

# THE RED LETTERBOX

By Bill Pugh

It's at the top of our street in a prominent place in a small village of shops.

Nearby is a convenience store, a table and chairs out front where oldies can sit, chat, and have a coffee.

I love to write letters to old friends and walk up the street and pop them in the red box. The other day I was posting a letter when I heard my name spoken.

I looked around and saw a lady with her smiling dog. She was not speaking to me but to her dog, who had the same name as mine. We chatted and I patted William.

Names identify us when someone speaks to us in person. At our Baptism we are given a Christian name, blessed and welcomed into the Christian family, the Church.

Names often tell us something about the person. Jesus had two special names, one who saves, and Christ, the anointed one. God sent his only son on a special mission to be our saviour.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul extols the name of Jesus:

"Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians chapter 2 verses 9-11).

Every time, in worship, when we say 'through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen', we acknowledge all that means for us. We should mean what we pray.

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