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August 2020

Dear Friends,

I suspect that many of you will have read of the final report by the outgoing UN special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston, who retired a short while ago. In truth, he asserts, despite much talk over recent years of imminent eradication of poverty, the goal being by 2030, the path chosen by the World Bank and influential governments will only exacerbate the problem. He criticises, for example, the World Bank's key measure of an income of around 1 euro 70 a day as the international poverty line as by no means adequate. The consequences of what he describes as "this highly unrealistic picture of progress against poverty", is clearly nothing less than devastating.

At the heart of the problem, as Alston presents it, is an agenda of supporting the growth of financial power of the wealthy as the best road to poverty alleviation.

This, through pro-growth deregulation, privatisation, lower taxation of the wealthy, including corporate taxes, easy cross border movement of money, and favourable legal protections for capital. In short, it would seem, the social contract has been totally upended and has, "redefined the public good as helping the already [obscenely] rich get richer".

I think, for most of us, we ask, "Yes, but what can I do about it?". We are filled with despair and heartache as we remember the all too familiar images of utter and wretched destitution by which our senses are daily assailed in the media. Despair is, however, not an option for us as individuals or as the Church. So, what can we do?

We cannot all become activists or orators or throw vast amounts of money or resources to the cause, (while some of us could and, perhaps, should). We can, though, live up to our calling as faithful followers of Christ. As such, we must be rooted in being before doing. St. Thomas Aquinas gives us a helpful maxim in this: *agere sequitur esse* (action flows from being), which means what we do flows from who we are. When we know Christ intimately and love him, we learn what it means, in solidarity with him, to be honest and truthful about what we see going on in our own lives, and in all that surrounds us, for the sake of ourselves and of others.

It is, I suppose, a kind of arrogance that leads us to say, "Jesus, this is what I would like to do for you." Perhaps, in the spirit of St. Paul, we should say, "Lord, what would you have me do?" (Acts 22:10). This subtle shift of paradigm is, perhaps, key to our genuine response. When we possess a more appropriate personal attitude, I think we might find ourselves more effective in making a real and significant difference. 'The pebble in the pond' certainly seems apposite, don't you agree?

As I said last month, be well, be safe, be inspired, love and be loved, and find happiness in the untroubled contentment of a generous spirit.

Love, as ever, Brian

St Mary's Chapel Summer Teas 2020

News



Keep your distance!

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch you with a six-foot pole" would become national policy, but here we are!

Body parts

A doctor in our village surgery often plays a game with his younger patients to put them at ease, and to test their knowledge of body parts. And so it was that one day, while pointing to my young son's ear, the doctor asked him solemnly, "Is this your nose?"

Alarmed, my son glanced over to me and said softly: "Mum, I think we'd better find a new doctor!"

All in a name

I'm dyslexic, and recently attended a Zoom conference about the disorder with a friend. The speakers asked us to share a personal experience with the group. I told them stress aggravates

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After a lot of hesitation, we made the decision to give the Summer Teas a go. We can comply with practically the corona restrictions.

And how lucky we were. With a little group of volunteers, we are welcoming about 35 people per Sunday.

The sunshine, The beautiful surroundings, the cakes, the tea, the coffee and the second-hand books, the delicious marmalade and a warm reception, plus the excellent guidance in the Chapel, including an Evening prayer service, led by Simone, made everybody feel very welcome.

With half of the afternoons over, we can surely say that they are a great asset to our fellowship and outreach, and a little of a makeup for the Castle Fair, that will not take place this year.

The book sale is a great success as well, as there is plenty of time to browse through the collection at a time where there are only 3 persons at the time are allowed to enter the Hut.

We had to make do with little help. I am sure the Coronavirus was to blame for that. We did, however, manage to welcome all the people that came to visit us. That was after the excellent introduction and promotion in the local paper and on the radio.

Let us only hope we can make more of a joint effort in next summer season. Many thanks to the brave ones who were prepared to face the impossibilities, allowing us to open and take on the opportunities.

Coffee.

Something small you can do to enhance our fellowship is to please put your name down on the coffee rota. This will help to make our fellowship work again after the Sunday Service.

Jeanet.

A Word from your warden in Wales

Churches here in Wales are still closed, a terrible shame as there are so many churches around I long to explore. A mere ten minutes away by car is Chester Cathedral, while a half-hour drive in the other direction, is St Asaph Cathedral.

