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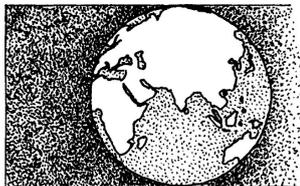


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The Chaplain Writes

Easter 2016

When you get this magazine, we are in Easter time for the next couple of weeks and we are asked to give a genuine response to the invitation of Easter to help establish God's Kingdom!

That may not be so easy when the memories of the tragedy of the bomb attacks in Brussels are still fresh in our mind. It makes it more difficult to believe that God still cares about his world. How can we help and shape our society into his Kingdom? Because that is what Easter means for us: that we are prepared to cooperate with Gods plans for this world.

A couple of weeks ago, a survey showed that faith and religion are less significant in our society. On a daily basis we read in the newspapers how this process gradually happens.

People do not want to be confronted with headgear by Muslims and a Bible in the public areas such as schools and government buildings is no longer allowed. Just to avoid offending those who do not believe. Doesn't it signal that religion is a bad thing?

Religious fanaticism certainly is not to be appreciated and we witness that kind of fanaticism too often, but then nothing, which breathes fanaticism, should be welcomed.

Jesus throughout his entire life preached gentleness and love, as well as determination and conviction. He invited people to follow him, but didn't *force* them.

To serve God asks from us that we spend enough time with him in prayer for guidance and support in order that we may know how he wants us to be his instruments for his Kingdom to come. May the God of Easter bless you all!

Alja Tollefsen
Chaplain of St Mary's





Twente News

Book Sale - an update

Over the past three Sundays, the Flower Guild held a book sale to raise funds. Pauline Talstra reports : 'We earned from the Book sale a total of €196.26. Included in this amount is an amount of €20 which came from the sale of just one book on Marktplaats. We have to thank Theda for this as she pulled various books aside knowing that they had a value.

With her expert eye and know how she was able to gather extra income for us by putting a few books on this internet site and thus reaped more money for us.'

Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

Wanted

Seen on a church bulletin: More sinners wanted for the choir.

Wages

Seen on a church notice board: Despite inflation, the wages of sin remain the same.'

Who?!

Seen in a West Country church: Whenever I see a little church, I always pay a visit. So when at last I'm carried in, The Lord won't say 'Who is it?'

Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

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Forthcoming Events

7 April - PCC Meeting

10 April - Annual General Meeting: The 2016 AGM will be held in the Chapel after the Sunday service. While all are invited to attend, please note that only those on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote.

5 May Ascension Day Service and Picnic - Further details will be released later. Please keep this day free in your agenda and turn up to share this special day with your fellow chaplaincy members.

10 September - The Castle Fair, for which volunteers are still wanted from all chaplaincy members, their families and their friends.

15 June -PCC Meeting

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Flower Guild

As most of you know or have heard Linda ter Berge is stepping down from managing the Flower Guild after many years of faithful and dedicated work.



At the moment she is busy getting things organised for her take over. The name or names of these persons will be announced at the AGM on the 10 April.

If you know someone that is needing flowers or you would like them for a special anniversary. you can contact in the between time

Ingeline Ribbens 0675469013

Brenda Pyle 0575 471802

Food Bank

A reminder that there is a large plastic container in the hut for Food Bank contributions. Your donations of non-perishable food will go to those less fortunate in our community. A list of suggested products is by the box.

Magazine Contributions

St Mary's Magazine has been seen to have a valuable role in keeping members of the chaplaincy informed and in touch with each other. In these constrained financial times, financing the magazine is difficult. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy.

The Rota

To all who are on the Rota to Read, Lead the Intercessions or Assist with the Chalice, can you try to arrive early on your assigned day. The Wardens have to be sure that everyone is in place before the service starts. Feel free to swop your dates with others on the Rota, but please inform the Wardens and the Chaplain about the changes for the same reason.



Intercessions

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

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

Who is he?

A musical concert was about to be performed in a prison. The Governor was talking to a titled lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. 'He looks a tough customer,' she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?" The Governor paused and smiled. 'Ah, actually, he is the chaplain.'

Problem

I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it.

Beyond

I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

What am I?

I'm not old. I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck. Everything made the same noise: Crrrrraaaaacccckkkk! So I've come to the conclusion that I'm not old, I'm crispy!

Running

Insanity runs in some families; in others it positively gallops.

