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Dear Friends,

Just as I begin the luxury of my vacation break, visiting some of the gems of the particular and beautiful Dutch land and cityscapes, I have been reflecting on a report on the very subject of holiday time.

A Helsinki University research project has just been delivered at the European Society of Cardiology conference in Munich based on a 40-year study of middle-aged businessmen. They were selected because of such things as being overweight, signs of high blood pressure and cholesterol. One amazing finding was that lifestyle changes, like losing weight, exercising and dieting, might even add to the problems of trying to become comprehensively fit. Guilt and stress caused by such remedial tactics, it seems, bring their own adverse reactions. The study suggests that those who were given the traditional dire warnings were slightly more likely to die young than those who had been left to their own devices.

More extraordinary, perhaps, is the indication that GPs might more profitably prescribe holidays to those who had fallen into unhealthy life patterns, rather than stacking guilt on patients who had receded into bad habits. Among those involved in the study, it was found that men who took plenty of holidays lived far longer than those who did not. The difference between those who took plenty of holidays, and those who did not, it seems, was clear and significant. The men, who took shorter vacations of less than three weeks a year, had higher mortality than those who had longer vacations.

What I take from this is that vacations are a good way to relieve stress. The biblical imperative, that there is time for ordered rest amid the otherwise relentless round of work and daily routine, here seems eloquently vindicated. It is good that we make space in our lives for holidays, for recreation and rejuvenation, so, embrace the opportunities you may have to take time out, with appreciation. However, spare a thought, too, for many who have no such opportunity.

Reflecting on this in my prayers and meditations over the past day or two, I have had a recurring, uncomfortable and challenging thought. I often just ask myself, "What is God saying to me just at this minute, since I have this in the forefront of my mind at this time"? This is what I hear:

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"I lost my heart in St. Mary's"

I thank you all so very much for making me feel so warmly welcome in your beautiful church, nestled in the midst of the forest.

To share with you, the services of that wonderful summer day, gave me great joy.

A very special thank you to Simone and Brian for all their help and care. Love – Joan

(Many of our readers may remember Joan, the Australian lady from Bern, who visited us on Sunday 15 July for our Eucharist in the morning and Evensong in the afternoon. Joan wanted us to know how much she enjoyed her visit)

Others

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Accident

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray." From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

Pastors

What do they call pastors in Germany?

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Forthcoming Dates

- 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

Magazine Payments

St Mary's Magazine plays 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.



Summer Teas 2018

Summer Teas came back to Weldam this year. Jeanet, one of the Wardens, was the driving force behind reintroducing them. Moreover, they proved to be a resounding success. From Sunday 15 July through to Sunday 19 August, during some of the best weather this year, a splendid array of baked goods were sold to a steady stream of eager visitors. Was that all the Summer Teas were for? Were they only run to raise money? Oh no, the Summer Teas were far more than that. Raising a significant amount

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of money was, of course, most welcome. However, of equal value was the fun. Let me explain.

Naturally, this being the Church of England, it began with a rota on the wall. Volunteer bakers, sellers and guides happily put their names down. Caroline Siertsema generously held a scone-baking course on a Thursday for would be scone bakers. This initiative was doubly welcome as the fledgling scone bakers can now produce scones for the upcoming Castle Fair.

Those who were not confident with their baking skills bought in cakes from shops around the Weldam chaplaincy. Others brushed up on their knowledge of the chapel in preparation for guiding visitors. Posters were put up, and both the magazine and the website advertised the teas.

With the result that from the very first Sunday, a steady trickle of passing cyclists and rambles entered the hut to place their order. Then they would wander out to find a free chair at one of the tables placed under the trees. Some found the chair first and waited at the table for service, but whichever route they chose, all were interested in St Marys. The guides in the chapel were kept equally busy answering questions from interested visitors. Many visitors, however, just came in, wandered around before taking a pew and sitting in quiet contemplation.

By the end of each afternoon, all the happy helpers were tired, but all agreed they had enjoyed themselves. Summer Teas gave us an opportunity to get to know each other better. It gave us an opportunity to tell visitors about the church we enjoy attending. Moreover, as a bonus, Summer Teas earned €680 for our chaplaincy.



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.

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German
Shepherds.

Blessed

Blessed are the flexible, for they don't mind it when the demands of family and work ties them in knots.

Too late

When I asked my friend if she was planning to attend church, she just shook her head. "I haven't gone in a long time," she said. "Besides, it's too late for me. I've probably already broken all seven commandments."

