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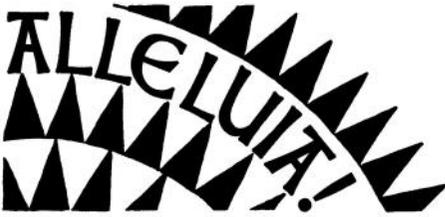
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Dear Friends,

An Easter Thought:

There was a man who had fallen on very hard times and was really down on his luck. Really desperate, he made his way to a church in a very nice part of town. Spotting the man's dirty clothes and disheveled appearance, the priest, with her churchwarden, worrying about the church's image, went to the man and asked him what he wanted. The man replied, "I was praying to the Lord in my distress and he told me to come to this church."

The priest encouraged the man to go away and pray some more, and possibly find an alternative answer. The next Sunday the man returned. The priest rushed out to him and asked, "Didn't you get a different answer?"

The man replied, "Yes I did. I explained to the Lord that your community didn't want me in their church, and the Lord said, 'Never mind, son; I've been trying to get into that church for years and never made it!'"

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There are three places in the Gospel accounts where our Risen Lord appears and is, nevertheless, not recognised. It seems it was quite possible to be looking straight at the Risen Jesus but not see him; possible to be unable to discern what God has done in and through him! Could this, in fact, be true for us even in our own present age? Is it possible that we might become so caught up in the ordinary events of life, and the inflated importance of our own significance and self-obsession within it? Is it possible that we too often lose sight of who Jesus is and what he means for each of us and for the whole world?

I pray that your Easter observation this year might be deeply spiritual and truly shape you and involve you; that the truth of God and the power of the resurrection will sincerely belong to you. I pray that, like Mary Magdalene, you might in true faith say, "I have seen the Lord". I pray that others, too, might see the Risen Lord in each one of us and within the heart of our community here in Weldam.

May you all enjoy a holy and blessed Passion-tide and Easter.

Love, Brian



# St Mary's Chapel News

## Apologies and Thanks

Our readership will be aware that the magazine is a week late this month. Our apologies, but as many of you may already know, Marilyn's mother passed away at the beginning of March. Consequently the two of us spent most of the month in the UK. That brings us to the thanks. We were both moved by the many heartfelt messages and cards of condolence received. Our sincere thanks to all of you.

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. The boy answered "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

**Egg**  
Church notice: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Cusworth to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

**Tactful**  
There was once a minister who was determined that things should be done properly during each service, yet he had a great gift for being gentle and tactful.

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### Annual General Meeting 7 April 2019

The AGM was held in the chapel following the Sunday morning service. And coffee. Our chaplain led us in prayer at the start of the meeting, and then, supported ably by Simone Yallop, guided us through the stages.

Blair Charles and Jeanet Luiten, having been nominated and agreeing to stand, were appointed as wardens for another year.

The treasurer Hans Siertsema presented the Financial Report and the budget. The auditors, Ferdinand van Dijk and Lea Meijnen, were thanked for their work in checking the accounts.

At this stage a request was made from the floor that the costs of the magazine should be met by the readership. The matter will be addressed in council but it serves as a timely opportunity to remind everyone who receives a printed, your financial support is needed. (see item on next page regarding Magazine Payments.)

There were no new members elected to the Chaplaincy Council, but one member, Charlotte Solms, has stepped down. The pressure of professional and personal business matters meant Charlotte did not feel she had the time needed for Council duties. A big thank you to Charlotte, she will be missed.

Canon Rodford closed the AGM with The Grace.

## Forthcoming Dates

14 April	Palm Sunday
18 April	Maundy Thursday
19 April	Good Friday
20 April	Chapel Cleaning
21 April	Easter Sunday

### Summer Teas

The rota for Summer Teas has gone up in the Hut. If you can help in anyway please read and put your name down for whatever task you can manage.

### Coffee Rota

As we learnt at this years AGM, the after service coffee service not only serves a vital function in the social life of the chaplaincy, it also makes a lot of money. Please check the rotas regularly and put your name down to help whenever and where ever you can.

### Magazine Payments

St. Mary's Magazine plays a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed on what is going on in their church and the chapel community. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the magazine, issued ten times a year, an annual donation of €15 will help to cover printing costs. If you cannot pick up your copy in the chapel and want to have it posted to you, we need to ask for an additional donation of €20 to cover postage.

Last year only two thirds of the magazine costs came from donations, the balance came from chapel funds. It would help the survival of the magazine if all costs were covered by voluntary donations. Thank you.

### Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service.

Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

<http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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The congregation often read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm together. One Sunday before they started, he said smilingly: "Oh, may I ask the lady who always arrives at the still waters while the rest of us are in the green pastures, to wait for us this time?"

### Great expectations

At a baptism the young minister was full of enthusiasm. He held the baby in his arms and speculated aloud as to the child's possible future. "He may become a captain of industry, a great scientist, or a gifted teacher - someone on whom hundreds of young boys may model themselves." Then turning to the parents in a rather grand manner, he asked, "And so what name to you give to this child?"

Timidly, the reply came: "Amanda Jane."

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### Higher power?

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?' One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

### Moses and the Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joseph was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.'

"When he got to the Red Sea, Moses had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed HQ for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow

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## St James the Least of All

The Rectory

St James the Least

### On why a vicar should avoid wedding receptions

My dear Nephew Darren

My generous offer to take last week's marriage service for you in your church, so that you could attend your weekend plumbing course, proved most unwise. You may now be qualified to unblock church hall kitchen sinks, but I will not be taking another marriage ceremony for you again, no matter how much you have set your heart on that electrician's course next year, so that you can re-wire the vestry.

At first, I was delighted when the bride's mother called, inviting me to the reception. I assumed that somewhere called Charnley Hall would be a most fitting location, full of oak floors and waiters bearing sherry to guests. I did not realise until too late that it is only the rather dubious pub next door to your church.

At least I had been placed with the happy couple and both sets of parents. Then it slowly dawned on me: I was there to stop the bride's mother from attacking her newly-acquired son-in-law. My presence may have kept an uneasy peace at our table, but it had no such effect on some of the others.

Well before the speeches, bride's and groom's supporters were exchanging snide remarks and bitter looks. Then all hell broke loose: a bridesmaid slapped an usher and burst into tears.

That was the starting signal for the liveliest wedding reception I have ever attended: chairs were knocked about, plates broken, wedding cake thrown, flowers snapped in two, and memorable insults exchanged. Of course, I could cope with all that, but then someone snatched the bottle of champagne that had been placed in front of me. They were going to waste it by breaking it on someone's head. I knew then that things had gone far enough.

It took but an instant for me to leap to my feet, lean over the table, and try and grab my bottle back. Unfortunately, that was when the police arrived. Were our churchwarden,

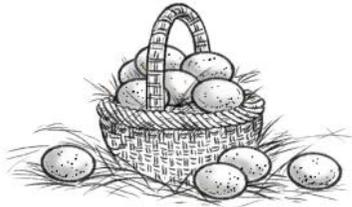


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Lord Jelleby to have been on the bench that day, matters could have been settled quite amicably. It was not to be: you may enthusiastically pass the peace in your church; I am now bound over to keep it.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



### **Easter Signs & Symbols: Holy oil, and even more holy oil**

Oils and creams loom large in the Bible just as they do in our world today. We use

healing creams for all sorts of ailments, and moisturising lotions to soothe, but also often for the pure sensual pleasure that they give us. What can be better than your favourite hand cream after time spent gardening?

Oils in church are just the same. Set aside for specific works: for healing, encouraging at times of change and uncertainty, and for the special purposes of people, places and objects.

The Holy Oils are blessed (and one is consecrated) each year, usually on Mandy Thursday in Holy Week. This is done by the Bishop at a special annual service in every cathedral with all the clergy in the Diocese. It's an amazingly colourful and meaningful service which if you ever have the opportunity to attend do go.

These oils are then distributed to every parish priest for use in their area. At the end of a year they are poured into the earth and replaced with the new year's Holy Oils.

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up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, startled.

"Well, no," her son admitted. "But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

### **Miscellaneous musings on life:**

- Why is yawning contagious?

- You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield that read: 'Parking Fine'. That was so nice.

- You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive. You never learn to pray until your kids learn to drive.



**With a new tax year beginning....**

The teacher asked a precocious youngster what he was going to be when he grew up, and he said a taxpayer.

Inflation or no inflation, the cost of living seems to remain about the same - all that we earn.

Man wants but little here below, but usually gets along on less.

A recession is a period in which you tighten up your belt.

A depression is a time in which you have no belt to tighten.

When you have no trousers to hold up, it's a panic.

A man said his credit card was stolen, but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.