The Vegetable Garden

First Plant Five Rows of Peas:

Patience
Promptness
Preparation
Perseverance
Purity

Next Plant Three Rows of Squash:

Squash Gossip
Squash Criticism
Squash Indifference

Then Plant Five Rows of Lettuce:

Let-us be Faithful to Duty
Let-us be Unselfish
Let-us be Loyal
Let-us be True to Obligations
Let-us Love One Another

And no Garden is Complete without Turnips:

Turn-up for Important Meetings
Turn-up with a Smile
Turn-up with Good Ideas
Turn-up with Determination to Make Everything Good and Worthwhile.

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Letter from St James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



On the perils of small study groups

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are about to run an Alpha course in your parish; I am sure your bishop will be delighted. I remember him from my Oxford days. He was just starting his course as a gangly undergraduate when I was finishing my doctorate on Eusebius.

I recall him as a keen rugby player who took early morning dips in the Isis, who led intense discussions on Saint Paul's theology of "the body" over cups of cocoa in the evenings in his rooms and who spent his holidays laying paths for the National Trust in the Lake District while lodging in Youth Hostels. He's exactly the sort of person who will empathise with your ministry – hearty, enthusiastic and overflowing with compassionate intensity. We were not close friends.

We tend not to go in for those sort of things here at St. James the Least of All, preferring matters a little more relaxed and understated. If we ever do hold discussion groups (and they are a regrettable necessity during Lent), they always start with a good lunch, finishing with coffee and one of Mrs French's excellent Madeira cakes. Once we have removed from the table, those who manage to stay awake will start to tackle the chosen topic.

However, we always seem to veer off to discussing more interesting matters, such as why Col. Chorley is never allowed to sing solos in the choir any more, or who moved Mrs Cholmondeley's flower arrangement from the font the previous week. Apparently she has given notice that her weekly

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contributions on the plate will be much reduced unless an appropriate apology is received.

These matters may not seem as important to you as deciding what the “white stone” in Revelation 4 is all about, but let me assure you that to members of our congregation, knowing why the second verse of the National Anthem is no longer sung at our Remembrance Services is of pivotal importance.

At 2pm we wake up those who have enjoyed an hour’s slumber and totter off home, knowing we have once again done our bit for faith in the parish.

I am sure your own group will also return home after your sessions - even if a digestive biscuit and weak tea is all that has been offered – invigorated and braced to tackle the heathen in the parish. We all take our pleasures in different ways.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Leave Easter Alone!

Way back in 325 AD the Council of Nicaea decided that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. Simple (!?!)

Now some people want a ‘fixed’ Easter. It would be more convenient. Holidays could be planned, school terms would be more sensible, and we could get rid of its old-fashioned religious implications. I suspect, however, that it won’t happen.

There’s something deliciously ridiculous about a national holiday that can swing dizzily from March to April and which can only be calculated with the help of a complicated Table in the Book of Common Prayer. I remember as a choirboy ages ago whiling away a dull sermon by calculating when Easter would come in 1984.

As for the religious bit, I think the secularists would be surprised at how deeply attached many people are to the wonderful story of death and resurrection that the season constantly retells. Up and down the land choirs sing Handel’s ‘Messiah’. People in town centres stand and watch a Good Friday procession or even a simple re-enactment of the story. They may not go to church, but at passion-tide and Easter, the church comes to them.

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A Vacation Thought

A vacation is a short duration of recreation, preceded by a period of anticipation and followed by a period of recuperation.

She’s Arrived

An elderly man stood respectfully and sorrowfully at the graveside.

His departed wife’s service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, “Well, she’s there.”

Just Think

You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

- *Sam Levenson*

Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger.

- *Franklin P. Jones*

Write a wise saying and your name will live forever.

- *Anonymous*

Who's Who at Saint Mary's.

Keeping in Touch

A student phoned his mother .

"Mom, how are you?"

Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak

"The son said, "Why are you so weak?"

She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days.

"The son said,

"That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

"The mother answered, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

The Senility Prayer:

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Doctor's Visit

Those of us who spend much time in a doctor's office should appreciate this!

Here's what happened to Kevin:

Kevin walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had.

Kevin said:

"Shingles."

