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My dear friends,
Of pleasant sunshine, summer
teas and evensong... As we
look forward to those "lazy,
hazy, crazy, days of summer",

we turn our thoughts to Ascension tide picnics; to spilling out from our beautiful, sun-filled chapel to gather around the hut for coffee, cool drinks and harmonious conviviality; and from summer teas to evensong, 'as the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world lies hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our [day's] work is done'.

On Trinity Sunday, 27th May, we will enjoy evensong in St Mary's, as we will, also, on 15th July, following the first of our summer teas to welcome and encourage visitors to our church and Christian fellowship of the Chaplaincy. So, what of "evensong"? What is it all about in the Anglican tradition? Well, "choral evensong", "solemn evensong", "sung evensong", or just plain "evensong" are all terms we might hear used in this connection. What, we might ask, are the differences?

This diversity of terminology reveals the variety of ways in which Anglican evensong might be enjoyed in worship. There is the clear difference between a quietly restrained evensong, said daily through the year or as held in the small chapel of a simple parish church, and those more elaborate occasions where the Office is enhanced by ornamental music and ceremonial.

In "Quires and places where they sing", the choral Offices are an impressive offering performed to awe inspiring standards, in which members of the congregation have a passive role of reflective worship. The choir sings more highly embellished settings of the responses, the canticles, and an anthem. Cathedral like churches often enjoy choral evensong, which has captured growing acclaim as the pinnacle of Anglican worship. Matins (morning Prayer) and Evensong, as they are 'performed' in places such as St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral or York Minster, are not only spectacularly impressive, but also among the most inspirational of Christian common prayer to be experienced anywhere in the world.

Meanwhile, some parish churches do retain resources to maintain a style of more simplified sung matins and evensong, at which the congregation participates in the singing of the Psalms and canticles to Anglican or other well-known chants. Solemn (that is, with incense) or festal evensong might be either a fully choral or congregational sung celebration of the evening Office. Ceremonially, the celebrant, who wears a cope and is attended by acolytes, sings the Office from within the sanctuary and, where incense is used, censes the altar during the Magnificat. However the daily Offices are celebrated, they make a worthy offering of worship to Almighty God when the Church comes to each new dawn and to time for peaceful rest.

My love to you all,

Fr. B

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Ascension day May 10: The traditional Bring and Buy Plant Sale

The plant sale will be organized with the help of Diane. Please keep this in mind, whilst you are admiring the new plantgrowth in your garden, to plant up some new shoots for this sale. There will be some surprises from the botanical garden in Münster, so make sure there is plenty of space left in your garden or planter for new additions. Looking forward to admiring all the beauty of creation.

You asked for it

The student, when asked by the teacher to write an essay on 'The Effects of Laziness', turned in a blank sheet of paper.

As good as it gets

A shipwrecked man spent five years on a deserted island. One day he was overjoyed to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. A dinghy approached, and a ship's officer handed the sailor The Times, The Financial Times and The Daily Telegraph. "The captain suggests," said the officer, "that you read what's going on in the world before you decide if you wish to be rescued."

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Please note that the 'Traditional' Bring and Share Picnic will also be held after the Ascension Day Service. More details will appear on the noticeboard and in the next magazine. Bring your food, bring your family, bring your dog and we can celebrate this important date together.



Pie Baking Competition

The Pie Baking Competition returns this year to the Ascension Day picnic. There are two classes, the Savoury Pie and the Sweet Pie, with entries open to all. An international panel of esteemed judges will select the winners and will award an appropriate prize for each class. After judging all the pies will be donated to the Bring and Share Picnic.

Forthcoming Dates

- 10 May - Ascension Day (Picnic)
- 19 May - Chapel Cleaning (free coffee and chat available)
- 20 May - Pentecost
- 27 May - Evensong at St Mary's Chapel
- 6 June - Crafts and Coffee
- 24 June - Evensong New Sion Diepenveen
- 15 July - Evensong at St Mary's Chapel
- 15, 22, 29 July - Summer Teas
- 5, 12 August - Summer Teas
- 15 September - Castle Fair
- 4 - 6 October - Archdeaconry Synod
- 14 October - Harvest Festival
- 11 November - Remembrance Service (100 years)
- 16 December - Nine Lessons and Carols
- 24 December - Eucharist of Christmas Midnight

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Chapel Cleaning

The next Chapel Cleaning morning is scheduled for the 19 May. Everyone is welcome to have a go at cleaning windows, vacuuming the carpets, polishing brass, shining pews and pulpits and a range of other exciting tasks. All of this activity is accompanied with coffee, chat and the warm feeling of having a shiny clean chapel at the end of the day.



