
⊕ ANT CHURCH NEWS ⊕

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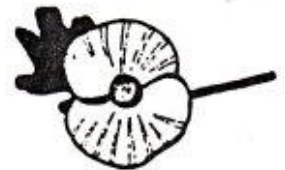
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ABOUT OUR CHURCH

ALL WHO PROFESS and call themselves Christians are very welcome to all our services and to join us at the Lord's Table in the Celebration of Holy Communion. The services are informal and based on the Anglican forms of worship, for the simple reason that our origins and current administration are Anglican.

*Why don't you come and
worship with us?*



OUR CHURCH IN TWENTE

St Mary's Chapel
Weldam
GOOR

SERVICES are held on the first and third Sunday in each month, at 11 am.

For more information, contact Maureen Underwood, address on the back page.

Bible Study

OUR MEETINGS alternate between the church hall and members' homes. The venue for the house meetings is arranged near the date - so listen out for the announcements, or contact Maureen Underwood

21st November - Church hall 7.30 p.m.
28th November - Member's house
12th December - Church hall 7.30 p.m.
24th December - Service at 11.30 p.m.
9th January - Member's house
23rd January - Church hall 7.30 p.m.

OUR CHURCH IN ARNHEM

The Old Catholic Church
Adolf van Nieuwenarlan 3a
ARNHEM

SERVICES are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, at 5pm. Sunday school is held in the school opposite the Church, also at 5pm.

For more information, contact Theo Walter or Bob Bayliff (addresses on the back page).

Old Catholic Services

Every Sunday at 10 am.

Wanted — Bad Singers

NEXT TIME you struggle with a hymn, think of singing practice. Don't be diffident, dalliant or disinterested. Turn up, tune in and transmit. Each Wednesday prior to the Sunday service at 8pm:

17 November	Bob Bayliff's
1st December	Bob Bayliff's
15th December	Bob Bayliff's

Bible study, Bible Readings

IF YOUR IDEA of bible study is school R.E. lessons, you're in for a surprise. Every alternate Thursday at 8pm, we get together at someone's home, to discuss a passage from the bible. This is no heavy theological stuff: rather it's a chance to meet other church members on a friendly basis and share our faith. Listen to the announcements for the Bible study venues, or get in touch with Bob Bayliff.

In the weeks without a Bible study, we have a Bible reading. This is an informal lecture/commentary on a passage of scripture, and it takes place in the school just next to the church, every alternate Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Thursday 17th November	Bible Study
Tuesday 22nd November	Bible Reading
Thursday 1st December	Bible Study
Tuesday 6th December	Bible Reading
Thursday 15th December	Bible Study
Tuesday 20th December	Bible Reading

OUR CHURCH IN NIJMEGEN

The Studentenkerk
Prof. van Weliestraat 1
NIJMEGEN

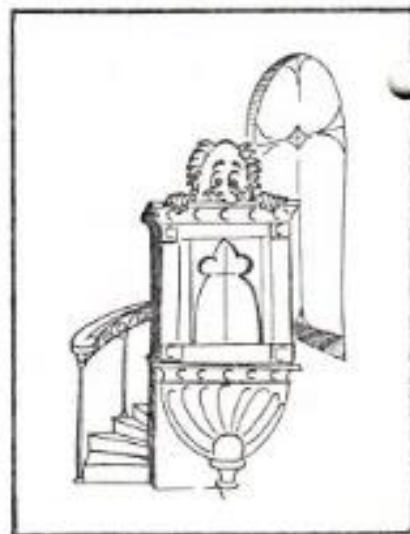
SERVICES are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, at 3.30pm. In the new year, however, the timings may alter, so please keep a close look-out for new information.

For more information, contact Mr & Mrs D Rustidge, address on the back page.

Bible Study

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING, from 7.30 till 9.30 or so, we meet together for learn from the bible in an informal and friendly way. If you haven't yet attended, come along and join in the fun—we'll be glad to see you! We congregate in the pastorie, which is the red-doored building opposite the Studentenkerk.