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My name is Jan Philip Wegenwijs, born June 13, 1932. From our Amsterdam ancestors, the name Philip has descended through the family since 1763. My surname is even older, having been already mentioned at the beginning of the 17th century in Wezel, a small village in the shadow of Nijmegen. According to the Encyclopaedia of Surnames, Wegenwijs comes from a proverb of Solomon - Proverbs 6, Verse 6 - "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, see her **ways** and be **wise**."

When I was six years old, we lived in Eefde on the Deventer-Zutphen road. I was then in Grade 2 at the elementary school. On May 10, 1940, we were due to go to Gouda to celebrate my grandparent's 40th wedding anniversary with a big party. However, at four in the morning, I was woken by my father to be told there would be no party because our country was at war. Throughout that day, I looked on with wonder and fear at the German troops with all their equipment invading our country.

Later, during Grade 4 and Grade 5, our school was occupied by the Germans. We then only had morning lessons once a week at home. For the rest of the time, we were free. In that respect, I had a wonderful childhood.

At the end of my primary schooling, I undertook technical training and then in 1951, I began my two years of military service. When my service ended, I spent a year in Horsforth near Leeds in England with an aunt and uncle. Amongst other jobs, I worked for a while as a model maker at Dinky Toys. I had a lot of fun, made many friends with whom over the years; I managed to keep in contact. Sadly, as most of them were older, there are now not many of them left.

Returning from England, I worked with the PTT in the radio department. We were kept busy setting up telephone connections between radio and television studios with foreign stations. It was through my telephone work that I first made contact with Gerda, who would later become my wife. At the time, she was working in Rotterdam as an operator. After a few months, we met up on a date in Utrecht and we clicked right away. In 1961, we were married and moved to Zutphen.

We had three children. A son, Marco, who is now 53 and our two daughters, Annelies, who is now 50, and Hannelore, the youngest,

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who is now 47. Marco lives in Tubbergen and my daughters live in Tilburg and Den Haag respectively. In those years, we travelled a lot in the caravan to places such as England, Ireland, Norway and Finland as well as many other places.

In 1995, we read in the newspaper about a Christmas Carol Service being held in Diepenheim. We went and found that it suited us so well that we became regular visitors to the services. We got on well with Geoffrey Allen as well as with some of the British ex-servicemen, who also attended the services.

In 1997, Gerda fell seriously ill and as we were no longer able to continue living in our house, we moved into the assisted living housing, where I still live. It was there that I nursed Gerda through her last two years. After Gerda had passed away in August 1999, Geoffrey Allen led a beautiful memorial service for her in Saint Mary's Chapel.

In 2006, I was staying with my friend Riet on holiday in France. There we discovered a dilapidated old house, which had stood empty for 30 years. Both of us were so excited that we bought it and spent seven years working to make it into a jewel of a building. Unfortunately, our joy was short-lived. During a storm, a two-hundred-year-old oak tree blew over. It not only fell on the house but also on the power lines above the house. We awoke in a shower of sparks. If the tree had fallen just another half a meter further forward, then we would not be telling anyone about the disaster. However, the antique atmosphere was missing and the fun of living there was gone. We had all the damage quickly repaired and then quickly sold the house last year.

Riet remains a good friend, but she grumbles at me sometimes. She had worked in international business and made many friends all over the world. Friends she visits regularly and on holidays in Thailand. Unfortunately, I cannot go with her because I have a fear of flying. Having once experienced a terrible flight during a storm, I no longer feel able to travel in aeroplanes.

My hobby is collecting vehicle-license-plates. I have collected 4000 already and I store them in my son's attic. In my house, I also have a collection of old mailboxes made of copper or wrought iron. Most of them are over 100 years old and come

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So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Kevin what he had....

Kevin said, 'Shingles.' So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Kevin to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Kevin what he had. Kevin said, 'Shingles.'

So the nurse gave Kevin a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Kevin to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Kevin sitting patiently in the nude and asked Kevin what he had. Kevin said, 'Shingles.'

The doctor asked, 'Where?'

Kevin said, 'Outside on the truck... Where do you want me to unload 'em?'

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

- *Mark Twain*

Paraprosdokians
(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

Ω Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Ω The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.

Ω Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Ω If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Ω We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Ω War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Ω Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

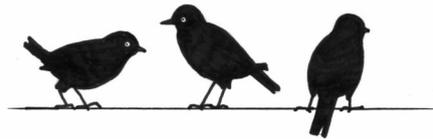
Ω They begin the evening news with "Good Evening," then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Ω To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal
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from everywhere. I like restoring them back to their former glory.