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 placed by the box.

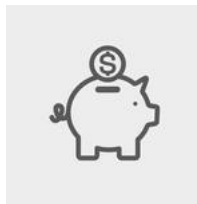
Magazine Payments

St Mary's Magazine has a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed and in touch with each other.

An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy.

For those of you who receive the magazine by post, a contribution of €20 will cover postage costs.

Last year, nearly two thirds of the magazine costs were covered by reader's payments. This year, it would help the survival of the magazine if contributions covered all the costs. Thank you.



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Got it all already

'I cannot understand you,' said the young man to his unmarried aunt. 'You seem so happy and contented. I've always thought that unmarried women are lonely and miserable and just longing for the presence of a man about the place.'

'Well,' his aunt responded, smiling, 'I've got a fireplace that smokes, a parrot that swears, a cat that stays out half the night with no explanation, and a dog that leaves muddy footprints all over the house and lies on the couch in front of the telly for hours. What more do I want?'

Visitors

It's always nice to see people with plenty of get-up-and-go, especially if some of them are visiting you.



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 of the Churchwardens.

Oh dear

The clergyman shuffled along, bent over at the waist, as his wife helped him into the doctor's waiting room. He groaned at every step, and the receptionist eyed the scene with sympathy. "Arthritis in the back with complications?" she finally ventured.

The wife shook her head briskly. 'Do-it-yourself in the garden,' she replied, 'with concrete blocks.'

Dudley

Women can do a much better Black Country accent than men. That's because the female of the species is more Dudley than the male.

Some miscellaneous one-liners ...

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

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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...



Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On church towers, rock cakes, scaffolding and the merits of confirming bats

My dear Nephew Darren

We are finally about to start repairing our medieval church tower. Would that we still paid medieval prices for having it done; there would be a degree of satisfaction in giving the builders a hogshead of ale and 10 sheep once the work was completed. I would even be prepared to throw in an Indulgence, sparing them 100 days in purgatory (the architect probably claiming 15% of them for himself).

After several endless jumble sales, coffee mornings – where we were obliged to eat Mrs Jarvis's rock cakes (many of us would have been happier to make a substantial donation to the fund provided we didn't have to eat them) – sponsored events (Mr Peat has yet to return, five years late, from his sponsored cycle ride across the Sahara – but fortunately, we had his sponsor money collected before he departed) and a substantial loan from the bank that makes the National Debt seem trivial (and has the same probability of being repaid), we are now able to begin. The only sponsored event I regretted not having was paying to have Lady Trotter remain silent for a month. Even sponsoring her to keep quiet for half an hour would have been pleasant.

We received a substantial donation from a local manufacturer. It was suggested that as a sign of appreciation we advertise their products from the top of the tower – until it was gently pointed out that they produce nuclear warheads. I would have had no objection;

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knowing that council members possessed tactical nuclear weapons would make discussion at meetings rather brisker.

Scaffolding has now been erected around the tower, with the first 20 feet covered in sheet metal in order to stop the Young Farmers, after refreshing themselves at their Tuesday meetings in the pub, from trying to see who could be the first to reach the top. Personally, I suspect it is to stop the more athletic members of the Ladies' Guild from attempting the same feat. 80-year-olds these days can have fearsome energy and determination.

Fulfilling current safety regulations, there is now a security cordon around the tower of approximately 10 square miles. "Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone"? These days, a dashed foot would involve court proceedings and damages of several million pounds.

Inside the church, the organ has had to be covered in polythene sheeting in order to protect it. Parish relations were somewhat strained last week when our deputy organist, Mrs Ffrench, while playing for Evensong, overheard me refer to the large bag on the organ and got quite the wrong impression.

The greatest inconvenience will be caused to our population of bats, but if it dissuades them from flying into church so much the better. The only other possibility is to get them all confirmed; we will then never see them inside church again.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



1st May, Feast Day of James the Less

Is the name we give to James the son of Alphaeus, but – beyond that, who was he? Sometimes he is identified as the James whose mother stood by Christ on the cross. Sometimes he is thought to be the James who was 'brother of the Lord'. Sometimes he is thought to be the James who saw the risen Christ. He has also, and often, been called the first bishop of Jerusalem. And finally, sometimes James the Less has been thought of as the author of the Epistle of James.

