, how he could forgive our sins or who the Holy Spirit is. All of that was a revelation to me.'

What does Nadine's faith give her?

'My faith tells me who I am. It tells me why I am here. It tells me who is with me while I am pursuing my goals. I sometimes think if I didn't have my faith, who would I be? How would I live my life?'

'My faith constantly gives me my reference point. It keeps me grounded. I am not an MP for any reason other than because God wants me to be. There is nothing I did that got me here; it is what God did. There is nothing amazing or special about me, I am just a conduit for God to use.'

And who is Jesus to Nadine?
'Jesus is alive with me. I have my times of wondering – of not quite sensing his presence. I don't know everything. I can't do everything. And I can't achieve anything in my own strength.'

'I need guidance. I need protection – and so does my family. I pray a lot for these things.'

'I try to live my faith. Some days I fail quite miserably but I constantly try to do what Jesus would do.'

And whether a Scouser comes from the red or the blue side of Liverpool, they'll tell you one thing for sure: God loves a trier.

Saving some lives is better than saving no lives at all



COMFORT:
a 12-week-old foetus



CAMPAIGNER:
Nadine Dorries

DORRIES tries to el Bovey



Melon is a mouth-watering choice



Library picture passed by models

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EARLY 600 people lose their lives to heart and circulatory disease every day in the UK.

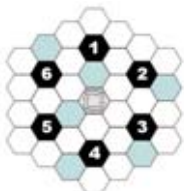
The British Heart Foundation – which is just beginning its month-long Help a Heart campaign – says it is never too early to start thinking about a person's heart, and offers ten tips for parents to get their children to eat more healthily.

- Make your weekly food shop a family outing. Let your children see what you're buying, and invite them to choose a couple of healthy items. Set them a challenge to identify fruits and their countries of origin.
- Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It helps children stay alert during lessons and energised throughout the day. Try wholegrain cereals topped with low-fat yoghurt and fruit.
- Pack lunch boxes with healthy options such as pittas and bagels filled with tuna and sweetcorn. Low-fat yoghurt and a small packet of dried fruits will satisfy a sweet tooth.
- For after-school snacks, make sure there are fruit and nuts to hand. Beans on toast or mashed banana sandwiches are great healthy ideas for really hungry youngsters.
- Try to make healthy food fun and tasty. You could blend fresh fruits together into a smoothie as an alternative to sugary drinks.

A healthy heart is the key to life

- Think up quizzes and fun games about food. For example, set your children the task of designing a healthy picnic.
- Get your children to take part in regular healthy cooking days – mixing and mashing ingredients can be fun and educational. Children always love to eat what they have cooked.
- Meals can be made to look interesting by using lots of different-coloured fruits and vegetables. Get your children to serve and arrange the food on the plate.
- Don't forget to practise what you preach! Set a good example by eating healthily yourself. Children love to feel grown-up by copying mum or dad.
- Allow your children to have an occasional treat such as crisps or cake – but make sure it's no more than once or twice a week.

HONEYCOMB



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1. Medicine
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4. Not genuine
5. Make smaller
6. Transports liquid

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CHICKEN AND POTATO SALAD SERVES UP A LIGHT LUNCH

WHETHER you are planning a picnic or barbecue, this chicken and new potato salad with a light yoghurt, tarragon and lime dressing is delicious served hot or cold. A low-fat alternative to traditional potato salad, it is rich in carbohydrates to give you plenty of energy to enjoy the summer sun.

Ingredients:

- 150g new potatoes, skins left on
- 1 small shallot, very finely chopped
- 1 chicken breast
- Handful of watercress
- 6 ripe cherry tomatoes
- For the dressing
- Small tub of low-fat crème fraîche
- Juice and zest of 1 lime

- Generous bunch of fresh tarragon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Preheat the grill to a medium heat. Grill the chicken breast for 10 minutes. Turn the chicken over and grill for a further 10 minutes or until the chicken is cooked thoroughly. Leave to rest. When cool enough to handle, tear or cut the chicken into strips. Steam the new potatoes until soft but not mushy. Allow to cool before placing in a large salad bowl, along with the shallot, chicken, watercress and tomatoes. To make the tarragon



dressing, place all the ingredients in a food processor and mix together until smooth. Only a couple of tablespoons are needed for this recipe; keep the rest in the fridge for a few days – it will be perfect to liven up salads, or serve with roast chicken or any cold cuts.

Add a couple of tablespoons of the tarragon dressing and mix lightly together to ensure that everything is well coated.

Serves 2

Recipe reprinted with permission from the Great British Chicken website greatbritishchicken.co.uk

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- PUMICE
- QUARTZITE
- SANDSTONE
- SCHIST
- SHALE
- SLATE
- TURBIDITE

Letters set out foundational Christian ideas

THE letters written to congregations and individuals by early Christian leaders guided people in the way of Christ. Paul taught that, ever since the days of Adam, humankind has been inherently sinful. God gave his chosen people, the Jews, the Law as guidance for behaviour and so that sinfulness should become apparent.