Lately, although I still attend regularly, I no longer maintain such close contact with the church. Many of my old acquaintances and friends are no longer there and I am aware of getting older for not all of the activities appeal to me.



St George - the English our patron saint who isn't English Feast Day - 23 April

It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served

Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.



The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most

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people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration

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Footnote: In the marriage service the minister wraps a stole around the joined right hands of the bridal couple, symbolising that God is the Third person bound up in the new marital relationship. A two-legged stool will wobble and fall over, but a three-legged stool is stable and firm enough to support you!

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from many is research.

Ω Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.

Ω In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR."

Ω I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Ω Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Ω A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Ω You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Ω Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

Ω I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Ω You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Ω To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Ω Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

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Forthcoming Services

10th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Dina Boessenkool
	Chalice	John Bestman
	Easter 3	Fred Schonewille
10:30 am	Arjen Haffmans	Revelation 5. 11-end
	Sung	Gospel

Forthcoming Services

17th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	Easter 4	Victor Pirenne
10:30 am	Brenda Pyle	Revelation 7. 9-end
	Gospel	John 10. 22-30

Forthcoming Services

24th April	Celebrant &	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Everhard Ottens
	Chalice	n/a
	Easter 5	Elizabeth v.d. Heide
10:30am	Dina Boessenkool	Revelation 21. 1-6
	Morning Prayer	Gospel

Forthcoming Services

1st May	Celebrant &	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	John Bestman
Easter 6	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	John Bestman	Acts 16. 9-15
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Joyce Wigboldus	Revelation 21. 10, 22-22.5
	Gospel	John 14. 23-29

Forthcoming Services

5th May	Celebrant &	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
Ascension Day	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
	Els Ottens	Acts 1. 1-11
10:30 am	Blair Charles	Ephesians. 1.15-end
	Gospel	Luke 24. 44-end

Forthcoming Services

8th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. N. Sarot
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
Easter 7	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Linda ten Berge	Acts 16. 16-34
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Vivian Reinders	Rev. 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end
	Gospel	John 17. 20-end

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Ω Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Ω Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Ω Where there's a will, there are relatives.

Quick Quotes

It is bad to suppress laughter. It goes back down and spreads to your hips.

- *Fred Allen*

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

- *Steven Wright*

When you battle with your conscience and lose, you win.

- *Henny Youngman*

If you are afraid of being lonely, don't try to be right.

- *Jules Renard*

When I hear someone sigh that life is hard, I am tempted to ask, 'compared to what?'

- *Sydney Harris*

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

- *Mark Twain*

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Lent course: Take this Bread

take this bread

A RADICAL CONVERSION



SARA MILES

Our Lent course this year was based on the book 'Take this Bread' by Sara Miles. I heard about this book at the Archdeaconry Mission Day last October in Utrecht. It was recommended as a useful teaching resource. It is a true story of a woman who, raised as an atheist, one day out of curiosity wandered into a church and took communion. It changed her life completely and led her to work in the church running a program to provide food for the poor. It is a wonderful story of a conversion and it is about the Eucharist.

As soon as I heard about the story I wanted to read the book and I

wondered if we could use it for a Lent course. Alja agreed and had already been thinking about 'teaching the Eucharist'. This seemed a good opportunity to combine the two.

The book turned out to be an excellent 'discussion starter' and had some good questions in the discussion guide at the back. It enabled us to take a look at the Eucharist from different angles. The book describes the experiences of Sara Miles at St. Gregory's Episcopal church in San Francisco, where they have gone back to some of the basics of Christianity from the early church. It gave us a lot to think about and to discuss.

The first week we looked at the part the book about Sara's first communion. We discussed questions about what the Eucharist means to us and about what we felt have been our most powerful experiences of communion. We watched a couple of short videos, where Sara speaks about her first experience of communion.

The second week we looked at extracts about the Eucharist at St. Gregory's and the starting up of the Food Pantry. We watched two short videos showing us what the Food Pantry is like and about how they celebrate the Eucharist. We talked about the fact that because Sara wanted to experience God, she fed people. What would we do in order to experience God? How would we know if we were hearing God speak to us?

