

Poetry and Prose



Canada Day
1st July

On the 1st July 1868 the British North American provinces were united together into a federal state called Canada.

In 1879 this day was established as a public holiday, known as Dominion Day.

Canada is a British Dominion, which effectively means it is an independent state, except that the British sovereign remains as the head of state.

On 27th October 1982 the Canadian Government changed the name of the holiday to Canada Day.

Canada's Prayer was written by Chris Robertson. Chris Robertson was the first person in history to travel from bottom of mainland Canada 6,520 kilometres to the top under their own power: En route he challenged over 5 million Canadians to make Canada better by answering the question: "What will you do in your life to make Canada a better country than when you found it?"

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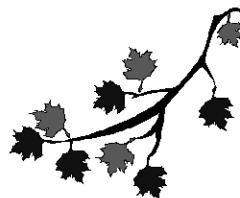
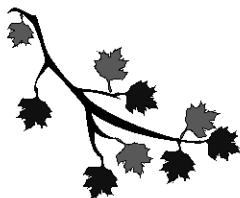
Canada's Prayer

*I'm dreaming of Canada tonight.
A country where mountains and hopes
touch the sky
A country where an ocean of kindness fills
all hearts
A country where ideas are a forest of
wisdom
Oh God let me wake up in Canada!*

*I'm dreaming of Canada tonight.
A country where compassion is as tall as a
Douglas fir
A country where understanding is as deep
as a great lake
A country where confidence grows like
grain
Oh God let me wake up in Canada!*

*I'm dreaming of Canada tonight.
A country where happiness flows like the
water of a river
A country where love is a breath of fresh
air
A country where peace covers the land
like snow
Oh God, please let me wake up in Canada,
tonight...*

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The Chaplain writes Encouraging Common Prayer

There is an old joke about Common Sense that it is, in fact, neither. Neither very common nor always sensible. Sad but true that may be.

I suspect that when Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, author of the first Church of England *Book of Common Prayer* (1549), set out to provide a basic structure for the worship life of to the fledgling reformation church and its adherents, he rather hoped that Common Prayer would be both. That worship would be common to people throughout the realm (clergy and laity of all walks of life). And that worship would be prayerful (in whatever expression it might take). The *BCP*, in its 1662 revision, is still the 'official' prayer book of the Church of England, though the vast majority of churches in our era now use the authorized alternative, *Common Worship* (2000). It's notable that rather than sticking with a title similar to the 1980 revision, the *Alternative Service Book* (1980), the Liturgical Commission and Church went for the title *Common Worship* instead, reflecting Thomas Cranmer's original hopes and intentions for his own prayer book. The idea of *Common Worship* was to provide a resource that would unite people in worship, but also provide sufficient flexibility to respond to a variety of spiritual needs and traditions.

As I reflect on that theology of unifying people in prayer and worship, I think about the challenges we face as chaplaincies, spread over the area of Gelderland province and parts of two others (= a decent-sized English county). How can not just our worship, but also our prayer life, in particular, bring us closer together and bring us into God's presence more? In our worship, members lead us in intercessory prayer for ourselves and others. We now have a prayer requests book (by the entry of the Chapel) in which people can record what they wish committed to prayer during the week. We also have house groups for whom prayer is a regular feature of fellowship. And we have a dedicated prayer chain which prays for issues that our members pass onto it. These are great and I would encourage folk to continue making use of these resources for prayer, as well as fellowship and Christian learning.

But I still wonder, especially when people remark things like 'Who on

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Thank you

Many thanks to all our friends at St. Mary's who supported us at the time of my illness and subsequent operation. An especial thanks to the ladies of the Flower Guild for the beautiful bouquet delivered to the hospital. Mary and I felt most strengthened by your prayers and

good wishes. I am convinced that your prayers, together with the skill of the surgeon made the operation a success.