But a right relationship with God depends not on trying to keep the Law, but on faith in the saving death of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was in the form of God, but for our sake he laid aside his divine attributes and became a humble human being. He lived a life of obedience to the divine will, to the point of dying on the cross. Then he was raised and exalted, and now he reigns in Heaven as Lord.

Through Jesus' self-giving love, reconciliation between humankind and God has become possible.

Christians must still wrestle with their old sinful nature; but they can be confident that in the strength of the Holy Spirit they will gradually be transformed into the new people God wishes them to be. After death comes resurrection, when our human, perishable bodies will give place to bodies which are imperishable and immortal.

The Holy Spirit confers gifts on individual Christians. For example, they may be able to teach, to administer, to heal or to speak in tongues. Each gift enables its recipient to play a part in the Church, which is the body of Christ, continuing his work on earth. The Spirit also bears fruit in individual lives, producing such virtues as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control.

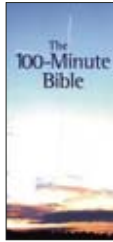
The greatest gift is love. Love

is patient and kind; envies no one and is neither boastful nor conceited; is never rude, selfish or quick to take offence. Love does not count up grievances or take pleasure in the failings of others. Love's joy is in the truth: there is no limit to its faith, hope and endurance.

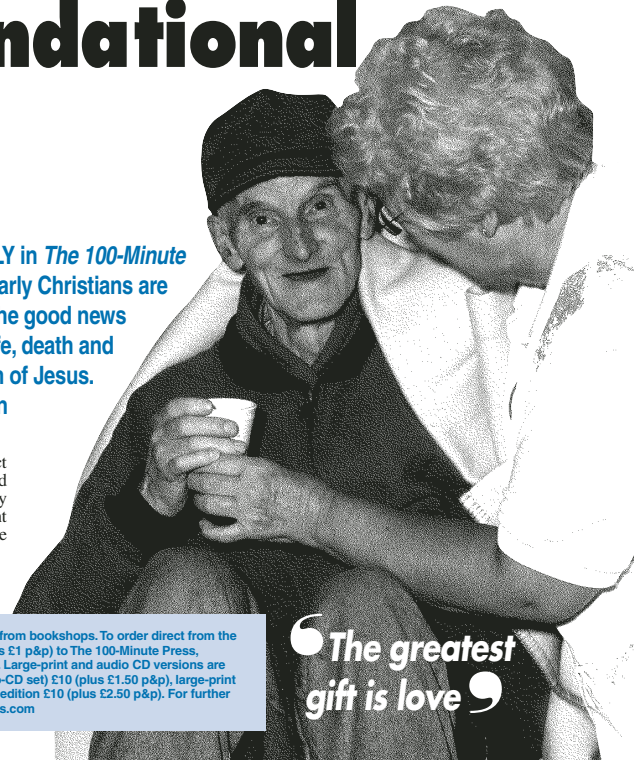
The Letter to the Hebrews explains Jesus' significance in another way, using a metaphor based on the Jewish sacrificial system. Jesus is the great High Priest, entering the Holy of

Holies to offer the perfect sacrifice of himself. The old sacrifices could not take away sin and needed constant repetition, but Christ's sacrifice takes away sin once and for all.

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JUST A THOUGHT...

with Joan Lewington

Beautiful display is more than window dressing

CHARITY shops are a feature of many a high street. I live in a seaside town and our charity shops are very popular with day-trippers and holidaymakers, especially when a spot of rain signals the need for a cheap raincoat or disposable umbrella.

Books, vases, furniture and 'mysteries' of various kinds are there to be discovered. Women, perhaps more than men, can't

last-season Parisian number is hanging on a clothes rail.

The window displays of these shops are often eye-catching. They are cleverly put together by shop staff to show how a complete outfit could be found in a store stacked with other people's random items.

Years ago pawnbrokers' shops were familiar sights in some of our larger towns. Their three golden balls were a sign of places where a loan could be secured on valuables – from gold and silver treasures to dad's Sunday suit. Sometimes items would not be redeemed and would later appear in the pawnbroker's shop window for sale at cut prices.