Hence when I saw last that the local church was holding a plant sale on Saturday morning, I leapt at the opportunity

to get some cheap plants. I was also hopeful of meeting some members of the congregation. The sale was advertised as starting at ten. I arrived five minutes after ten, and already there was a long queue across the churchyard. Extended of course, by the need to stand two metres apart. Behind me was a man wearing a clerical collar (dog collar), so I introduced myself. He turned out to be the vicar at St Mary's Church, Broughton.

I was amazed to find that he served only one of the three parishes in the area, each about five kilometres apart. The church I was visiting had a Eucharist service only on Wednesday morning. It shared a vicar with the third church where Sunday services were held. Seemed a bit strange to me.

It was a good thing I had arrived early, for, by the time I got to the plants, there was not much left. But what a good idea I thought to hold the plant sale on a Saturday morning, after advertising it for several days in the area. How the idea would transfer to Weldam, I am not sure, but it might be worth considering.

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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my condition, in which I reverse words and letters when I'm tense. When I finished speaking, my friend blurted out, "Now I know why you named your daughter Hannah!"

What am I?

A teacher gave her young class a lesson on Zoom on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a short test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I am strong and attractive. I pick up lots of things. What am I?" When the answers were sent in, the teacher was astonished to find that more than half her students had answered the question with the word: "Mother."

Shock

On a bus a man gave his seat to a woman. She fainted. On recovering, she thanked him. Then he fainted.



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Some miscellaneous observations on modern life...

Fools rush in where fools have been before.

It's called 'take home' pay because you can't afford to go anywhere else with it.

Success is relative - the greater the success, the more relatives.

If at first you succeed, try to hide your astonishment.

You must have learned from others' mistakes. You haven't had time to think all those up yourself.

People like criticism - just keep it positive and flattering.

It's okay to let your mind go blank, but please turn off the sound.

Worry kills more people than work because more people worry than work.

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On the perils of leaving the pulpit

The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... this was written before lockdown.

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren



When the churches reopen for public worship (whenever that is!) I hope you will come and take Evensong one Sunday. But, thinking of your visit last August, I would prefer you used the pulpit when preaching. How could Colonel Brockle complete 'The Times' crossword and Miss Balmer her knitting with you constantly walking up and down in front of them? They found it most disconcerting, as out of politeness, they were obliged to listen to you. It was a unique experience they do not wish to repeat.

Those few who defy Anglican tradition and sit at the front of the church were also placed in the dilemma of trying to decide whether they should keep turning in their pews as you paraded down the nave and then rotating back to the front as you re-emerged up the side aisle. It did Lady Plumptree's vertigo no good at all. It also allowed people to see that you were wearing suede shoes. For many of our worshippers, the most appalling of heresies are as nothing when compared to brown shoes under a cassock.

I appreciate you made heroic efforts and got your sermon down to 30 minutes, but that is still 20 minutes longer than they anticipated and 29 minutes longer than their attention span.

No, use the pulpit in future; that is the reason why stonemasons 600 years ago put twenty tons of marble in our church in the first place and it would be a shame to disappoint them. It also means that from a distance of 100 yards and a height of 20 feet, no one can tell that the glass of water I use liberally while preaching is in fact a gin and tonic.

I concede that our pulpit has its dangers. I have known several bishops come to grief as their robes wrap themselves around the newel post as they ascend the steps.

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One, unable to untangle himself, was obliged to preach while half-way up the steps and with his back to the congregation, while our verger was dispatched to find a pair of scissors.

Perhaps, before your next visit, we may install a mechanical floor in the pulpit, so that after 10 minutes, it slowly lowers you into the crypt while the congregation can get on with singing the last hymn before getting home in decent time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

4th August The Holy Day of Sithney

The saint who preferred mad dogs to women

You know how some men find women's interest in romance and clothes hard to cope with? Well, Sithney (or Sezni) should be the patron saint of all such men.

According to a Breton folk legend, Sithney was a hermit of long ago, minding his own business, when one day God told him that he was going to make him the patron saint of girls. Sithney was horrified. He foresaw a future where thousands of young women were forever plaguing him to find them good husbands and fine clothes... the thought of it appalled him. So Sithney begged God for some other job, something more peaceful, than dealing with young women. "Very well," said God. "You can look after mad dogs, instead."