Arthur and Mary Cass

Intra-Chaplaincy Invitation

Following on from the fun and success of the Ascension day get-together, the Arnhem-Nijmegen chaplaincy have sent the following two invitations to the good folk of Twente.

Saturday, 5th August

There will be an afternoon excursion through Zutphen, including a boat trip and a walk. Please make a note of this date in your diary and further details will be available shortly.

Contact Mrs Elaine Zomer for details, tel 0317 422 228.

Saturday, 26th August

There is to be an end of the summer social event at Middachten Castle in the afternoon. Please make sure to keep this date free and further details will be made known as soon as the programme has been worked out. Contact Ms Ann Kilvington for information, tel 0316 269 188.

For both these occasions we hope that some of our friends from St. Mary's, Twente, will join us.

St Mary's website

The long awaited upgrade of the St. Mary website is almost upon us. At the last council meeting, James Olaniyi, PCC secretary as well as Webmaster, previewed the new design. All of us at the meeting thought his layout and design were superb. Expect an announcement soon as to when the site goes live. A big thanks in advance to James and roll on the launch date.

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Why is a lazy dog like a hill?
Because it is a slow-pup

Where would you find a prehistoric cow?
In a moo-seum

Why did the cat join the Red Cross?
It wanted to be a first aid kit.

What happens to ducks that fly upside down
They quack up!

Customer: Have you any dogs going cheap
Pet-shop owner: Sorry, all our dogs go woof.

How did Noah see the animals in the ark?
By flood-lighting.

What do you get if you cross a fairy with a snowman?
A cold spell

Why do bees hum?
Because they don't know the words.

What goes "tick-tock, woof, woof?"
A watch dog.

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a curtain.
Pull yourself together!

What do you get if you cross a ball of wool with a cat?
Mittens.

What do cats like on a hot day?
A mice cream cone.

What do you call a monster with no neck?
The Lost Neck Monster.

What magazine do cats like to read?
Good Mousekeeping.

Seniors having a baby.

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old woman was able to give birth to a baby.

When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, her relatives came to visit.

"May we see the new baby?" one asked.

"Not yet," said the mother: "I'll make coffee and we can visit for awhile first."

Thirty minutes had passed, and another relative asked, "May we see the new baby now?"

"No, not yet," said the mother:

After another few minutes had elapsed, they asked again, "May we see the baby now?"

"No, not yet," replied the mother:

Growing very impatient, they asked, "Well, when can we see the baby?"



Social News

Chariots of Fire

The film *Chariots of Fire* received an Oscar as best film in 1981. At first glance, it seemed improbable that a film based on this story would have achieved such popularity and such acclaim, for the story is simply the story of Eric Liddell, a man who would not run in an Olympic race on Sunday.

In 1924 Liddell had a preliminary draw on a Sunday. He refused to run, casting doubt about his loyalty to his king and country and about the balance of his mind. He was subsequently moved from the 100 metres race to the 400 metres. Just before he ran the race someone gave him a piece of paper with a Bible text: 'Those who honour me I will honour' (Samuel 2:30)

He ran. He won and broke the world record for the 400 metres.

Birthdays

July is another ladies month with three more birthday celebrations. Come on gentlemen, are you all too shy to tell us when you having your birthday?

The three birthdays this month just go to prove the adage that women are like fine wine, they improve with age. On the nineteenth of July, Anne Oosterhof celebrates her birthday. Followed on the twenty-fourth by Agnes Lee, and then at the end of the month, Pauline Talstra celebrates her birthday on the thirtieth of July. Our congratulations to the three of you.

Greeting from Windhoek

Dear Anglican Friends,
We just want to thank the community of St. Mary's Church for the enormous hospitality we experienced on the Weldam castle grounds.

The services with Reverend Sam were inspiring and, we also would like to thank you for having provided assistance in our spiritual growth. It is also exciting and encouraging to see the Church growing. We can also look back on a nice farewell party last week after the Service.