Fly

If God wanted us to fly, he would have given us tickets.

Mel Brooks

What children think about angels

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head-start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. -
(Ashley, age 9)

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Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.

(Vicki, age 8)

Say yes

We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with the priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read 'Are you entering this marriage at your own will?' he looked over at his fiancée. 'Put down "yes,"' she said.

Advertising for God

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV

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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...

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



On how to make the most of that diocesan 'residential course'

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your enthusiasm for attending training courses has, until now, baffled me. Why should you want to become a better preacher, when congregations only use the sermon for catching up on lost sleep? What more do you need to learn about time management than being able to recognise those fixed points of 12.30pm for the pre-luncheon sherry and 6pm for a stiff gin? And what is the point of learning about how to lead Bible study groups when all you will end up discussing is who failed to provide flowers for the altar last Sunday?

But after this last week, dear boy, I take it all back. The bishop sent me on a week's pre-retirement course. Of course, he was dropping hints, but until I reach my century, I have little intention of relinquishing a vocation to annoying parishioners and frustrating the plans of bishops. What else, after all, is parish ministry about?

The first move is to arrive early, receive your room allocation and then discard it. Tour the whole establishment, find the best room and then unpack

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and make sure your dog is nicely settled in the centre of the bed, just in time for the arrival of the intended occupant. I naturally apologise effusively for my innocent mistake, begin to remove possessions and dog while hoping that he will excuse all the hairs on his bed. This ensures that he magnanimously offers to take your original room.

At the first session, you need to establish the ground rules – and with a course leader, who in my opinion, should still have been wearing short trousers, it was all too easy. You make it clear that you are extremely deaf and so all the lectures will, sadly, be wasted on you. You also add that you will need some time alone to prepare for a surfeit of funerals which inexplicably all came in the day before you left and that you also will need time out to exercise your dog.

By the end of that first session, you will have accounted for your absence for the rest of the week. In my case, it passed delightfully with gentle strolls in the grounds, visits to the local second-hand bookshops and much silent meditation in one's room.

I attended the final session in order to congratulate the leader for his magnificent course, was effusive in my comments on those wretched evaluation forms and on my return wrote a letter of thanks to the bishop for having thought I was worthy of receiving pre-retirement training – while also noting that I was sure it would be of use when I begin to make plans for that happy event in a few decades time. Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like.
Bayer Aspirin

He works miracles.

God is like
Coke

He's the real thing.

God is like....
Hallmark Cards
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like....
Ariel
He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like....
Scotch Tape
You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like....
VO-5 Hair Spray
He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like....
The Post Office
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed

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destination.

Contributed by Erica
Schotman

Hear our prayer?

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. 'Dear God, thank you for these pancakes...' When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were eating chicken. 'I wanted to see if He was paying attention tonight.'

Good husband

Military men should make ideal husbands - they're in good health, they can cook, sew, and make beds, and they're already accustomed to taking orders.

Alternative prayer

Charlie had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

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"Have you ever just thought, especially as you excitedly leave home on vacation, about what might make you flee your home to live in a strange and threatening place, away from all that gives you comfort? Have you thought how you yourself might begin to cope? There are millions of people, with exactly the same feelings and sensibilities as you, who, as refugees, are actually now, at this very moment, experiencing those dire and fearsome circumstances of agonizing deprivation. There is a great, unheard cry of pain; among the most poor and destitute and forgotten; among a despairing multitude. They all deserve your ear. They all deserve to be heard. They all deserve your effective compassion. Will you love them and be there for them, for me, as far as you possibly can?"

For all that we receive, may the Lord increase our gratitude, and make us ever mindful and effective in addressing the needs of all.

I very much look forward to seeing you all in church and at the Castle Fair.

Love, Fr. B



Joy

During the service on the 12 August, our chaplain told the congregation that he had visited Joy Romeijn early that morning. He went on to caution us that she was gravely ill. Shortly after the service, the sad news arrived that Joy had passed away.

Strange how difficult it was to mourn her passing because Joy had left so many happy memories that tears and laughter regularly mixed with one another as numerous anecdotes about this delightful lady came to mind. Fitting, therefore, that on the 20 August, Joy's funeral was an equally memorable mix of tears and happy memories. Among the sixty people who came to say goodbye were her two nephews, members of the congregation of St Marys, and numerous friends in the various organisation's Joy was involved with during her long life.