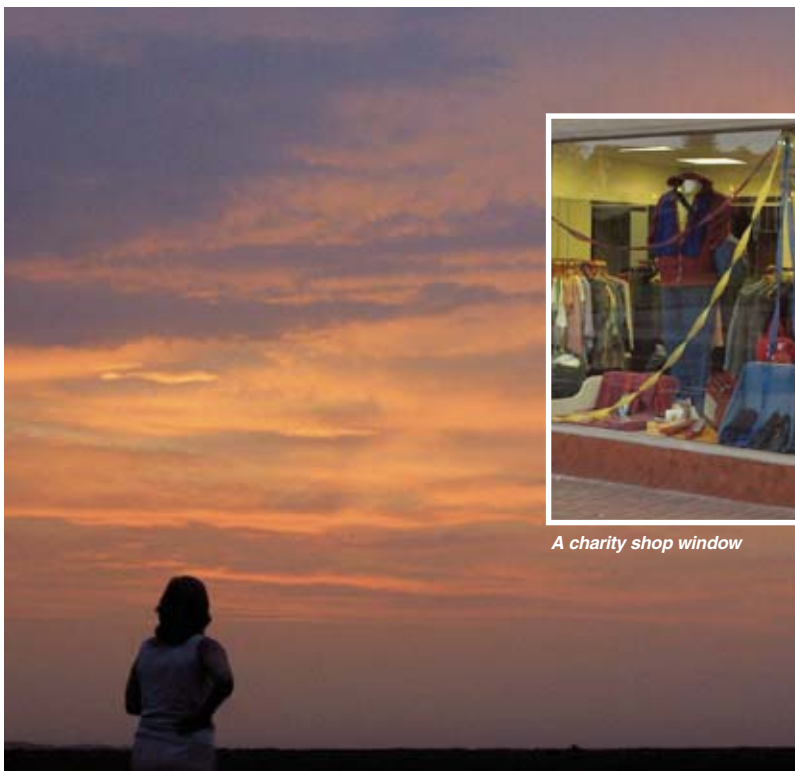
But the variety of items in these shop windows is nothing compared to the variety of things in creation. God has a 'shop window' in which he displays who he is and what he can do. The vibrant hues of sunset, the twinkling light show of a cloudless night sky, vivid Venetian sky and fluffy white clouds. Delicate, intricate flowers of every colour. Trees of majestic shape and size...

There are so many works of art in God's shop window. As well as marvelling at Creation, let's take time to ponder the Creator.

afford to ignore the question of clothes. Charity shops are a great place to find that special outfit without having to shell out lots of money. OK, it might be a question of comfort winning over fashion but there's always a chance that a



A charity shop window



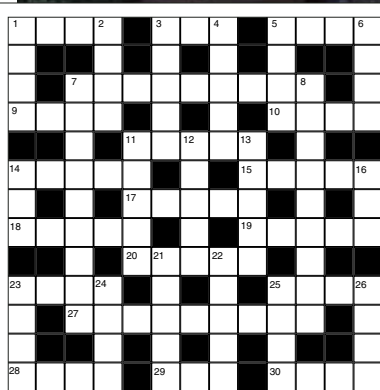
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FRONT OF HOUSE:
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SHOW TIME: a Grand Designs Live exhibition



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Post (4)
3. Animal doctor (3)
5. Fasten (4)
7. Bought (9)
9. Retailer (4)
10. Compassion (4)
11. Fetch (5)
14. Town chief (5)
15. Local official (5)
17. Greek letter (5)
18. No way (5)
19. Essential (5)
20. Loathsome (5)
23. Benevolent (4)
25. Cutlery item (4)
27. Intermediary (2-7)
28. Couple (4)
29. Pitch (3)
30. Young girl (4)

DOWN

1. Heap (4)
2. Praise (4)
3. Parish parson (5)
4. Drill (5)
5. Ooze (4)
6. Idle (4)
7. Toy (9)
8. Course (9)
11. Colour (5)
12. Notions (5)
13. Meat juice (5)
14. Male (3)
16. Snake-like fish (3)
21. Avoid (5)
22. Turret (5)
23. Retain (4)
24. Grim (4)
25. Tumbled (4)
26. Touch lightly (4)

GOT designs on a dream house? Then *Grand Designs Live* could be the place to get the latest info and inspiration.

The exhibition, which takes place at ExCeL, London, next weekend (8-10 June), promises to be a one-stop shop for anyone who wants to create their own architectural masterpiece or reinvent their current property. Visitors will be able to book free consultations with experts from the Royal Institute of British Architects and attend seminars by speakers such as *Grand Designs* presenter Kevin McCloud and garden designer Diarmuid Gavin.

This year's exhibition is the third of its kind founded on the popularity of the Channel 4 series. *Grand Designs* features the stories of people embarking on ambitious design-and-build projects. Often the

architects have to work with big challenges, such as building underground or around an existing structure. Viewers see the work-in-progress from the initial design concept and structural work right through to decisions on lampshades and the finished home.

Grand Designs clients start with a vision of their dream home and invest their finances, time and emotions to make it a reality. They can face delays and disappointments, and when the design is much

more costly than expected they have to make compromises. But whatever goes wrong, the grand designers stay focused until their dream becomes bricks-and-mortar reality.

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It's a great thing to have a grand design – to have a clear vision of our final goal. But many people either don't have a goal for their lives or feel insecure about their future. Some feel they've lost the plot. Some seem to be going round in circles – going nowhere, achieving nothing.

We might be frightened of making plans, or feel that the grand designs we have for our lives are just too big for us to achieve. God offers us reassurance. 'I know the plans I have for you,' he says, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' (Jeremiah 29:11 *New International Version*).

God has a plan and purpose for each of us. Life can mean something. We can have hope. We can have a future.

God is willing to help. Why not ask him to show his design for your life?



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