

## Poetry and Prose

### John Masfield

1878-1967

Born on the 1 June 1878 in Ledbury, Herefordshire, John Masfield was a sailor, critic, novelist and a poet.

His mother was a clergyman's daughter; his father a solicitor.

He left Warwick School, (also known as Kings School), in 1891 to become a merchant seaman.

On returning to London in 1897 he began a new career in journalism. In 1902, his first book, *Salt 'Water Ballads'*, was published.

At the outbreak of the Great War, he joined the Red Cross in France. Later he served on a hospital ship at Gallipoli. His book, titled *'Gallipoli'*, gave a vivid account of that doomed campaign.

In 1930 he was appointed Poet Laureate, a post he held for the next 37 years. He was awarded the Order of Merit in 1935.

A prolific writer; he left a rich legacy of novels and poems.

## The Seekers

John Masfield

Friends and loves we have none, nor wealth nor  
blessed abode,  
But the hope of the City of God at the other end of  
the road.

Not for us are content, and quiet, and peace of mind,  
For we go seeking a city that we shall never find.

There is no solace on earth for us--for such as we--  
Who search for a hidden city that we shall never see.

Only the road and the dawn, the sun, the wind, and  
the rain,  
And the watch-fire under stars, and sleep, and the  
road again.

We seek the City of God, and the haunt where  
beauty dwells,  
And we find the noisy mart and the sound of burial  
bells.

Never the golden city, where radiant people meet,  
But the dolorous town where mourners are going  
about the street.

We travel the dusty road till the light of the day is  
dim,  
And sunset shows us spires away on the world's rim.

We travel from dawn to dusk, till the day is past and  
by,  
Seeking the Holy City beyond the rim of the sky.

Friends and loves we have none, nor wealth nor  
blest abode,  
But the hope of the City of God at the other end of  
the road.

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## Chaplain's message

### Persevere in Prayer

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." With these words St Paul encourages the Roman Christians in chapter 12, verse 12 of his profound and inspiring letter to them. They are before me as I prepare a sermon for late August, but also as I reflect on our arrival from Switzerland and settling in among you here in the East Netherlands. We rejoice that we have 'landed safely', and we have high hopes for the future. We have encountered some minor bumps in the meantime -- no space here to go into trials and tribulations of Customs transits, sewer pipes, Belastingdienst, smashed car doors, etc.. Besides, importantly, not (many) a hair on our heads has perished so far! (Luke 21:18) An unexpected ongoing 'woe', though, has been our unresolved difficulty setting up an Internet connection at the house, owing to some confusion with KPN and others. In the grand scheme of things, this is a minor irritation, but it has reinforced just how dependent we have become on the Net to correspond with family, friends and colleagues and to do our work. For a while, we have felt cut off, in a way.

As people of faith, we have a far older and far more reliable means of direct communication with God! It is called prayer. Through all life's hopes and disappointments, epic and mundane, prayer offers a constant source of comfort and direction. It allows us to share with God our deepest concerns and makes space for Him to respond. By it, we can "be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:2). Through it, we can be relieved of our fears and anxieties, because "the peace of God which passes all understanding" is a promised gift to all who seek the Lord in prayer (Philippians 4:6-7). Prayer never fails to 'work' (compared to mobiles and the Internet), even though prayer may not always yield the result we may want or when we want it. Prayer is always answered, but always in God's time and wise way, not necessarily ours.

Because prayer is so vital to forming us as Christians, each of us will want to spend some time during each week, ideally daily, to communicate with

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## Twente News

### Weldam Castle Fair - Saturday, 10 September

The Posters are printed and being distributed. The Stalls and Tea-Room are manned .

More VOLUNTEERS can be used but given fine weather the only thing now needed is

the enthusiasm of everyone concerned. TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIONS!! If you have not already distributed posters or flyers, please do so. BE THERE don't miss the big event of our year. Info from Marykay.

### The Institution of our new Chaplain in Nijmegen - Saturday, 24 September, 2005 .

We are trying to arrange car-pooling. A List is hanging in the Hut and whether you need a lift or are prepared to drive, please put your name on it.

We also need some volunteers to make some 'finger food' for the reception afterwards. Please get in touch with Marykay.

### Tea Room

Sunday 28 August saw the end of the Tea Room service for this year. Early indications are that it has been a financial success, largely due to the staunch support of hard-working volunteers. A relatively small band of hard-working volunteers. A big thank you to all those who gave up summer weekends to bake, serve and clean-up.