The third week we talked about baptism. We read about how Sara

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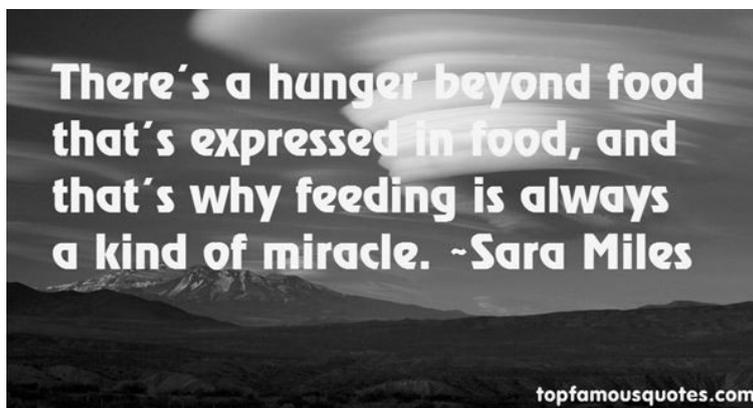
experienced her baptism and watched a video about baptism at St. Gregory's. In the fourth week we looked at some extracts from 'Take this bread' about communion as a shared meal. We also looked at some extracts from a book called 'I believe in the Church' by David Watson, which describe the similarities between the Eucharist and the Passover.

In the fifth week we talked about communion on a desert island, when there is no ordained priest around. This was prompted by an extract from 'Take this Bread' as well as some extracts from the book 'Taken on Trust' by Terry Waite, who wrote about how he said a service of Holy Communion every day during his imprisonment in solitary confinement as a hostage.

In the sixth week we looked at some information that I had brought back from my Reader training course last year on 'The Anglican Tradition', that was specifically about the Eucharist as well as the agreements between the Anglicans and Roman Catholics on the doctrine of the Eucharist. After some discussion we had a short informal Eucharist, with real bread, fresh from the oven, to round off the course. It was a very nice, relaxed and informal course where everyone felt able to contribute and share their stories.

Many thanks to Alja for providing her home as the venue for the course. Thank you to all who took part. Over the six weeks of the course there were fifteen people who attended at least one of the sessions and numbers varied from 8 to 12 people each week.

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People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.
- Will Rogers

Good advice is something a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example.
- La Rochefoucauld

The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.
- Will Rogers

A peacock that rests on his feathers is just another turkey.
- Dolly Parton

You must pay for your sins.
If you have already paid, please ignore this notice.
- Sam Levenson

Hating people is like burning down your own home to get rid of a rat
.- Harry Emerson Fosdick

The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent upon it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do.
- Galileo Galilei

That is why!

A thief was caught after stealing some paintings from the Louvre in Paris, when his getaway van ran out of fuel.

Given bail at his first hearing, a reporter asked him on the steps of the courthouse how he forgot such a vital part of his plan.

"Simple," said the thief, "I had no Monet for Degas to make the Van Gogh."

Linguistics

A mother mouse and her babies are out foraging for some food in the backyard of the house where they live one day.

While she is instructing them about the best ways to find their food, the house cat comes along and narrows his gaze on the little family, licking his whiskers in anticipation.

Suddenly, the mother mouse steps right out in front of the children and begins to bark like a dog: "Woof! Woof!"

At this surprising turn of events, the house cat looks startled, and backs away.

"Woof! Woof! Woof!" The brave little mouse roars.

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Breakfast – with Jesus Christ

Richard Bewes reflects on how post-Easter can be a time of re-commissioning....

"It is the Lord!" (*John 21:7*) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee's lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They'd been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore:



"How are you doing, guys?"

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the *right* side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter's hundred yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and 'large' tilapia fish... the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch – how we love the Bible, with its teeming stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ!

It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. "Feed my sheep," said Jesus.

1. Whose call but Christ's call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart.

2. Whose word but Christ's word? 'Feed my sheep,' were His

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words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ's servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ's word and not one's own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!

3. Whose flock, but Christ's flock? 'MY lambs... MY sheep' – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee's beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. "It is the



Lord."

Prayers for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday published

Her Majesty The Queen has approved prayers written for the celebration of her 90th Birthday. Two prayers (or Collects) have been published in traditional and modern forms. The prayers are primarily intended for use in services marking the national celebrations in April and June. In addition two graces have been published for use as thanksgivings at the start of other celebrations such as street parties.