### **Exercise**

With summer coming, I had to face the fact that my body

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## **Flower Fund Book Sale.**

Happily, the environment was not burdened with a huge fire to get rid of all the books brought into the hut for this year's Flower Fund Book sale. Even the amount of people using an E-reader did remain quite low I understood. In fact, several members of our congregation did rummage through the, generously donated, huge pile of books on offer. Unfortunately, the number of books in the English language was a bit disappointing. Luckily a lot of us do read Dutch as well, and they could find a lot of fine quality reading material. Friday before the Book sale started Theda, and I did sort through a large number of boxes and tried to set up the tables in an orderly display of categories and titles. In fact, there were so many books we even had to temporarily clear the church library to find a place for everything on offer.



This year's books included several works of literature by famous Dutch writers as well as cooking books, travel guides and several historical books. Even before the Book sale did start several books were already sold. Quite a lot of cash was spent, however in some cases, one would like to purchase a particular book, having no more cash at hand. New was the possibility to do a bank transfer during the week after. I will most probably repeat this extra service next year. This year's Book Sale did make a very nice total of € 176, 60.

At the end of the Book sale, quite a lot of titles were still unsold. A portion of those were taken by Nicky, and a few bags were taken by Theda. She would try and sell them at the Summer Teas and the Castle Fair church stall in due time. The

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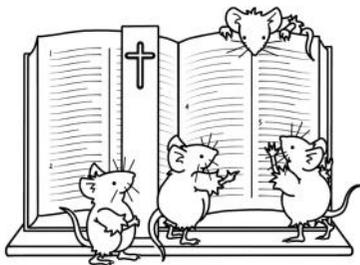
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remainder was taken to the collection point of the Glanerbrug Book Fair depot. They organise, each January a huge Book Fair aimed for Charities. The revenue is split three ways, one part for the homeless shelter "De Wonne" in downtown Enschede. Another part for the young girls home "Casa de Menino in Campina Grande, Brazil and the last part for the Vincentius Vereeniging (Association to counter poverty in material and physical sense > community social service.) For more details, you may find these charities in the following link:  
<http://www.boekenbeursglanerbrug.nl/testbb/goede-doelen/>



I would like to thank everyone who did contribute by bringing in books, buying the books but I would like to thank Theda in particular because she knows a lot about how to handle the books, set up the stall and moreover to bargain for a good price. And for next year if you did forget this year to bring in books, especially English one, I would offer you this suggestion: Get yourself a big bag from one of our Supermarkets, and fill it gradually with books you think might be suitable for next year's Flower Fund Book Sale. Once again thank you all.

@Lub Gringhuis



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was totally out of shape. So I joined a fitness club and signed up for the aerobics class. I got to the club, and there I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.

But by the time I got my clothes off and my sweats on, the class was over.

### **Christian upbringing**

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wants us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you and Mum."

### **Forgive**

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

## Forthcoming Services

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### 14 April 2019 Palm Sunday

10:30 Sung Eucharist (with Sunday School)

**Celebrant and Preacher** Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden:** Blair Charles  
**Intercessor:** Jeanet Luiten  
**Chalice:** Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**

Simone Yallop Isaiah [50.4-9a]  
Arjan Hafmans Philippians. [2. 5-11]  
Gospel John [12.1-8]

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### 18 April 2019 Maundy Thursday

20:00 Washing of the Feet

**Celebrant and Preacher** Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden:** Jeanet Luiten  
**Intercessor:** Simone Yallop  
**Chalice:** Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**

Jeanet Luiten Exodus [12. 1-4, 5-10, 11-14]  
Erica Schotman 1 Corinthians [11. 23-26]  
Gospel John [13. 1-17, 31b-35]

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### 19 April 2019 Good Friday

20:00 Good Friday liturgy

**Celebrant and Preacher** Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden:** Blair Charles  
**Intercessor:** n. a.  
**Chalice:** n. a.

**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**

Elisa Hannan Isaiah [52. 53-end]  
Elizabeth vd Heijden Hebrews [10. 16-25]  
Gospel John [18. 1-19.end]

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## Forthcoming Services

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### 21 April 2019 Easter Day

10:30 Sung Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden:**

Blair Charles

**Intercessor:**

Lea Meijnen

**Chalice:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Heleen Rauwerda

Patrick Saridjan

Gospel

**Readings**

Isaiah [65. 17-end]

Acts [10. 34-43]

Luke [24. 1-12]

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### 28 April 2019 Easter 2

10:30 Sung Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden:**

Blair Charles

**Intercessor:**

Philippa te West

**Chalice:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Vivian Reinders

Linda ten Berge

Gospel

**Readings**

Acts. [5. 27-32]

Revelation [1. 4-8]

John [20. 19-end]

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### 5 May 2019 Easter 3

10:30 Sung Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Chalice:**

Everhard Ottens

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Charlotte Solms

Jan de Beij

Gospel

**Readings**

Acts [9. 1-6, 7-20]

Revelation. [5. 11-end]

John [21. 1-19]

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## AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH:

May there always be work for your hands to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;

May the sun always shine on your windowpane;

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;

May the hand of a friend always be near you!;

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

### The Lord's Prayer

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully

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## How is it possible?