More information will follow, but it is likely that the Tea Room will operate again next summer. Who knows, with an even bigger group of volunteers it could be an even greater success.



### Stop and Think

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese

Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

Eagles may soar; but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread

The severity of the itch is proportional to the reach.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

### Spike Milligan

Chopsticks are one of the reasons the Chinese never invented custard



### A Rash of Ridiculous Riddles

**How do you hire a teddy bear?** - Put him on stilts !

**What is a bear's favourite drink ?** - Koka-Koala !

**What's a teddy bears favourite pasta ?** - Tagliateddy !

**What is the difference between a greedy person and an electric toaster?** - One takes the most and the other makes the toast.

**What do they do with a tree after they chop it down?** - Chop it up.

**If you had 5 potatoes and had to divide them equally between 3 people, what should you do?** - Mash them first.

**Every morning the farmer had eggs for breakfast. He owned no chickens and he never got eggs from anyone else's chickens. Where did he get the eggs?** - From his ducks

**How many beans can you put in an empty bag?** - One. After that the bag isn't empty.

**How many sides does a box have?** - Two, the inside and the outside

**If a papa bull eats three bales of hay and a baby bull eats one bale, how much hay will a mama bull eat?** - Nothing. There is no such thing as a mama bull

**What is black and white and red all over?** - A sunburned zebra

**Why were the inventors of the aeroplane correct in thinking they could fly?** - Because they were Wright

**Condolences**

Sadly, on the 19 August, April Klein-Nulend's mother passed in Australia. On behalf of all the readers of the magazine, we offer our deepest sympathies to April at this sad time.

**If God had a refrigerator**

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If God had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

God sends you a sunrise every morning.

He sends you flowers every spring.

God could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

When you want to talk, God will listen.

And that Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem?

... Face it, friend, God is crazy about you!

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"I find that doing the will of God leaves me no time to dispute about his plans."

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**Woman**

A man walked into a bookstore and asked the woman behind the counter, "Have you got a book called, 'Man, the master of woman?'"

"Try the fiction section," said the woman.

**Birth Day**

Congratulations to Pauline Talstra on becoming a grandmother. Miah, a beautiful Irish/Australian baby was born in Perth, Australia, to Pauline's son Adrian and his wife Shauna. Granny Pauline was thrilled at the news, even if the phone call did come through at two in the morning.

**Institution**

Just in case you missed the news at the front of the magazine, another reminder that the Institution of the Reverend Sam van Leer takes place on the 24 September in Nijmegen.

**Church Bloopers**

Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to church secretary.

22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

**Sunday School**

Plans to start up a Sunday School at St Mary's are in the early stages of development. Coretta van Leer is in the process of organizing material to use in the Sunday School. The teaching material is linked to the liturgical calendar so the children in school, and their parents in the chapel, will get the same message.

Of course this means that all you parents out there will really have to pay attention to the readings, just in case your off-spring decide to check on you.

For more information, or if you want volunteer to help, then please phone Coretta.

**Prayer Chain**

The Prayer Chain has been operating for several months and has received many requests for prayer.

You are always welcome to request a private prayers if you do not want to request an intercessionary prayer in church. The chain is always open for new requests, either to Mariska Olaniyi or Frances Gothard.

Preferably in person or by e-mail.

We now have six members and if anyone else would like to join us please contact Mariska.



**Intercessions**

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens before the Service.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens.



**Dress-up**

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his evening suit, she warned, "Daddy, you should not wear that suit!"

"And why not, darling?" he asked.

"Because it always gives you a headache the next morning!"

**Honeymoon**

It was the accepted practice in Babylonia 4000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer; and because their calendar was lunar based, this period called the "honey month", became what we today call "honeymoon"...

**Grog**

In 1740 Admiral Vernon of the British fleet, called "Old Grog" after the stiff wool grogram coats he wore, decided to water down the Navy's rum.

Needless to say, the sailors weren't too pleased and the term "grog" began to be used to mean the watered-down drink itself.

When you were drunk on this grog you were "groggy", a word still in use today...

## Weldam's new Chaplain

### Kids

In a restaurant, I saw a mother trying to make her son finish the meat on his plate. She cut the portion into smaller pieces, but this only made matters worse and the son began to cry. "Why did you do that?" he sobbed. "Now there's more."

My friend picked up her daughter from school one day.

"Mum," the small child asked, "what's God's surname?"

"I don't think he has one," said my friend.

The child pondered this for a moment and offered, "Isn't it Zilla?"

My friend's little grandson was crayoning when he looked up at her and asked: "Grandma, did you have crayons when you were a girl?"