Sithney replied cheerfully: "I'd rather have mad dogs than women, any day." And so it was. Since that time, young women have pestered other saints to bring them husbands and fine clothes, while sick and mad dogs have been taken to drink water from the well of St Sezni, patron of Sithney, near Helston in Cornwall.



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Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great ancestors.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

The real reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do.

Junk is something you throw away about three weeks before you need it.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.

Some people are like blisters. They don't show up until the work is done.

A babysitter is a teenager acting like an adult while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.

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Who's right for which job?

Does your company struggle with the problem of properly fitting people to jobs? Here is a handy way to decide....

Take the prospective employees you are trying to place and put them in a room with only a table and two chairs. Leave them alone for two hours, without any instruction. At the end of that time, go back and see what they are doing.

If they have taken the table apart in that time, put them in Engineering. If they are counting the cracks in the floor, assign them to Finance. If they are screaming and waving their arms, send them to Manufacturing. If they are talking to the chairs, Personnel

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The Vacancy Process

On Wednesday 15 July 2020 the Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Paul Vrolijk visited St. Mary's for a meeting with the Chaplaincy Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the forthcoming vacancy when our Chaplain, the Revd Canon Brian Rodford, retires at the end of the year. Back in March, the Chaplaincy Council already had the official 'vacancy meeting' when it considered its response to the 'vacancy pack'. The 'vacancy pack' comprises several forms to be filled in and documents to be prepared, for the Diocese in Europe, when such a vacancy occurs. This meeting with the Archdeacon was to confirm the decisions made in March, to discuss the paperwork, and to provide an opportunity to ask questions. During the meeting, the Archdeacon explained the vacancy process as a transparent process. Transparent means that explanations of the vacancy process will tell everyone exactly how it works, allowing everyone in the chaplaincy to follow the process.

As part of the vacancy process, there are three primary documents that the chaplaincy has to produce. The 'Chaplaincy Profile' describes who we are, what we are looking for, and how we see the future. The 'Role Description' adds details of the changing context and the kind of person needed for that. Out of this document flows the 'Person Specification'. That is a shortlist of 10 to 15 requirements, used as qualifiers in the selection process. These three documents are not secret. Members of the congregation can see them. If any of you do wish to see them, then please contact me.

Once we have agreed on the paperwork, then we can spread

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the news of the vacancy. We do this via the Church Times and other networks such as the online portal of the Church of England, a website called Pathways. It is also essential to put the advertisement on the Chaplaincy website as well as on the Diocesan website. We can also spread the news via the congregation's network by asking you to send the advertisement to people you know. You will hear more about this in due course. It is good to spread the news as far and as wide as possible.

Before we can begin advertising, we need to make a time plan concerning the selection process. A critical input for this is to set a date for when the interviews will take place. The date rather depends on the diary of the Bishop involved at the critical stages in the process. Once the possible interview dates are known, it is possible to determine when to start advertising and when to start shortlisting.

Currently, during the Corona pandemic, the first round of interviews is done on Zoom, which has the advantage that there are no travel expenses involved. The second interview will generally take place on-site at the chaplaincy. The Bishop, the Archdeacon and the two Chaplaincy Representatives will conduct the interviews. During the official 'vacancy meeting' the Chaplaincy Council appoints two representatives to act on their behalf during the selection process. Jeanet Luiten and Elisa Hannan have been nominated by the Twente Chaplaincy Council to be the Chaplaincy Representatives, and they will be involved in the whole process. There will be quite a responsibility on their shoulders. To maintain confidentiality, they are not allowed to discuss details of the candidates with anyone else in the

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is a good place
for them.

If they are
sleeping, they are
Management
material.

If they are
writing up the
experience, send
them to Technical
Publications.

If they don't
even look up when
you enter the
room, assign them
to Security.

If they try to tell
you it's not as
bad as it looks,
send them to
Marketing.

And if they've
left early, put
them in Sales.

