

# Keeping Station

*(dedicated to Dr Peter Carter, general secretary and Chief Executive, Royal College of Nursing 2007-2015)*

The “Red Bishop” (now withdrawn)  
proposed to several congregations

a new and active strategy  
for hope and creation

in the 3rd millennium.  
He called it

“Communities of Endurance.”  
He meant (I believe)

that people who keep their hearts and truth  
in times of frenzy

are likely to know themselves outcasts -  
a debilitating experience

the human race can ill afford.  
The keeping station,

the holding on,  
goes better when you’re not alone.

*Rogan Wolf  
January 1998 (revised 2016)*

*(The late David Jenkins, 1925 – 2016, Bishop of Durham, was often described as the “Red Bishop” during the Thatcher years)*