"Yes," she answered.

I expect they were only black and white though," he said.

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For the second time in the past year I have been fortunate enough to visit St. Mary's and enjoy once again the company of the many friends that my wife Ann and I made during our time at Weldam. But this time more than fortune was at hand when I was able to make the acquaintance of the Rev. Sam Van Leer whose life has been directed to Weldam, to follow in the footsteps of the many before him who all in their various ways contributed so positively to the continuation of Anglican devotion in the Hof Van Twente.

First impressions are those that count the most we are told, and from my standpoint, it was clear to me that Sam and Weldam are going to be the leading characters in a great partnership that will take St. Mary's into its next phase of service to the Lord.

During the month that I stayed in The Netherlands this time I saw many new faces at St. Mary's, of whom some have taken on the tasks laid down by older members and by those who have left, people like Ann and myself. I feel that there is a return of the enthusiasm that was there in 1984 when we joined. From that fellowship during the years that we were there, we enjoyed some marvelous and rewarding times. I wish this for you all and pray that your new determination will bring you the rewards that it brought to us.

In his first preamble from St. Mary's pulpit, Sam made mention of the lack of mountains in the Netherlands. They are there all right but the mountains at St. Mary's don't come in those pointy shapes that he is used to, but as partially visible and seemingly insurmountable obstacles that block the way now and then, just to hold up progress. With his recent experience of the Swiss Alps, I am sure that Sam will make jolly good mountaineers of you all and lead you over the passes and through those narrow places to a level and negotiable plain that everyone can walk over. So put your best boots on, tie yourselves together with a rope of faith and follow your new guide out of those nasty places.

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We arrived at Brantham (which together with East Bergholt form Liesbeth's parish) for the reception and light supper provided for Liesbeth by the members of her parish. The home catering was delicious; there were speeches and the presentation of gifts. We had the opportunity to meet up with Liesbeth's family and friends, including Charlotte Methuen. She had given the address at the ordination ceremony that morning, and she was to assist at Liesbeth's inaugural communion service in the Brantham church after the supper. This service was very moving, seeing these two friends serving God together, and we felt as privileged as we had been that morning in the cathedral to be a part of it all. The day was deliciously rounded off with coffee and cake afterwards in the parish hall. We returned to Holland on the Monday mid-morning ferry.

After the church service at St. Mary's on the Sunday following, Annie Oosterhof provided drinks and snacks on behalf of her daughter Liesbeth. It will be awhile before she is able to thank us personally. However, she sent a card of thanks for the whole congregation and this too is hanging in the hut.

On behalf of Trudy Allen, Frances Gothard, Kathleen Rusius, my husband Hans and Marykay Schouten I have tried to put in a nutshell some memories of a trip shared in friendship.

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### Thank God

Thank God for dirty dishes,  
They have a tale to tell,  
While others may go  
hungry,  
We're eating very well,  
With home and hearth and  
happiness,  
I shouldn't want to fuss,  
For by the stack of  
evidence,  
God's been good to us.

### Children's Food Terms

#### BOIL:

The point a parent reaches upon hearing the automatic "Yuck" before a food is even tasted

#### CASSEROLE:

Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together

#### EVAPORATE:

Magic trick performed by children when it comes time to clear the table or wash dishes

#### DESSERT:

The reason for eating a meal.

#### FRUIT:

A natural sweet not to be confused with dessert.



## Liesbeth's Ordination.

We look back to the last weekend of June 2005, as we recall our trip to England for Liesbeth's ordination.

Unfortunately the summer holidays in between have meant that this account is now in the September magazine.

Together with the other deacons, Liesbeth was ordained in Bury St. Edmunds cathedral in England, on Sunday 26 June. The service book is hanging in the hut, together with some photographs of the event. If you have not yet done so, please have a good look, seeing as our forthcoming Open Day on September 10 will mean that the photographs and service book will then need to be tidied up.

We all made a very early ferry crossing from Hoek v. Holland to Harwich on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. No sooner had we landed than it was all systems go! Having settled in at the Crown hotel in Manningtree, we set off for a day in Norwich. Sight seeing and shopping, followed by dinner in a tasty Italian restaurant and a Bach concert in the cathedral.

On Sunday morning, we headed off early to Bury St. Edmunds to get a good seat in the cathedral for the service and Marykay Schouten met up with us there. She had been camping in England and had planned the whole of the Sunday with us. We watched enthralled as the procession of clergy entered promptly at 10 o'clock, lead in by the choir. The highlight of the service, for us, was the part that Liesbeth played. She had been chosen to read the Gospel, which she did very confidently. Her family, who were sitting a little closer to the front than we were, must have been very proud of her then and at the ordination itself.