It was a pleasure to be members of the St. Mary's family. Even if we are physically separated, spiritually we will be connected. In the near future we will keep you posted.

Best Regards,
Pandu and Ferdinand

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Pentecost

On the 4th June, the 'All Age Eucharist' service was held to celebrate Pentecost. As the Revd. Sam Van Leer pointed out, Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church as it was from that day that the apostles went from being followers of Jesus, to being evangelists, taking His teachings out to the world.

As an aside, a literal translation of the word 'evangelist' from classical Greek is, 'good news person'. The apostles were definitely good news people.

So the service began as a birthday party. The Flower Guild had as usual made sure that the church was beautifully adorned with flowers. Balloons of various colours were attached to the pew ends. The children were all issued with shiny little windmills, which they could blow on the make a whooshing noise at the appropriate point in the service.

The most moving part of the service though for everyone attending was surely the Gospel reading. At the point in the Gospel reading when the tongues of fire descended on the apostles and they began to talk in tongues, those members of the congregation who could read the Bible in another language, joined in the reading. A wonderful multitude of languages cascaded through the chapel and one could briefly, experience again the wonderment of the people of Jerusalem who were there at the first Pentecost.

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.

"WHEN HE CRIES!" she told them.

"WHEN HE CRIES?!" they demanded. "Why do we have to wait until he CRIES?!"

"BECAUSE I forgot where I put him."

That's the spirit

A member of the Free Church of Scotland gave the minister a bottle of cherry brandy on the understanding that it would be acknowledged in the church magazine. In the next edition the minister "thanked Mrs. Mackintosh for the gist of cherries and for the spirit in which it was given."

Church Notices

There will be a procession in the grounds of the Monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon the procession will take place in the morning.

Whilst the forthcoming events column of a Birmingham parish newsletter advertised: "Pram service in church. Followed by talk about the wind!"

Baby Boomers

It was fun being a baby boomer. Until now!

Some of the artists of the '60s are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers.

They include:

1. Herman's Hermits-- "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker"
2. The Bee Gees-- "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart"
3. Bobby Darin-- "Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash"
4. Ringo Starr-- "I Get By With a Little Help From My Friends"
5. Roberta Flack-- "The First Time Ever I Felt Your Love"
6. Johnny Nash-- "I Can't See Clearly Now"
7. Paul Simon-- "Fifty Ways to Leave Your Lover"
8. The Commodores-- "Three Times to the Bathroom"
9. Marvin Gaye-- "I Heard It Through the Grapevine"
10. Procol Harum-- "A Whiter Shade of Pale"
11. Leo Sayer-- "You Make Me Feel Like a Millionaire"
12. The Temptations--

Grumpy Old Pals

Brad and Mike are two old retired widowers who reside close to each other and do constant welfare checks on each other. Much of their relationship is based on pragmatism rather than real friendship or personal affection. One day, as he drinks his morning coffee, Mike opens the morning paper and turns to the obituaries page.

He gets the shock of his life when he sees his own obituary in the column. He realizes that the query for info on him by the local newspaper several months earlier, was in preparation for this event. He correctly surmises that it is a mistaken entry from their database.

It still excites and rankles him, so he calls Brad up. "Brad, are you up yet?" asks Mike.

Brad sleepily answers, "Yeah, but I'm only now starting my coffee."

"Brad, open the newspaper to page 31."

"Why, what's in the paper?"

"Brad, get the paper and open it to page 31 NOW!"

"Ok, Ok, I've got the paper here, so what's in page 31?"

"Brad, open the paper to page 31 already!"

"All right, don't be such a pain so early in the morning already. So, what's on page 31 that's so important?"

"Brad, look at the bottom of column 4."

"Why? What's that story on?"

"Brad, read the story on the bottom of the column already!"

"OK, OK, I'll start reading the column if you stop yelling in my ear!" The paper rustles for a few seconds, then a long silent pause ensues.