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An incredible vintage right-hand drive British Daimler hearse carried Joy's casket in style to the chapel. Canon Brian Rodford, assisted by Reader-in-Training Simone Yallop conducted a delightful service. 'Delightful' for Joy's gentle touch was apparent in the hymns and readings. The congregation were thus not surprised to learn about Joy's involvement in arranging her funeral.

At the end of the service, six tall young men in grey greatcoats and top hats, carried Joy's casket on high down the aisle to the hymn 'Just as I am, without one plea'. Surely, that single sentence precisely encapsulates the person everyone knew as Joy.

Rest in Peace Marie Joy Romeijn Dugdale
10/12/1930 to 12/08/2018

Bigger in America

We all know about the American preference for bigger cars and houses. But Americans even like their churches to be bigger. More than half of American churchgoers attend one of the 1,600 megachurches (each with at least 2,000 in attendance).

The five largest American churches are beyond imagining in a UK context:

1. Lakewood Church, Houston, Texas. Pastor: Joel Steen with 43,500 weekly.
2. North Point Community Church, Alpharetta, Georgia. Pastor: Andy Stanley with 30,700 weekly.
3. Life Church, Edmond, Oklahoma. Pastor: Craig Groeschel with 30,000 weekly.
4. Gateway Church, Southlake, Texas. Pastor: Robert Morris with 28,000 weekly.
5. Willow Creek Community Church, South Barrington, Illinois. Pastors: Steve Carter and Heather Larson with 25,750 weekly.

However, the pastors feel that while existing megachurches will continue the trend now is for simpler, more traditional expressions of worship with smaller congregations. *Source: Hartford Institute for Religion Research, quoted in Christianity, May 2018, Page 36.*

(Maybe we are doing the right thing at St Mary's, proving that small is beautiful.)

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'Fine', said the pleased mother. 'If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you.' 'Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave,' said Charlie. 'I asked Him to help you put up with me.'

Hearing is not believing

A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: 'If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.'

Some musings on daily life

I don't do drugs or alcohol, because I find I get the same effect just standing up

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Forthcoming Services

2nd September	Officiant & Preacher	Ms. Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Chalice	n.a.
	Heleen Rauwerda	Deuteronomy [4.1-2, 6-9]
10:30 Morning Prayer	Fred Schonewille	James [1.17-end]
	Gospel	Mark [7. 1-8,14,15, 21- 23]

Forthcoming Services

9th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Jan de Beij
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	Vivian Reinders	Isaiah [35.4-7a]
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Joyce Wigboldus	James [2.1-10, 11-13, 14- 17]
	Gospel	Mark [7. 24-end]

Forthcoming Services

16th September	Officiant and Preacher	Ms Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Fred Schonewille	Isaiah [50. 4-9a]
	Philippa te West	James [3.1-12]
10:30 Morning Prayer	Gospel	Mark [8.27-end]

23rd September	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Dedication Festival	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Arjen Haffmans	Genesis [28:11-18]
	Linda ten Berge	1 Peter [2:1-10]
	Gospel	John [10:22-29]



30th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Charlotte Solms	Numbers [11. 4-6, 10-16, 24-29]
	Elizabeth v. d. Heijden	James [5.13-20]
	Gospel	Mark [9.38-50]

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really fast.

Further musings on daily life

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

I don't approve of political jokes... I've seen too many of them get elected.

I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

I married my wife for her looks...but not the ones she's been giving me lately!

The next time you feel like complaining remember:..... Your rubbish bin probably has better food in it than 30 percent of the people in this world.

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Young Achievers Every youth must succeed

In an era where young people, detached from the analogue route, have to struggle for a place in the digital world where events that exert influence do not necessarily point them in the right direction, youth groups, gathered with a useful purpose have proven to be the new wind of change.

Politics has somewhat done its part, but the problems facing today's youth cannot be singlehandedly resolved by any political affiliations as well as a youth establishment, which addresses a young person's day-to-day outlook on life directly.

Impactful and deliberately established, the Young Achievers Empowerment Project, a youth-led organisation from the densely populated informal Windhoek went operational in 2004. The thorn in the flesh at the time was young people (school going) who did not have existing career guidance from school.

Young Achievers Empowerment Project is a youth-led organisation that inspires and motivates young people to have a sense of vision and mission in their lives, one of the main aims is to make sure that 100% of the youths that go through our program make it to tertiary education.