Sick of preaching

Our new vicar had
just been
prescribed
bifocals. The
reading portion of
the glasses
improved his
vision

considerably, but
the top portion of
the glasses didn't
work so well. In
fact, he was
experiencing
dizziness every
time he looked
through them. He
tried to explain
this to the
congregation on
Sunday: "I hope

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Forthcoming Services

August 9 2020

10:30 Eucharist	The Transfiguration of our Lord	
Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford	
Duty Warden: Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Jeanet Luiten	There will be no sung hymns
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings	
Vivian Reinders		
Ann Powell	2 Peter 1. 16 -19	
Gospel	Luke 9.28 -36	

August 16 2020

10:30 Eucharist Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary	
Celebrant Canon Brian Rodford	Preacher Simone Yallop	
Duty Warden: Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Joyce Wigboldus	There will be no sung hymns
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings	
Erica Schotman Bonting		
Joyce Wigboldus	Galatians 4.4 -7	
Gospel	Luke 1.46 -55	

August 23 2020

10:30 Eucharist	Trinity 11	
Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford	
Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Maureen Underwood	There will be no sung hymns
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings	
Elizabeth v.d Heijden		
Heleen Rauwerda	Romans 12.1-8	
Gospel	Matthew 16.13-20	

Forthcoming Services

August 30 2020

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 12

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

There will be no
sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Philippa Te West

Romans 12.9-21

Gospel

Matthew 16.21-28

September 6 2020

Eucharist 10:30

Trinity 13

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Jeanet Luiten

There will be
no sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Rachel Koster

Lea Meijnen

Romans 13.8-14

Gospel

Matthew 18.15-20

September 13

Eucharist 10:30

Trinity 14

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Joyce Wigboldus

There will be
no sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Simone Yallop

Eric Wanjala

Romans 14.1-12

Gospel

Matthew 18.21-35

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you will excuse
my continually
removing my
glasses.

You see, when I
look down, I can
see fine, but
when I look at
you all, it makes
me feel sick."

Multiply

Noah opened up
the ark and let
all the animals
out, telling them
to "Go forth and
multiply!" He
began to close
the great doors
of the ark when
he noticed that
there were two
snakes still
sitting in a dark
corner.

Concerned, he
said to them:
"Didn't you hear
me? You can go
now. Go forth
and multiply."

"We can't," said
the snakes sadly.
"We're adders."

One-line quiz questions

1. What time of day was Adam created?
Just a little before Eve.
2. Who was the fastest runner in the race?

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chaplaincy.

Once people apply, the shortlisting can begin to ensure that the Chaplaincy Representatives, the Bishop, the Archdeacon and the Diocesan Appointments Secretary see all the eligible applicants. The Archdeacon and the Bishop will advise on whether the person is suitable for the post, but there is room for discussion. Often the shortlisting will be done based on the criteria in the 'Person Description'. Checking of the references is carried out between shortlisting and the interviews. Of especial importance is the 'bishop-to-bishop' reference. The sending Bishop has to declare that from a safeguarding point of view, the candidate priest is safe to receive. The Bishop also has to ensure that there are no procedures taking place that could affect the appointment.

The appointing Bishop needs to indicate if he sees a serious reason why it would not be appropriate for him to appoint a particular person if they were selected. When it comes to the first interview, the Bishop may delegate this to the Archdeacon. Then the Archdeacon, together with the Chaplaincy Representatives, would do the interview. The final meeting is always with the Bishop. In the end, it is the Bishop who has to agree to license the candidate.

The Appointments Secretary, based in Brussels, controls the whole process. Once the interview dates are known, advertising can begin with some three to four weeks between advertising in the Church Times and shortlisting. Advertising on the Twente website should begin five weeks before that because we must advertise the post in the Netherlands and on the Diocesan website. Generally, there are about two weeks between the

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shortlisting and the interviews.

The advertisement mustn't be too narrow. For example, we may think that this part-time post is suitable for a recently retired person. However, there may be other reasons for someone to be looking for a part-time position. Therefore, we should avoid words like 'recently retired'. It is essential to communicate that this is a lovely post to have. Other communities make short videos of themselves and put this on the website with the advertisement. The video, for example, could include members of the congregation telling why they love to come to this church.

When someone responds to the advertisement, the Appointments Secretary will send them the information pack. The pack will include the Chaplaincy Profile, Role Description, Person Specification together with other details. The advertisement will also contain contact details of the Archdeacon for any questions about the post.

After the interviews have taken place if we have found a suitable candidate, then we will need time for safeguarding checks. We also need to allow for any notice period in the parish from which the candidate is coming.

At the time of writing, our response to the 'vacancy pack' has been sent to the Archdeacon. We are awaiting news of when the interviews could take place. If this would be in the autumn, the advertising could start quite soon. If we find a suitable candidate, we could fill the vacancy by early next year.