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The Church:
under the same
management for
over 2000 years.

Soul food served
here.

Don't give up on
yourself. Even
Moses was once a
basket case.

Satan subtracts
and divides. God
adds and
multiplies.

Was Noah's wife
called Joan of
Ark?

Lead me not into
temptation. I can
find it myself.

The things that
come to those
that wait may be
the things left by
those who got
there first.

Always keep your
words soft and
sweet, just in
case you have to
eat them later.

Birds of a feather
flock together and
mess on your car.

If you bear your
cross cheerfully,
it will bear you. -
Thomas a Kempis

Evangelism is not
selling Jesus, but
showing Jesus. -
Lee Camp

**10th May is
Ascension Day....**

Astronauts sink
into insignificance
beside this
ascension!

V Havner

Christ was taken
up into heaven,
not to enjoy
blessed rest at a
distance from us,
but to govern the
world for the
salvation of all
believers.

J Calvin

**20th May is
Pentecost – the
birthday of the
Church**

The Spirit is the
source of all our
natural gifts.

D MacLeod

The Spirit-filled life
is not a special,
deluxe edition of
Christianity.

It is part and
parcel of the total
plan of God for His
people.

A W Tozer

**Some
observations on
our walk with
God**

Life can become
once more a grand
adventure if we
will surrender it to

The Dragonfly Story

*From the book Water Bugs and Dragonflies - explaining death
to young children by Doris Stickney*

Down below the surface of a quiet pond lived a little colony of water bugs. They were a happy colony living far away from the sun. For many months they were very busy, scurrying over the soft mud on the bottom of the pond. They did notice that every once in a while one of their colony seemed to lose interest in going about.

Clinging to the stem of a pond lily it gradually moved out of sight and was seen no more. "Look!" said one of the water bugs to another, "One of our colony is climbing up the lily stalk. Where do you think she is going?" Up, up, up it slowly went... Even as they watched, the water bug disappeared from sight. Its friends waited and waited but it didn't return ... "That's funny," said one water bug to another. "Wasn't she happy here?" asked a second one. "Where do you suppose she went?" wondered a third. No one had an answer.

They were greatly puzzled. Finally, one of the water bugs, a leader in the colony, gathered its friends together. "I have an idea. The next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk must promise to come back: and tell us where he or she went and why." "We promise," they said solemnly. One spring day not long after, the very water bug that had suggested the plan, found himself climbing up the lily stalk. Up, up, up, he went. Before he knew what was happening, he had broken through the surface of the water and fallen onto the broad, green lily pad above. When he awoke, he looked about with surprise. He couldn't believe what he saw. A startling change had come to his old

body. His movement revealed four silver wings and a long tail. Even as he struggled, he felt an impulse to move his wings. The warmth of the sun soon dried the moisture from the new body. He moved his wings again and suddenly he found himself up above the water. He had become a dragonfly. Swooping and dipping in great



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curves, he flew through the air. He felt exhilarated in the new atmosphere.

By and by, the new dragonfly lighted happily on a lily pad to rest. Then it was that he chanced to look below to the bottom of the pond. Why, he was right above his old friends, the water bugs! There they were, scurrying around, just as he had been doing sometime before.



The dragonfly remembered the promise: "the next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk will come back .and tell where he or she went and why," Without thinking, the dragonfly darted down. Suddenly he hit the surface of the water and

bounced away. Now that he was a dragonfly, he could no longer go into the water ...

"I can't return!" he said in dismay. "At least, I tried. But I can't keep my promise. Even If I could go bad:, not one of the water bugs would know me in my new body, I guess I'll just have to wait until they become dragonflies too. Then they'll understand what has happened to me, and where I went."

And the dragonfly winged off happily into its wonderful new world of Sun & Air ...

©Doris Stickney

Use it or lose it

If you are retired, or about to retire, beware: brain function declines rapidly as soon as people stop work and decide to put their feet up.

Recent research that tracked 3,400 retired civil servants found that short-term memory declined nearly 40 per cent faster once employees become pensioners. It seems that when you stop being regularly stimulated to think, your cognitive function slows down, and your memory loss and risk of dementia speed up.

And so, experts at University College London and King's College London advise older people to keep physically and mentally active, and to make sure they also interact with people on a regular basis.