A case in point was a young boy who, when asked what his vision was, said he wanted to become a doctor, but he had found himself placed in the wrong field – commerce. Learners in this field are destined to take on business, humanity and commercial courses.

An infuriated Dr Pandu Hailonga realising that the schools were not offering the right guidance at, created Young Achievers to remedy the problem and show the way to go. The Genesis days of the group featured a group of learners seated under a tree and being educated not only on life after high school but finding their vision and purpose in becoming a responsible youth in society.

In a circle of close to 20 students at the time would be aspiring doctors, teachers, accountants, and others with no knowledge of the professions they wanted to pursue.

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As a means of bringing them closer to the reality they aspired to, the group would invite qualified people who were already in these professions to have a one-on-one conversation with the students. Thus, the students learnt what it would take (regarding academic requirements) to become, for example, a lawyer. They found out what the day-to-day workload, the salary, and alternative growth paths would be like within that profession. Many students greatly benefitted from and continued to benefit from this exercise.

As the youth group started to grow, it was necessary to include other activities in the program. Here, the group would start with outreach activities. The activities include visits to other young, often destitute people, living in impoverished environments. With these young people, we would share information we saw fit for their situation. It could be education or opportunities in offices about which many young people did not know. It could be sanitation or just information on how to deal with health issues. We would visit nursing homes and orphanage homes to visit and help with whatever needs we could meet.

The group continued to grow, and the continual need to keep young people busy was the order of the day. We introduced Educational Trips aimed at introducing young people to their own country. For young people, being told about their own country by travellers was both frustrating and a shame. Seeing how at times the finance button comes into play when it came to travelling, we decided to take the youth to places in their country on an annual basis. These annual trips, mostly to tourist-attractions to see and live the landscape of their own beautiful country, opened the eyes of many of the young people in the group.

Eight years ago, we started to host the Katutura Career Fairs for schools in informal settlements. The reality on the ground is that the tertiary institutions that host most of the Career Fairs are not near these schools. Subsequently, the students from these schools are not able to attend these activities, due to either the school not having a bus or limited numbers.

Our, the Katutura Career Fair, would have the same

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Baby on way

112 Caller: 'Help! My wife has gone into labour and her contractions are four minutes apart!'

112 Operator: 'Is this her first child?'

112 Caller: 'Of course not, you idiot! This is her husband!'

Call anytime

A minister assured his congregation that they should feel free to call him anytime they had a problem. That night the minister's phone rang at 3 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, 'I can't sleep.'

'I'm so sorry to hear that,' he comforted her. 'But what can I do about it?'

She sweetly replied, 'Preach to me a while, pastor.'



Giving thanks

A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife placed before him at family meals.

Then he would ask the blessing. One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, 'Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?'

'Why, of course,' he replied. 'He hears us every time we pray.'

She pauses on this a moment, and asked, 'Does He hear everything we say the rest of the time?'

'Yes, dear, every word,' he replied, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters.

However, his pride was quickly turned to humility when she asked: 'Then which time does God believe you?'

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concept, inviting companies, universities and other stakeholders to give the light of opportunities for students after high school. This event continues to grow by the year as the youth group continues to attract more exhibitors by the year.

The footprint of the organisation continues to grow with government departments showing interest in the concept. The trust that the group has earned gives us the upper hand as other organisations admire having the group spearheading many educational projects. As affiliates to the line ministry (ministries that deliver programs and services to the general public) and the National Youth Council, on numerous occasions, the group was approached to take on projects. Emanating from these programs are climate change, education, gender-based violence, and other social-oriented activities involving young people.

The results of individual growth within the group have started manifesting. Most of the members of the group have graduated with many still in tertiary institutions. Those who have graduated have started to give back to the group by taking the younger members under their wings in order to mentor and guide them to their aspired position.

Our aims are simple. Every young person must have a dream, a realistic dream. They must have a direction for their dream and through the journey, and be responsible young members of society. They must be young people who are aware of their surroundings and be in a position to constructively influence the design of their community. When they 'cross the river', while there are many rivers ahead to cross, they must lift as they rise. They must be able to help those who are not yet in a place of comfort. Moreover, as such, they will build healthy communities. Currently, the group boasts of many members who have been invited to be part of international youth conferences and dialogues to design the futures in which they aspire to live.

Due to demand, the group has been able to decentralise the concept to five other regions within Namibia. These branches continue to flourish, under the administration of the young people themselves.