The Bishop of Exeter, Robert Atwell, who chairs the Liturgical Commission which prepares liturgy for the Church said: "The Queen has steered Britain through some challenging and difficult times over the past seven decades, providing the country with stability and wisdom. She is an inspiration to many people, young and old. The Queen's 90th birthday gives an opportunity not only to thank God for her service, but to celebrate the gifts of all older people in our society."

One of the graces reflects the words used in The Queen's first Christmas broadcast in 1952, a year in which her father, George VI died and at the end of which she was looking forward to her Coronation, the following year.



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Confused, the cat turns tail and runs away.

At this, the mother mouse turns to her tiny charges and says: "You see? This is why I have told you how important it is to learn a second language!"

Riddle

Can you answer all seven of the following question with the same word?

The word has seven letters....

Preceded God...

Greater than God...

More Evil than the devil...

All poor people have it...

Wealthy people need it....

If you eat it, you will eventually die.

Have you figured it out?

Try hard before looking at the answer

Did you get it yet? Give up?

Brace yourself for the answer....

The Answer is:

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NOTHING!

NOTHING has 7 letters.
NOTHING preceded
God.

NOTHING is greater
than God.

NOTHING is more Evil
than the devil.

All poor people have
NOTHING.

Wealthy people need
NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING,
you will die.

Kids Logic

"Little Philip was
spending the weekend
with his grandmother
after a particularly
trying week in infant
school.

His grandmother
decided to take him to
the park on Saturday
morning. It had been
snowing all night and
everything was
beautiful.

His grandmother
commented:
'Doesn't it look like an
artist painted this
scenery? Did you know
God painted this just for
you?'

'Yes,' replied Philip,
'God did it and he did it
left handed.'

This confused his
grandmother so she
asked him, 'What makes
you say God did this
with his left hand?'

'Well,' said Philip, 'we
learned at Sunday

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Churches are being encouraged to share their plans to mark
Her Majesty's birthday through the [Church Care website](#),
which also offers tips and advice on planning events and
services and will promote initiatives on a dedicated celebration
map and on Twitter through [@CofE ChurchCare](#) using
#HMQ90.

The national celebrations are on 10-12 June:



The story behind the Hymn – 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven'

*Praise my soul the King of heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*

*Angels in the height, adore Him,
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space;
Praise Him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!*

By Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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This stately poetic paraphrase of Psalm 103 has been included in probably more solemn ceremonies than any other hymn in the English language. It was even chosen by Queen Elizabeth for her wedding to the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947.



Henry Lyte had been a brilliant theological student at university in Dublin, with a gift for versifying. After graduation he moved to a tiny and remote parish in County Wexford to serve his curacy. It was here, when he was about 25, that Henry had a religious experience which would transform his life.

A close friend of his, another clergyman, had fallen ill, and was clearly dying. Henry went to visit him. The friend was not as distressed as Henry had imagined he would be. Instead the friend confessed that he had

been re-reading the New Testament, with an eye on eternity, and had made a great discovery. There was no need to rely on religious duties and formalities and good deeds to gain peace with God. Instead, we can trust completely in the mercy of Christ and his saving power.

Henry was sophisticated and had been very formal in his ministry. But this encounter with his friend's faith at death's very door, made him reconsider his faith. He wrote later that his dear friend 'who died happy in the thought that there was One who would atone for his delinquencies' made him 'study my Bible and preach in another manner than I had previously done'. And soon after this hymn appeared, in 1834.

Lyte rejoices in the majesty and wonder of the living God, who in turn loves us. He captures the measure of the Psalm in enduring lyrics, which combine time, eternity, God and man all swept up into one embrace. Its last verse summons all of the created order to join in a great act of joyous praise – surely a preview of eternity!

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School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand.' "

Daffynitions

ADULT - A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR

- A place where women curl up and dye.

COMMITTEE - A

body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST - Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST - Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF - Cold Storage.

INFLATION -

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO - An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN - A grape that got too much sun.