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer.

One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard! a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself.

Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."



And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time?

Penicillin.

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Some remarkable facts:  
The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill.  
His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

What can we learn from this story?  
Someone once said: What goes around comes around.  
Work like you don't need the money.  
Love like you've never been hurt.  
Dance like nobody's watching.  
Sing like nobody's listening.  
Live like it's Heaven! on Earth.

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting



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enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed,  
"but deliver us from E-mail."

### The bishop's visit

A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese for Easter. He wanted the young people to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd, so he dressed up in his bishop's long, flowing robes and carried his crook. "Now," beamed the bishop, "do you know who I am?"

After a moment's silence, one child ventured "Little Bo Peep?"

### A few Idle Questions

Q: What washes up on very small beaches?

A: Microwaves

Q: What do you call a frozen dog?

A: A pupsicle

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An impasta

## Lifespan

God created the cow.

God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of 60 years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for 60 years. Let me have 20 years & I'll give you back the other 40."

God agreed.



God created the dog.

God said, "Sit all day of your house & bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of 20 years."

The dog said, "that's too long to be barking. Give me 10 years & I'll give back the other 10."

God agreed, again (sigh).



God created the monkey.

God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a life span of 20 years."

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## The Role of the Bible

It is Christ himself who is the true word of God.

The Bible read, in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him.

We must not use the Bible as a sort of encyclopaedia out of which texts can be taken for use as weapons.

*C.S. Lewis*

## With Easter in mind...

Who delivered up Jesus to die?  
Not Judas, for money; not Pilate, for fear; not the Jews, for envy; but the Father, for love!  
- *Octavious Winslow*

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the end it shall carry you. -  
*Thomas a Kempis*

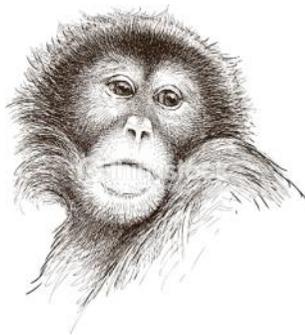
The doctrine of the death of Christ is the substance of the gospel. -  
*Stephen Charnock*

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Monkey said,

"How boring, doing monkey tricks for 20 years? I don't think so. The dog gave you back 10 years, so that's what I'll do!

Okay?" God agreed again.



God created man.

God said, "Eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you a 20 year life span."

Man said, "What, only 20 years? No way. I'll tell you what, I'll take my 20 years, the 40 the cow gave back, the 10 the dog gave back & the 10 the monkey gave back. That makes 80, okay?"

God said, "You've got a deal!"

So, that is why

For the first 20 years we eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy & do nothing.

For the next 40 years we slave in the sun to support our family, For the following 10 years we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren, and for the last 10 years, we sit in front of the house & bark at everybody.

**LIFE HAS NOW BEEN EXPLAINED !!!!!.**

*Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting*

## Chocolate reflection

On Saturday mornings during Lent, a group of about 10 of us met in the Hut to take part in a Lent course. 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' was the title. It was written by Hilary Brand, who had based it on the film 'Chocolat'. It is a lovely film starring Johnny Dep, Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina and Lena Olin. It is set in a quiet French village, that enjoys its tranquillity, until Vianne and her daughter Anouk arrive. They set up a chocolaterie in the village just before Lent and throw everything into confusion.

The course is divided into five group sessions, each one using a couple of short clips from the film as a starting point for discussion. It was amazing to see how Hilary Brand managed to draw out, from the film, so many lessons about God, the world and what it means to be human. In session 3 she poses the question: what is the film 'Chocolat' about? She is fascinated by the variety of answers. 'It's about Lent versus chocolate. It's about self-denial versus self-indulgence. It's about traditional religion versus alternative therapies/beliefs. It's about what you do being more important about what you don't do. Yes, it is all these and more.'