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However, the operations and administrations of the group sometimes fall short due to a couple of shortcomings. Finance continues to be a thorn in the flesh of a non-profit making organisation like the Young Achievers. The group has been able to introduce finance creating mechanisms, but it does not always solve the immediate needs per se. We have been able to start a tour guiding company called Kasi Adventures and continue to organise fundraising activities. The activities that support the objectives of the group, however, require considerable financing which the group sometimes cannot absorb. Often, available finances limit many such programs. The line ministry has done a tremendous job in helping us here and there with activities, but they are not always available when the need arises.

The second is the attitudes of young people in general. While it is one thing to speak about helping put young people on the right path in life, it is a tough task to get them on course. With activities already limited, getting young people on course continues to be our biggest struggle. However, with the continuing growth of the membership in the leading group and its sister branches, we continue to remain hopeful we can help young people to become responsible citizens.

In summary, the group, which is entirely youth-led today, continues to march forward with an ultimate aim of getting every young person to be part of the circle. We continue to meet every Saturday at the Windhoek Multi-Purpose Youth Centre to discuss different issues and matters relating to the youth and find ways to come up with possible solutions. Our motto is, 'Education, self-reliance and development' and the ultimate vision of the group are to see all youth in Namibia make it to tertiary education and eventually to graduate. Today the group has grown, boasting a total membership of 400 with regional branches around the country.

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Poster, found in a church in France (translated)

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, find a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Welcome

The country inn at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds was popular with both cyclists and ramblers. The elderly vicar of the church nearby asked if he could put up a notice welcoming them all to visit his church. The innkeeper said yes, and obligingly pinned up the notice: *We will be glad to see you in Church. Clothes don't matter.*



Now you know

In Jamaica a steak and kidney pie will cost you €2:30. An Apple pie will cost €1:90. A chicken and mushroom pie costs €2:25. A cherry pie is €1:20 and a mince pie is €1:95.

In Trinidad and Tobago a steak and kidney pie will cost you €3:00. A rhubarb pie is €1:35 and a chicken pie (without mushrooms) is €1:20.



....these are the pie rates of the Caribbean.

Share

There are only two things a child will share willingly - communicable diseases and mum's age.

Somebody or Other

A pastor, who was somewhat "humour impaired," attended a conference to help better equip pastors for their ministry. One conference leader strode boldly up to the pulpit and grabbed the entire crowd's attention by declaring: 'The best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who wasn't my wife!' The crowd was shocked. But when he followed it up with: 'and that woman was my mother!' the crowd burst into laughter and gave him their attention for the rest of the talk.

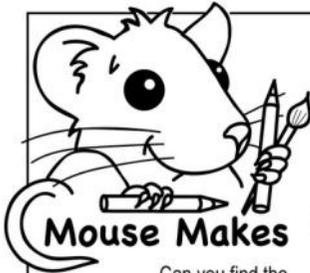
The next week, the pastor decided he'd give this humour thing a try, and use that joke in his sermon. As he climbed into his pulpit that Sunday morning, he tried to rehearse the joke in his head. It suddenly seemed a bit foggy to him.

However, getting to the microphone he let rip with gusto: 'I want to tell you all something personal this morning. The greatest years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who was not my wife!' The congregation inhaled half the air in the room. Stunned silence fell.

After standing there for almost ten seconds, trying to recall the second half of the joke, the pastor finally blurted out, '...but I can't remember who she was!'



When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind



A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFST 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.

Can you find the mouse?



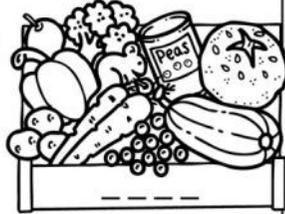
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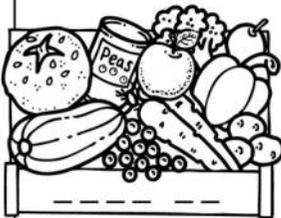
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Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

If I Knew

1. *If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.*
2. *If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.*
3. *If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action
and word,
so I could play them back day after day.*
4. *If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming
you would know I do.*
5. *If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away.*
6. *For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything just right.*
7. *There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our "Anything I can do?"*
8. *But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget*
9. *Tomorrow is not promised to
anyone
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.*
10. *So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day.*
11. *That you didn't take that extra
time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy
to grant someone,
what turned out to be their
one last wish.*
12. *So hold your loved ones close
today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them
dear*
13. *Take time to say "I'm sorry,"
"Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.*



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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