God...

He brings one adventure to an end, only to open another to us. With Him we must be ready for anything.

Paul Tournier

Humility is the beginning of true intelligence.

John Calvin

A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming.

Martin Luther

God never put anyone in a place too small to grow in.

Henrietta Mears

With summer marriages in mind....

One plus one equals one may not be an accurate mathematical concept, but it is an accurate description of God's intention for the marriage relationship.

Wayne Mack

Forthcoming Services

6th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Easter 6	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Arthur Cass	Isaiah [55 1-11]
	Linda ten Berge	Acts [10. 44-end]
	Gospel	John [15. 9-17]

Forthcoming Services

10th May	Celebrant	Canon Brian Rodford
	Preacher	Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Ascension Day	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
10:30 Easter Eucharist	Elizabeth v.d. Heijden	Acts [11.1-11]
	Heleen Rauwerda	Ephesians [1-15]
	Gospel	Luke [24. 44-end]

Forthcoming Services

13th May	Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Easter 7	Intercessor	
	Chalice	
	Maureen Underwood	Ezekiel [36. 24-28]
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Victor Pirenne	Acts 1. [15-17, 21-end]
	Gospel	John [17. 6-19]

20th May	Celebrant	Canon Brian Rodford
	Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
Pentecost	Elisa Hannan	Acts 2. [1-21]
	Fred Schonewille	Romans [8. 22-27]
	Gospel	John [15. 26-27. 16. 4b-15]
10:30 Sung Eucharist		

27th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	Arjan Hafmans	Isaiah [6. 1-8]
Trinity Sunday	Lea Meijnen	Romans [8. 12-17]
	Gospel	John 3. [1-17]
10:30 Sung Eucharist		

3rd June	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
	Philippa te West	Deuteronomy [5. 12-15]
First after Trinity	Linda ten Berge	2 Corinthians. [4.5-12]
	Gospel	Mark [2.23-3.6]
10:30 Sung Eucharist		

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Sleep

"How is it that you are late again?" the choir master demanded of the little boy.

"I overslept."

"What? Do you sleep at home as well?"

Ecumenics of a crisis

During a recent gathering of local faith leaders, the church caught fire.

The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"

The Anglicans formed a procession and marched out.

The Quakers silently praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

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6th May Rogation Sunday (Sunday before Ascension)

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them.

(Editors Note: Be grateful we do not beat the boundaries of our chaplaincy, if they even exist. I suspect it would be a long walk.)

©Parish Pump

Basic Bathroom...

A very fussy and proper lady began planning a week's camping holiday for her and her Baptist Church group. She wrote to a campground for reservations. She wanted to make sure that the campground was fully equipped and modern, but somehow couldn't quite bring herself to write the word 'toilet' in her letter. So, she decided on the extremely old-fashioned term 'bathroom commode'.

Once written down it didn't look right and she still was not comfortable with it. Finally she decided on the abbreviation 'B.C.' and wrote, "Does your campground have a fully modern B.C.?"

When the campground owner received the letter, he couldn't figure out what she meant by B.C. He showed it to several of the campers, one of whom suggested the lady was obviously referring to a Baptist Church since there was letterhead on the paper which referred to a Baptist Church. So he sent this reply:

Dear Madam: The B.C. is located nine miles from the campground in a beautiful grove of trees. I admit it is quite a distance if you are in the habit of going regularly. No doubt you will be pleased to know that it will seat 350 people at one time, and it is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday of each week.

Some folks like to take their lunch and make a day of it. It may interest you to know that my daughter met her husband there. We are also having a fund-raiser to purchase new seats, as the old ones have holes in them. Perhaps I could accompany you the first time you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks who will be there. I look forward to your visit. We offer you a very friendly campground.



In a sack

Seen in a church magazine: 'Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them up if possible.'

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The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the damage.

The Jews posted symbols on the door hoping the fire would pass over.

The Charismatics praised God for another falling of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian Scientists concluded that, actually, there was no fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

Baptism

A minister was officiating at the baptism of the youngest son of a Duke and asked for what the baby's name would be. The

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answer came:

"His name is
George Edward
David Anthony
Carrington-Smyth
de Winters
Cunningham Digby
Cecil Barrington...."

"One minute
please," interrupted
the minister, "I'll go
fetch another
bucket of water!"