SECRET -

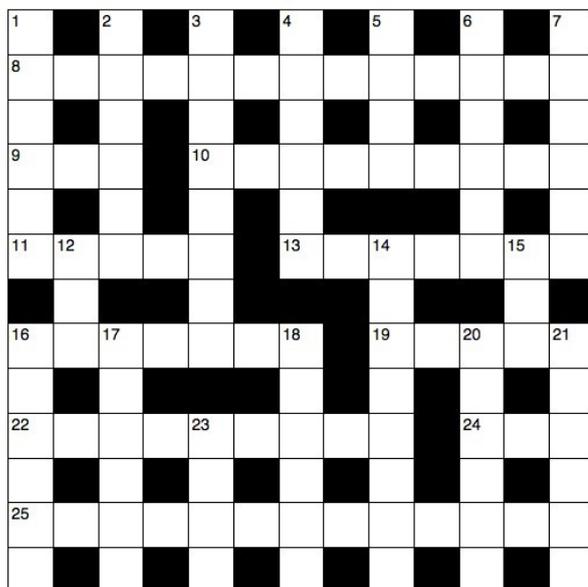
Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON - A

bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE - The pain that drives you to extraction.

Crossword for April 2016



DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
 13 Muslim holy month (7)
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
 12 Long-handed implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
 16 I, uncle (anagram.) (6)
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 18 Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

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COLOURS IN CHURCH

Have you noticed that, from time to time, the colour of things in church changes? No, I don't mean the minister goes a funny colour or someone paints the walls, but the special robes that the priest wears, and the front of altar among other things, change from time to time. Each season of the Church's year has its own distinctive colour and these are called liturgical colours.

GREEN is the colour we have more than others. Green, the ordinary colour of nature, is used during the seasons of Epiphany (after Christmas) and Trinity (between Whitsun or Pentecost and Advent). Trinity lasts for about half the year so green is the colour we see most.

The next change of colour is to **PURPLE**. Purple, the colour of penitence and preparation, is used for Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and Advent (the 4 weeks before Christmas).

Then comes **WHITE** and **GOLD**, which are used for all the joyful

festivals - Easter, Ascension and Christmas.

RED, the colour of fire and blood, is used at Pentecost to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples like tongues of flame (Acts 2:11). It is also used on the festivals of martyrs to remind us of their sacrifice.

COLOUR QUIZ

Complete each of these with a colour, for example cordial would be LIME cordial. Each colour is only used once.

1. admiral
2. Christmas
3. marmalade
4. quick
5. sky
6. Royal
7. ribbons
8. glass
9. submarine
- 10..... elephants

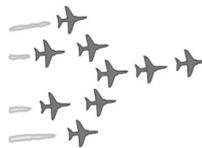


What is yellow and black and has red spots?

A leopard with the measles.

Define the word 'information'.

How the Red Arrows fly.



ANSWERS:
 1.red 2.white
 3.orange 4.silver 5.blue 6.Navy
 7.scarlet 8.wine 9.yellow 10.pink



An April Adoration

*Sang the sun rise on an amber morn
'Earth, be glad! An April day is born.*

*'Winter's done, and April's in the skies,
Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!'*

*Putting off her dumb dismay of snow,
Earth bade all her unseen children grow.*

*Then the sound of growing in the air
Rose to God a liturgy of prayer;*

*And the thronged succession of the days
Uttered up to God a psalm of praise.*

*Laughed the running sap in every vein,
Laughed the running flurries of warm rain,*

*Laughed the life in every wandering root,
Laughed the tingling cells of bud and shoot.*

*God in all the concord of their mirth
Heard the adoration-song of Earth.*

Sir Charles George Douglas Roberts



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ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.
DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoc. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

Mission Statement

Founded in 1979, the Anglican Church Twente belongs to the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. The Church of England forms a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of more than 80 million people

The Anglican Church Twente, based at St Mary's Chapel, Weldam provides a Christian ministry in the East Netherlands. Most of the congregation live in the towns and villages of the East Netherlands and across the border in Germany. Some come from further afield.

The Anglican Church Twente holds a service every Sunday at 10:30 am in English. The church offers Holy Communion to all baptized Christians, Sunday School to nurture and educate children in the Christian faith, and a warm welcome to people of all nationalities.

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

- † Offer Christian worship by the rites of the Church of England in the English language.
- † Provide pastoral care to all who are in need of such help.
- † Promote a lively fellowship among those who attend the services.
- † Support outreach in Christian ministry wherever there is a need.

Stewardship

We are a self-supporting church and raise all income from our giving and stewardship. As God has blessed us, we thank Him by giving accordingly.

A Prayer for St Mary's

*Almighty and everlasting God
Creator and ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayer for the St Mary's family.
Strengthen our faith,
Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son,
And grant that we may show the power of your love,
To all among whom we live.
Inspire us in our worship and witness,
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your Holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever,
Amen.*



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