The Archdeacon told us that when communities do the

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Adam. He was first in the human race.

3. Why are atoms Catholic?

Because they all have mass.

4 Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck

5. Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?

He only had two worms.

6. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

No — just an apple.

7. Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible? He thought he saw a job.

8. Does God love everyone?

Yes, but He prefers 'fruits of the spirit' to 'religious nuts'.

9. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

He just knew there was something fishy about it.

10. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Absolutely ruthless.

How to make your wife more efficient

An efficiency expert was delivering a seminar on time management for a company's junior executives. He concluded the session with a disclaimer: "But whatever you do, do NOT attempt these task-organising tips at home," he said.

When he was asked why not, he explained: "Well, I did a study of my wife's routine of fixing breakfast. I noticed she made a lot of trips between the refrigerator and the stove, the table and the cabinets, each time carrying only one item. So, I told her: 'Darling you are making too many trips back and forth carrying one item at a time. If you would only try carrying several things at once you would be much more efficient.'" He paused.

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process well, and when people pray, there is convergence. In most cases, when the interviews are over, there is a definite 'winner'. Sometimes the interviewers do not fully agree, and it can take more time to reach a unanimous decision. It is always made clear that the interviews do not have to result in an appointment. If there is doubt, there should be no appointment. It is better to re-run the process and advertise again. Re-running is relatively straightforward because most of the work is in getting ready to start the process. As we have already done this, all the paperwork is still in place.

Please do pray about the vacancy process, that God would bring the right person to us to be the new Chaplain of the Anglican Church Twente to lead us in the future. Please pray too for our Chaplaincy Representatives for wisdom in the responsible task ahead of them.

Simone Yallop

Since the article above was written, we have received news about the timetable of events. The advertising in the Church Times will take place for two weeks in September. The closing date for applications will be in early October and the interviews will take place in early November. Advertising on the chaplaincy website will begin already in August.



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The House of Bishops to proceed with 'Living in Love and Faith' resources

The House of Bishops has confirmed that it will proceed with the publication of the *Living in Love and Faith* teaching and learning resources in early November this year.

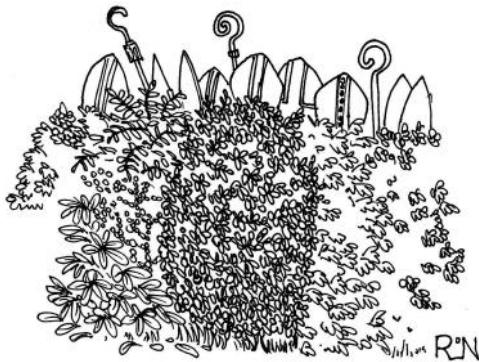
The publication of the resources, originally scheduled for July 2020, had been deferred as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Commissioned by the House of Bishops and led by the Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth, the aim of the *Living in Love and Faith* project is to help the whole Church to learn how relationships, marriage and sexuality fit within the bigger picture of a humanity created in the image of God.

Commenting on the decision to proceed in the autumn of 2020, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "The LLF resources are about vital matters which affect the wellbeing of individuals and communities. That is why it is important for the Church to move ahead with publishing the resources as soon as possible.

"They will help the Church to live out its calling to be a people who embody the reconciliation of Christ as together we explore matters of identity, sexuality and marriage."

The House endorsed the plan to enable bishops, dioceses, deaneries and local church communities to explore the resources together from the beginning of 2021.



The bishops had formed a 'support bubble' all on their own.

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"Did that save time?" one of the executives asked.

"Actually, yes," the expert answered, "It used to take her 15 minutes to fix my breakfast. Now I get my own in seven minutes."

The following are actual call centre conversations....

Wrong number

Customer: "I've been ringing you on 0700 2300 for two days. Why didn't you answer?"

Travel agent: "Where did you get that number from, sir?"

Customer: "It's there on the door to your Travel Centre."

Operator: "Sir, they are our opening hours."

Other side?

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while travelling in France): "If I register my car in France, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?"

Sure

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: "Woven?"

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Are you sure?"
Caller: "Yes, of course. That's what it says on the label;
Woven in Scotland."

Right-click
Tech Support:
"I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop."

Customer: "OK."