MUSIC PRACTICES (rather informal) also take place from time to time after the Bible study. People with talent, musical flair and instrumental competence will be most welcome—but judging by the previous merry practices that have taken place, you will be the only one present with such gifts...



Has the Bishop gone yet?

A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

DOUBTLESS inspired by our launch, the Americans got it all together and managed a safe send-off into space again. Congratulations, therefore, to NASA and their astronauts, and to Geoff Cockayne and his more motley crew (though not necessarily in that order). The plan in the East Netherlands, at least, is to produce three editions of this magazine (this is the second), mixing together articles of wide interest alongside more specific details under appropriate columns, and then to review the project to assess the value of the thing.

Expenses have been reckoned: it costs about fl. 3 to produce and send each copy through the post. Not cheap, but very good value. If you receive a copy but don't really want it, please let someone on the church council know - don't waste money!



ADVANCE CHRISTMAS NEWS

SERVICES OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Twente	Dec. 18th 11.00 a.m.
Nijmegen	Dec. 18th 3.30 p.m.
Arnhem	Dec. 18th 7.00 p.m.

SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

Arnhem	Dec. 24th 6.00 p.m.
Twente	Dec. 26th 11.30 a.m.
Nijmegen	Jan. 1st

NB Special devotional service:
Midnight Magic at Twente
Dec. 24th at 11.30 p.m.

FAMILY NEWS

We have a very welcome addition to our family of the Christian church:

Verena Melissa
Josephine SEARLE

Born on 18th January 1988, and baptised 2nd October 1988.

CONGRATULATIONS to Geoffrey and Maria: your joy showed.

Continue to pray for our family the church in the East Netherlands.

BABY - TALK

IT'S REPORTED THAT one in every three babies in Moscow is baptised. Meanwhile, the state ceremony which is on offer is taken up by only 20 per cent of parents.

HELP! S.O.S.!

One of the many limitations of the Chaplain is that he is not a mind reader. Please inform him if you hear of serious illness or a very needful situation; he will conscientiously follow up all information.

'BIBLE KEPT ME SANE'—HOSTAGE

'BEING ABLE TO read the Bible kept me sane', says Roger Auque, a French hostage held for nearly a year in Lebanon before his release last year. He says most of his guards were Palestinians. 'The one who gave me a Bible did me a blessed service', he says.

FACTS & FIGURES

WORLDWIDE 100 MILLION people have no shelter. In London 8,000 families live in bed and breakfast hotels and 20,000 people sleep on the streets or in hostels.

IT IS QUITE untrue that the English people don't appreciate music. They may not understand it but they absolutely love the noise it makes.

Sir Thomas Beecham

NIJMEGEN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Some of you already know about Foreign Exchange which holds coffee mornings for 'foreigners' to the Netherlands. It provides them with a chance to meet people and help them feel less alone. The group also brings out a newsletter with all sorts of handy tips and information. They are planning to extend to everyone who is interested, and are introducing monthly get-togethers for slide shows, talks, wine-tastings, parties, and the like.

As well the lighter social side, they also tackle the more serious problems: providing help and support for those not finding it easy to adjust to living here. So, if you're looking for a little practical help, or just someone to lend an ear, get in touch!

For more details, ring any of the following numbers:

Sheila	080-568341
Katie	08894-11335
Geraldine	080-237198



HARRODS SOAK (or ALFRED'S BAZAAR)