Finally, Brad comes on the line quietly and fearfully asks, "So Mike, where are you calling me from right now?"

the desire of the nations, the fulfiller of the deepest human longings, but as the embodiment of the love of God which goes to the uttermost in self-giving, and suffering, and even death, he is one who judges all that falls short of that love.

It is a sinful world in which men and women are capable of appalling and distorting evil, which needs that love in both judgment and redemption. In that love triumphant, we find the only source of eternal life and the resource of the redeeming grace. Ascension Day celebrates that triumph and lordship.

Christians therefore have a twofold responsibility. They are called to find God in the undergrowth, the unexpected places of contemporary culture, and to welcome all who are explorers, searchers and seekers. However, there can never be an uncritical endorsement of culture. Whether it be the rhetoric of multiculturalism and political correctness, or the pick-and-mix individualism that makes subjective choice the measure of truth, or the popular cults of celebrities or consumerism, these are as much the judgment of the God of sacrificial love as the ideology of Nazi Germany or Stalinist Russia.

Likewise, the Church is always under judgment, for its compromises, its human weakness, and its failure to live out more plainly the deep compassion of Christ.

But the saving grace is that at the heart of the Church's life is the penitent knowledge of its weakness and failure and of the healing that can transfigure and transform it. The saints have always known themselves to be sinners in need of redemption, and rejoiced in the love and grace which comes down to the lowest part of their need.

Christians live always as looking up to the Ascended Christ, to the love that reigns victorious, and as those who that love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit he has given to us. To live by that knowledge and vision is to live for that Christian culture and society, in which values, choices and judgments are shaped by likeness to Christ.

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This and That

Two boys at school found it extremely difficult to get on with each other. There were constant giggles and putting down of each other:

Both succeeded in adult life; one in the Navy, the other in the church. One day on a crowded railway platform, waiting for a train to London they met. Both were in full dress to attend different functions in the capital. One was a bishop, and the other an admiral.

The bishop looked at the gold braid etc. and said, "Can you tell me when the next train to London is due, porter?"

The admiral regarded the rather over-corpulent bishop in cassock, apron etc. And said: "I could, but I wouldn't advise you to take it Madam - in your condition."

At a recent PCC meeting the Sunday School teachers present (mainly ladies) requested copies of the 'Daily Mail'. They needed them for papier maché work and stated the print in paper was less likely to run and be messy. The secretary, making notes for the minutes wrote down: 'Sunday School teachers want daily mals'.



Athens and Jerusalem.

In the early centuries of the Church, around the year AD 200, a fierce North African Christian called Tertullian asked a sharp question. "What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?" Tertullian, who had a lawyer's sharpness of mind, stood resolutely for Christianity as a revelation, act and gift of God. Although in his many writings, he

makes use of Stoic philosophy, it was as an aid not as a source of truth. In his later years, he joined the Montanists, an early example of charismatic, Pentecostal Christianity with a stress on the immediacy of the Spirit and a corresponding perfectionist view of the Church.

Tertullian poses in a sharp way the question of the relation of Christianity and culture, the Church and human reflection and exploration of truth, theology and philosophy, which has recurred in every period of the Church's history. When Christianity first moved from a Jewish context to the wider Hellenistic world, Christians had to face the challenge of Greek philosophical thought and the cults of the local deities as well as the religious rites acknowledging the semi-divine status of the Roman emperor.

On the one hand the choice was clearly between "Caesar is Lord" and "Christ is Lord" - and Christians suffered persecution and martyrdom for refusal to offer incense to the emperor -on the other hand, there were those, like the early Christian writer Justin, who saw the Greek philosophy, and Plato in particular, as preparing the way for the Christian revelation.

God, who had created the world through his ordering word, had sown seeds of the Word in the understanding of those who had wrestled with the deep questions of truth and meaning. Christ was the fulfiller of the human search for truth, for the good and for beauty. Athens did emphatically have much to do with Jerusalem.