Tech

Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support:
"OK. Right-click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support:
"OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

Customer:
"Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."

Not a bride
"Something's wrong with me,"

sighed a young lady after a wedding. "I've been a bridesmaid twice, I even caught the bouquet, too; but I'm still single."

"Next time,"

A Reminder of the Spanish Flu from 1918 to 1919

DE SPAANSCHE GRIEP

After the First World War, where already many young men died, the Spanish Flu completed the disaster. The Spanish Flu spread very quickly all over the world. The number of deaths was about 100 million in total.

This pandemic lasted from November 1918 till the end of 1919. A

striking fact was that in contrary to the known Flu that mainly killed young children and old people, this Flu killed young adults in the age of 15 to 40 years old within three days.

My father, recently licenced as a doctor, was invited by his brother-in-law to assist him in his practice during this hectic period. The latter worked as a doctor in Santpoort, North-Holland.

One of my father's task was visiting (on horseback) the farmers in that region. My parents never talked much about that horrible period. Still, my mother, a teenager then, told me, how strong men were felled like trees, while old and ailing people survived.

Of course, there was not much advice to be given, but my father told his patients to drink jenever (gin) and stay indoors as much as possible.

He told me how when he passed the farms, he saw long rows of the famous brown earthenware empty jenever bottles behind the backdoors. (The gin later proved to be a functional medicine against the Spanish Flu). At the end of this dangerous period, he found many farmers and their family alive.

One of them invited my father to tell him his main wish, and he would do what he could to fulfil this wish. My father had seen in one of the stables a big pile of all kinds of things. He asked if he could have a choice out of the heap. The farmer was amazed. Who would like to have trash?

But my father was delighted with a tin sacrament set and a copper cooking pan. The latter was from the 17th century, as he later found out. These items still decorate my house, but they always reminded my parents of that terrible period. Their families survived, but so many others died.

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Musings on Coronavirus

This crisis has in many ways made us more grateful for each other and ... it has shown people at their best - volunteering, helping neighbours, protecting those at greatest risk, pulling together as communities to support one another. - Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury



Covid Humour

A Polish man moved to the United States and married an American girl. Although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him "very quick."

The lawyer said that the speed for getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

Lawyer: "Have you any grounds?"

Man: "YA, YA, acre and half and nice little home."

Lawyer: "No," I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

Man: "It made of concrete."

Lawyer: "Does either of you have a real grudge?"

Man: "No, we have carport, and not need one."

Lawyer: "I mean, what are your relations like?"

Man: "All my relations still in Poland."

Lawyer: "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

Man: "Ya, we have hi-fidelity stereo set and good DVD player."

Lawyer: Does your wife beat you up?"

Man: "No, I always up before her."

Lawyer: "WHY do you want this divorce?"

Man: "She going to kill me."

Lawyer: "What makes you think that?"

Man: "I got proof.

Lawyer: "What kind of proof?"

Man: "She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read, and it says, "Polish Remover."

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advised her grandmother, "don't reach for the flowers; reach for the best man."

Competitive

A champion athlete in bed with a cold was told that he had a high temperature. "How high is it?" he asked the attending physician.

"A hundred and one."

"What's the world record?"

Polite church

"The congregation was wonderful," said the visiting minister after the Zoom service. "They were so polite that they even covered their mouths when they yawned."

What it says on the sign

On a maternity room door: "Push. Push. Push."

At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels

In a veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Why has my father brought me here?

Why has my father brought me here?

Upon this mountain top so high?

And why do I behold a tear,

Within my father's loving eye?

Where is the lamb for sacrifice

To lay upon this altar wood?

And where the funds to pay the price?

I can't see how this will do good.

Why am I so tightly bound?

My eyes are wrapped - I cannot see!

I'm tied to wood, my heart does pound!

Oh why has he forsaken me?

Can it be my father's plan

As he takes up that awful knife

That I should be the special lamb?

The sacrifice be my own life?

I hear a voice call "Abraham!"

"Don't harm the lad! I hear your prayer!"

"The sacrifice should be that ram

"Caught in a thicket, over there!"

"And you have not withheld your son,

"Despite your love, your father's pride!"

"You have this day My blessing won,

"And, like today, I will provide."

Why has our Father brought us here?

Upon our troubles harshly tied?

So far from all that we hold dear?

Just trust in Him, He will provide!

by Nigel Beeton

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.*