Yes, you can use a film like this as a basis for a Lent course. Identifying with a drama, an audience is provided with a safe place to draw out and examine their own, perhaps buried, feelings. The screen writer wants to make people feel so much that they start to think. During the course we were certainly made to think. We were challenged, but in a gentle way, to examine the prelude to change, the power of a gift, the possibility of change, the power of acceptance and the process of change. Vianne had the gift of knowing people's favourite chocolate. My favourite part of the course was the session looking at the behaviour of the characters and the good things that they did in offering love and acceptance. That particular session finished with a song as a prayer.

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,  
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,  
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

*Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

This song, written by Graham Kendrick, sums up my feelings about this year's Lent course.

*Contributed by Simone Yallop*

## The Good Samaritan

A young minister was telling his church the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. He got carried away and described the situation in vivid detail, wanting his congregation to catch the drama of it all.

Then he asked rhetorically: 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

A little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd be sick."

## LETTER TO GOD

A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday.

One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

## Cashing in Chips

People find it surprising that there are more Catholic churches in Las Vegas than there are casinos. Visitors forget that residents live lives much like other people in other cities.

So it is not surprising that worshippers give casino chips rather than cash when the collection basket is passed around in church. It is not considered wrong or offensive, as the chips have value and the churches need all the money they can get to carry out their missions.

Since the worshippers donate chips from many different casinos, the churches had to come up with a method to efficiently convert them into cash, so they forged an agreement with the local Franciscan Monastery to consolidate the chips, make an accurate accounting of the amounts from each church, and cash them in at the casinos.

It wasn't long before those who processed the casino bounty were given a most appropriate nickname. They were known as chip monks.

## Have you lost someone you loved?

*I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. How the mighty have fallen! 2 Samuel 1:26*

A lament is a passionate expression of grief, a heartfelt cry of sadness. Here David, who composed some of the most memorable and uplifting songs of praise, allows himself the opportunity to pour out his heart to God because of his deep sorrow.

Christians are sometimes confused about how to express grief. Some contemporary teaching has emphasized the power of praise, and of praising God in all circumstances, so they feel guilty about the pain inside them and do not know how to release it.

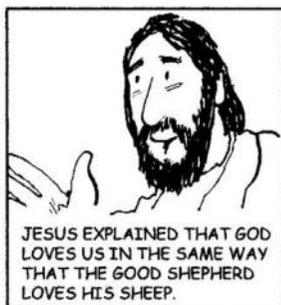
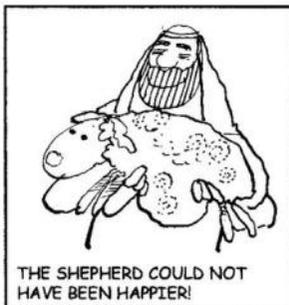
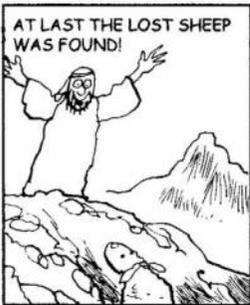
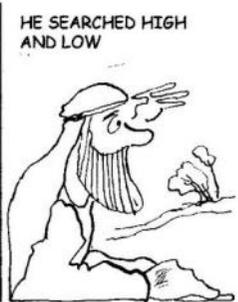
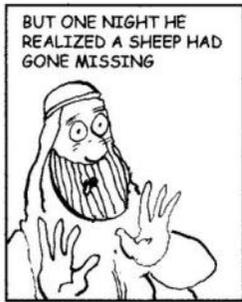
Whilst Paul does say we are not to grieve 'like the rest of mankind' (1Thessalonians 4:13), he means we should not grieve in the hysterical way that characterizes those who have no hope in God. He does not mean that we should not grieve at all, or that we should suppress our true feelings. That would be cruel, unnatural and unhealthy. Grief is best acknowledged and expressed, and in a way that is consistent with our belief in heaven.

David's own heart feels most keenly the loss of his dearest friend, Jonathan. Those who have known the loss of a 'soul mate' will understand the depth of his feeling and the pain in his heart. His lament enables him to get in touch with his grief, to express it, and so begin the slow process of healing and recovery.

If you are grieving yourself today, be encouraged to pour out your heart to God. You could pray aloud or write your prayer down. You may find a song that helps, or a piece of music. You might talk with a trusted friend. You may just want a good cry. Whatever you do, remember that it's OK to grieve.



The tale of  
the  
Lost  
Sheep



### **The Smile Starter!**

Smiling is infectious,  
You catch it like the flu.  
When someone smiled at me today,

I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner,  
and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled, I realized,  
I'd passed it to him.  
I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.

A single smile just like mine,  
could travel the earth.  
So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!



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## 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.*