God whispers in our
pleasures, speaks
in our conscience,
but shouts in our
pain. It is his
megaphone in a
deaf world.
C. S. Lewis

A NOTE TO READERS

I normally read the
scripture with a
calm voice, trying
to read it, as one
old Scotsman put
it, "as though I
were listening to it
and not as though I
had written it."

From the
*International Christian
Digest 1988*



Passion Week Services

*Wonderful services: Maundy Thursday, 29th March 2018
Good Friday, 30th March, 2018.*

What solemn High Services they were! Both evenings were cold, though. Equally, both services were solemn, yet very 'strong' and nourishing.

Both services, that happen on two consecutive evenings, were performed with full ceremony. With earnest desire, Canon Brian and Simone prayed. They narrated the Scriptures superbly. Canon Brian sang passionately and his powerful voice was beautifully felt all over in the church. That warmed us a bit without a doubt and, even more so, when he and our dear Simone interchanged the incantations, it somehow compelled us to reflect deeply - I say so because one could feel it all over. Remarkable it was!

When the Cross was being 'escorted' from the main entrance down the aisle and Canon Brian opened his mouth to sing, ooh, it was like a thunderstorm! It filled every corner of the not-so-big beautiful Chapel.

Just as much, the Readings were overwhelming. Indeed, on both evenings, when the services were over, with my face downcast, I promptly left the church saying to whoever was along the way ..."excuse me please, but I have to hurry up to catch my train in good time..."

I could not stand anyone seeing my red eyes. But of course I waited for the Blessings! Who would leave without them?

Canon Brian appealed for forgiveness from God for all his 'sheep' -- those who had gathered in the Chapel and yes, equally, for the rest who, for various reasons had failed to attend. It was moving, yet very fulfilling.

Then, on both evenings, at the end of it all, as he always does after every sermon, he stretched his hands in the air blessing us all. It was awesome, to say the least!

Neema (Kiswahili for Grace).

Please note dear reader: Kiswahili is a beautiful language spoken in my wonderful East Africa, but I may as well add it has spread in the whole of Africa (& beyond) like bush fire. © Grace Maraikumu

Kairos



My dog Bobbie definitely lives in the moment. When he is hungry, he eats, when thirsty, he drinks. When he is tired, he sleeps. Oh, does he ever sleep! He has no concept of time. He does not know how long I have been gone. I could step outside for a few moments and when I walk in, he greets me as though I have been gone for days. Everything he does is a new event for him.

Those of us with pets realize that they have no sense of the passage of time. We do not expect them to plan or anticipate. I have to admit, there are moments when I find myself envying my dog. Not that I can conceive of how our pets experience time, because I can never escape the perception that time is passing.

In one sense, our pets may be thought to dwell perfectly in God's time. That is, they live outside the parameters of ordinary, clock time – the time that we call *Chronos*. *Chronos* gives us our term chronological; it means the marking of time in a linear order. *Kairos* is another term for time, which we often call God's time, or perhaps our pets' time. In worship, we are meant to enter into *Kairos*, linear time, as we understand it, is suspended. In Twente they say when someone dies, 'he is out of time', (hij is uit de tijd). The church calendar is structured to help us enter into this timelessness of God. We celebrate, perpetually, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How can we enter into God's time in the midst of *Chronos*, in the midst of business of all life's franticness? Worship is one important way, especially if we allow ourselves to lose track of clock time. Private prayer and meditation can be other valuable ways that we can incorporate into our daily lives.

Every year again January marks a new calendar year; *Chronos* marches on. But we are invited to enter into God's time in worship and prayer – something that offers no productive value as the world sees it, but which allows us great value as we spend time with God.

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Violence

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral – begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.

Through violence you may murder a liar, but you cannot murder the lie nor establish the truth. Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence increases hate...

Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. He cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.

When you talk, you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something.

- Amish school proverb

He said

He said not:
thou shalt not
be troubled,
thou shalt not
be tempted,
thou shalt not
be distressed;
but He said:
thou shalt not
be overcome.

Julian of Norwich

What was that?

Women's
Luncheon:
Each member
bring a
sandwich.
Polly Phillips
will give the
medication.

Announcement
in the church
bulletin for a
National
PRAYER &
FASTING
conference:
*"The cost for
attending the
Fasting and
Prayer
conference
includes
meals."*

Blessed are
those who
hunger and
thirst, for they
are sticking to
their diets!

