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by Dew
Thank you for your letter to us which arrived yesterday. I'm glad you enjoyed your weekend here when you were up on the excursion. You seemed as relaxed and 'yourself' as I have ever seen you. We too enjoyed *enjoyed your visit.

The enclosed 'glossy' comes (to coin a phrase!) to add to your collection that I started sending you last year. I have been remiss in not keeping up (!?) the supply. I thought it the ideal selection for you, if you every really wanted to be a model but just didn't quite have the nerve. Now all you have to do is stand in front of a mirror and insert (from the rear!) the appropriate part and 'hey bingo' your in the pictures!! I have to admit to being a little skeptical as to how well the picture would go down in the Wesley Common-Bathroom. Perhaps when it is all steamed up they won't notice?

I was sorry not to have been able to get to Griffith. All the plans were made but I decided to cancel them when I saw the condition (physical, but mainly emotional) state my mother was in as she waited for the results of some blood tests and bone scan she had. She ofcourse was expecting cancer. All seems to have turned out O.K. with the tests not showing any serious problems. I think my presence there seemed to lighten their worries just a little at a time when they both needed a little extra support from the off spring. They have gone to Port Macquarie for a short holiday this week (... it's fowl weather alas) so the break away from home might help the recuperative process.

I've enjoyed the break away from the dreaded Cardiff High and feel that I am more myself. I was beginning to worry a little about some of the petty tensions that seemed to be developing in our relationship. Everything, however, seems to be going very well now and I realise that most of the problem is the result of my not coping too well with the pressures of Cardiff. I must say that rest and relaxation also restores other powers (not that too much restoration was needed) and even allows one to reach unexpected heights!! Lance (who you've met) brought us some "educational" Video material the other day. It has some quite excellent 'group' shots that I'm sure you'd find edifying. It's a shame we'll have to return it to him before your next visit.

Graeme found the General Synod experience quite depressing, coming back quite worn out and obviously feeling very low. I think the women's ord. issue took alot of their energy and when it was defeated by such a narrow margin caused great disappointment for many. Of course within the next 12 months several diocese will probably go ahead and ordain women to the diaconate and then priesthood. Within a couple of years the whole issue will be history (with, I suppose, a few places polarising themselves) and life will go on as normal. My own simple opinion is that these issues causing so much dissent are only symptomatic of 'top heavy' administrative structures in our church. A bit of ecclesiastical 'sweeping clean' is necessary me thinks.

Must finish here and go and make the dean's dinner. I was going to leave room on this letter for G. to write but he said he'd write seperately to you soon.

Love,

Gregory xxx

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