Afterwards there were photograph sessions on the lawn of the cathedral and refreshments in the cathedral hall. Having congratulated Liesbeth and her family, we set off for lunch at the John Constable centre in East Bergholt. It was delightful to see his paintings as well as some of the places, which we had loved to paint. Liesbeth must find added inspiration living in Constable Country!

### Ministry!

A man and his wife couldn't have any children, so they went to the vicar asked for a prayer:

So the vicar prayed for them and anointed them with oil. Sure enough, about nine months later the woman bore triplets.

The couple once again showed up at the vicar's study and as soon as the woman saw the vicar, threw her arms around him and gave him the biggest hug.

"What was all that about?" he asked.

She replied, "I'm just so glad that you used three-in-one oil and not WD40."



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God using this simple, ancient, but reliable means. Because common prayer is both a way we share our church family's concerns with God and a way in which God speaks through other voices to each of us, I would also like to encourage more of us to become involved in praying for the church community, both in groups during the week and in Sunday services. The early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers" – together. (Acts 2:42)

I would like to invite you all to a short intro/refresher seminar on leading intercessions (or 'the Prayers of the People') in services on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Eucharist at St Mary's. Please do come along and learn more about why and how you might share in this important ministry. See you there, I hope.

2 additional notes for your prayer diaries this September: From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, clergy of the Diocese in Europe will gather in Cologne for our first ever Pastoral Conference, led by Bishop Geoffrey and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The theme is "Blessed to be a blessing: the privilege and sacrifice of ministry in the Diocese." Please keep this new venture in your prayers.

And on September 24<sup>th</sup> is my service of institution as your Chaplain, at 14:30 at the Studentenkerk in Nijmegen, with reception to follow. You are all very warmly invited. Please pray for preparations and for a new phase of the Chaplaincies' life.

May we all "persevere in prayer" for our spiritual life and health and for that of St Mary's and the wider church family.

Every blessing to you and yours,  
Sam Van Leer



### Knowledge

Those of you who think you know everything are very annoying to those of us who do.

Once we had wisdom, then we had knowledge, now it's mostly just information.

Knowing God makes us humble; knowing ourselves keeps us humble.

If you understand everything, you must be misinformed...

Japanese Proverb

### Isaiah

Isme is the name of Isaiah's horse. Every time Isaiah arrived anywhere, the first thing he would say is "Woa Isme!"

### Church XP!

**Q:** How do you let air into a Russian Orthodox church?

**A:** You click on an icon, and a window opens.

### The Emperor

In Rome, the emperor sat in a special part of the Coliseum called the Caesarean Section.

<b>4th September</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Rev Sam van Leer
<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	First Reading	Ezekiel 33.7 - 11
	Mrs. Wigboldus	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Psalm	119.33 - 40
	Second Reading	Romans 13.8 - end
	Mr. Siertsema	
	Gospel	Matthew 18.15 - 20

<b>11th September</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Rev Sam van Leer
<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	First Reading	Genesis 50.15 - 21
	Mr. Yallop	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Psalm	103.[1 - 7] 8 - 13
	Second Reading	Romans 14.1 - 12
	Mrs. Rauwerda	
	Gospel	Matthew 18.21 - 35

<b>18th September</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Rev Sam van Leer
<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	First Reading	Jonah 3.10-end of 4
	Mrs. Van Sisseren	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Psalm	Psalm 145.1-8
	Second Reading	Philippians 1.21-end
	Mr. Cass	
	Gospel	Matthew 20.1-16

<b>25th September</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Rev Sam van Leer
<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	First Reading	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end
	Mrs. Ten Berge	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Psalm	Psalm 25.1-8
	Second Reading	Philippians 2.1-13
	Ms. Gothard	
	Gospel	Matthew 21.23-32

<b>2nd October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Rev Sam van Leer
<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	First Reading	Isaiah 5.1-7
	Mrs. M. v.d. Heide	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Psalm	Psalm 80.8-16
	Second Reading	Philippians 3.4b-14
	Mrs. E. v.d. Heide	
	Gospel	Matthew 21.33-end

<b>9th October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Rev Sam van Leer
<b>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>	First Reading	Isaiah 25.1-9
	Mr. Van Houten	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Psalm	Psalm 23
	Second Reading	Philippians 4.1-9
	Mrs. Collins	
	Gospel	Matthew 22.1-14