His name is Bill

He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant, somewhat esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it. One day, Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started, and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

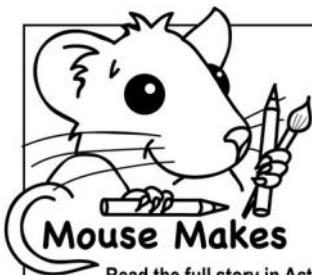
The church is completely packed, and he cannot find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. Although this is perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before! By now, the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from 'way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now, the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and has on a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane, and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you cannot blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid sprawled upon the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You cannot even hear anyone breathing. The minister cannot even begin to preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do. And now, they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself, sits down next to Bill, and worships WITH him so he will not be alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion.

When the minister regains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read."

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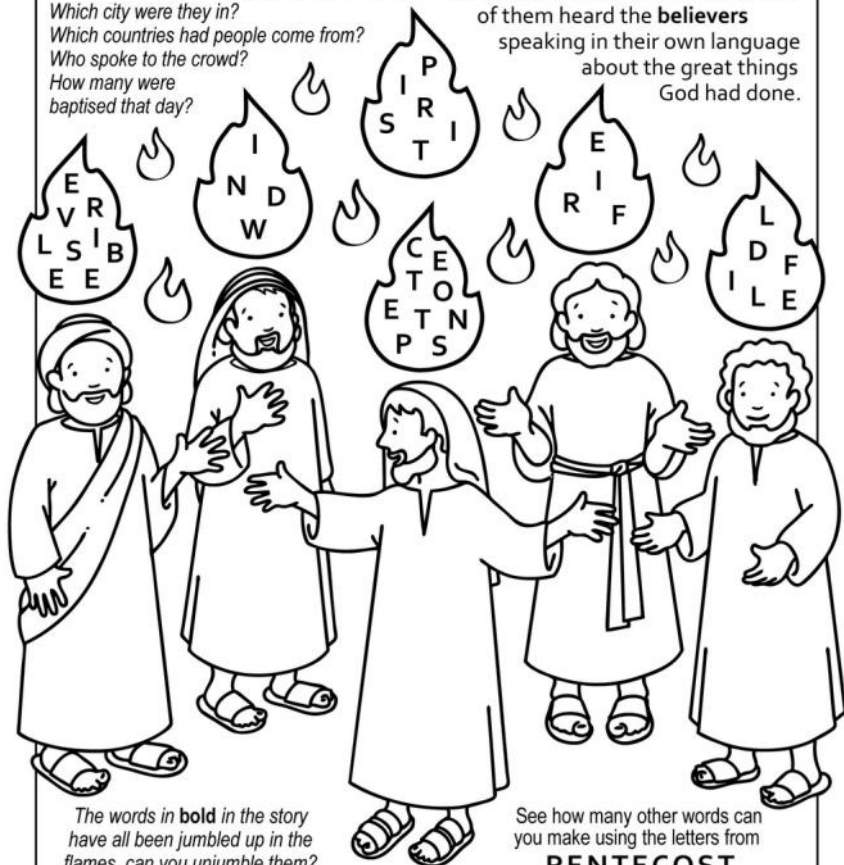
Mouse Makes

Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?
Which countries had people come from?
Who spoke to the crowd?
How many were
baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the **believers** speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

See how many other words can you make using the letters from
PENTECOST

Pentecost

James Montgomery

*Lord God, the Holy Ghost,
In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost,
Descend in all thy power.
We meet with one accord
Within this hallowed place,
And wait the promise of our Lord,
The Spirit of all grace.*

*Like mighty rushing wind
Upon the waves beneath,
Move with one impulse every mind;
One soul, one feeling breathe;
The young, the old inspire
With wisdom from above;
And give us hearts and tongues of fire,
To pray, and praise, and love.*

*Spirit of light, explore
And chase our gloom away,
With lustre shining more and more
Unto the perfect day.
Spirit of truth, be Thou,
In life and death, our guide:
O Spirit of adoption, now
May we be sanctified.*



James Montgomery was born in Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland on the 4 November 1771. His father was a pastor and missionary of the Moravian Brethren. James Montgomery initialled trained for the ministry in the Moravian Brethren. He is however better known as a poet and hymn writer. James was active in such humanitarian causes such as the abolishment of slavery and the end to child labour. James Montgomery died on the 30 April 1854 at his home in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England

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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