But Tertullian, and the "puritan" traditions of which he is the father, were alert to the danger of the Church becoming so enmeshed with culture that there is no word of judgment upon culture. There can never be simple endorsement of the culture in which in any the Church is set. "Christ is Lord" remains the fundamental Christian confession, certainly as

From Scotland

An eminent churchman was staying overnight in a hotel. The bell boy was carefully instructed in his duty. He had to take up the shaving water; knock and call: "Tis the boy, my Lord". He practiced all night. In the morning he arrived at the door; knocked and called: "Tis the Lord, my boy".

A tiny lady was a guest preacher. After a few minutes she called: "Can you hear me at the back?" A voice replied: "We can hear you. We just canna see you".

Believe it or not

At a meeting of the Women's Bright Hour; an elderly member told everyone to boycott the new Launderette after she had seen a notice above the machines: 'When light goes out, Please remove all your clothes'.

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earth was that we prayed for and why?', how we can be more commonly prayerful in our life together, so that we share each others needs and concerns and grow in Christ-like love, service and faith?

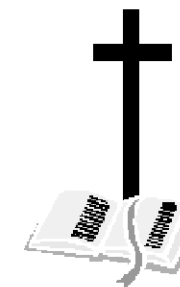
Some ideas to float to you all - comments welcome: Could we not have a prayer diary in our magazine, where we commit each member or family of our church (whether ill or not) to prayer each day of the month? (Who might like to organize this?) Might we try a once a month (or every two months) prayer meeting for the chaplaincy at large? Some churches have groups of people who cannot physically meet together, but still commit to pray 'together' by agreeing to pray at the same time of day every day. So one church I know had a 'Prayer at 7:00 (AM)' initiative. What do you think? Might there be interest in special prayer events, like vigils (example: a vigil with hourly prayer from Good Friday to Easter), or quiet days? Any other ideas?

Your prayerful and creative thoughts about how we might make the gift and joy of prayer more common among us, so that we will know each other and God's peace and His will even better, are most welcome.

'In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'
Philippians 4:6b-7

Yours in Christ,

Sam Van Leer



"Papa's Got a Kidney! Stone"

13. Abba--- "Denture Queen"
14. Tony Orlando--- "Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall"
15. Helen Reddy--- "I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore"
16. Willie Nelson--- "On the Commode Again"
17. Leslie Gore--- "It's My Procedure and I'll Cry If I Want To"

Very Interesting !!!!!!!

In 1981 the Pope died, Prince Charles got married and Liverpool were crowned Champions of Europe.

In 2005, the Pope died, Prince Charles got married and Liverpool were crowned Champions of Europe.

Next time if... Charles wants to re-marry or Liverpool needs another crown

...POOR POPE.....!

2nd July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)	First Reading Mr. Siertsema	Lamentations 3.23-33
	Second Reading Mrs. Siertsema	2 Corinthians 8.7-15
Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Mark 5.21-43

9th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)	First Reading Mr. Yallop	Ezekiel 2.1-5
	Second Reading Mrs. Wigboldus	2 Corinthians 12.2-10
Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Mark 6.1-13

16th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Geoffrey Allen
Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)	First Reading Mr. Olaniyi	Amos 7.7-15
	Second Reading Mrs. ten Berge	Ephesians 1.3-14
Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Mark 6.14-29

23rd July	Officiant & Preacher	Ms. Frances Gothard
Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)	First Reading Mrs. Schouten	Jeremiah 23.1-6
	Second Reading Mrs. Rauwerda	Ephesians 2.11-22
Morning Prayer	Gospel	Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

30th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)	First Reading Mr. Talstra	2 Kings 4.42-44
	Second Reading Mrs. Talstra	Ephesians 3.14-21
Sung Eucharist	Gospel	John 6.1-21

6th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Transfiguration	First Reading Mrs. M v.d. Heide	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. E v.d. Heide	2 Peter 1.16-19
	Gospel	Luke 9.28-36