HARRODS are famous for plastic shopping bags. They appear to sell thousands of them. I am sure, though, that Harrods could not have matched Alfred's Bazaar, which was held in the Weidam Castle stables on Saturday 24th September. Where else could you get a pair of discarded shoes, one black and one brown? Where else could you get your fortune computer-read, using a bio-vibratory technique, by gypsy Rose (by any other name) Chermond? Where else could you buy a single cracked tea cup for more than the cost of a set of bone china ones? The home-made cake stall, on the other hand, could rival any pâtisserie anywhere: some of the rock cakes had such novel names, like *Wimpey's* and *Blue Circle*. The jama, chutneys, and pickles stalls had the correct labels this year. The *Olde Englishhe Tee Shoppe* sold Indian tea, Dutch sandwiches, and Irish butter (racist? me?!). Hot Dogs (or *Wim's Worstis*) were available, and the Count now alternates between these and kippers for breakfast. A jungle of plants grew and were sold opposite a variety of new Christmas cards (1983-89). A tombola stall was staffed by an odd couple, one of whom looked like a lost golf ball (try the *Tee Shoppe -Ed.*) or a refugee from a pulpit. There was a strange contest of a London barrow boy haggling with a Dutch businessman over a second hand sandwich. Rudi and co. looked more like *Steptoe & Son* at the junk stall...

WELL DONE EVERYONE: Malcolm and his slaves saved the day from the torrential rain and squalls. The staff enjoyed it all as much as anyone else. All aims and objects were achieved.

A WORD IN SEASON

A SHABBY-LOOKING OLD man used to go into a church each day at midday for a few minutes: the caretaker was suspicious — he wasn't in there long enough to pray!

'I can't pray a long prayer', said Jim; 'but I just comes in and kneels and says, "Jesus, it's Jim", and waits a minute, and then comes away'.

Some time later, lying injured in a hospital bed, the Ward Sister wondered how it was that Jim seemed responsible for a real change of atmosphere in the ward — it was now a positive, often happy, place.

'It's my visitor', Jim explained. But he never had any visitors.

'Every day at 12 o'clock he comes and stands at the foot of my bed. I see him and he smiles and says, "Jim, it's Jesus".'

RADIO POWER

Small farmers and villagers in a remote area in Brazil now feel they can stand up to bigger and more powerful people.

Thanks to Radio Libertade, which is owned by an Anglican, church leaders can broadcast announcements calling their congregations to services.

More than that, they can gather people to discuss how to react together to issues which affect their lives.

Instead of being ignored, poor people have now found their voice.



WRITE ON

THOSE WHO can do; those who can't edit. The editors are greedily waiting for you to hand over anything of general interest. Jokes, Harvest Supper recipes, hints for the garden (moles are still a problem in Nijmegen, remember), addenda to recent sermons, and so on. Much of interest is going on: please write about it, pass on your work to us, and let everyone enjoy your interests and opinions. And if you think you're not literary genius, don't worry: according to rumour, one of the editors has an 'O'-level in English. We'll be pleased to tidy things up a bit if necessary.

You are encouraged to use pen, ink and paper in the good old-fashioned way. IBM floppy disks are rather technical but very convenient, and tablets of stone are by prior arrangement only.

Please hurry all contributions to Nettie (Arnhem), Ria (Twente), Gavin (Nijmegen), or Fred (Everywhere at once).

HARVEST in the East Netherlands Group of Chaplaincies was a happy event this year, celebrated in Arnhem on October 8th and 9th. Appropriately, Canon Don Irving came to visit us from INTERCON (the Intercontinental Church Society in London). It was appropriate because, thanks to the support of Intercon, we have had Fred and Doris Preston with us for a whole year now. So, a double celebration was in order!

Don Irving started off the festivities on the Saturday afternoon with a Bible reading and hymns in the church. Following this, the renowned Preston Punch challenged all comers to the school, and the strength of it varied from the innocuous to the decidedly varnish-like, according to your wisdom and/or courage. What was in it? No-one knows. Fred concocted it himself with about as much openness as you'd expect from a masonic meeting held at GCHQ in Cheltenham. The real mystery of the evening, though, was the food: it came in amazing amounts, and was all of an exceptionally high standard. Naturally the solution wasn't really mysterious at all - dedicated hard work from Bert Peeren and Albarine Tiemens and their helpers, organised by Beryl Faure, ensured a magnificent spread. Our gratitude goes to all of them; it was a meal to remember.

The meal was a hard act to follow, but Don Irving gave it a go, and spoke briefly about the first anniversary of the ENGC. In reply, Bob Bayliff, the ENGC secretary, thanked Fred and Doris for all they have done in their first year, and the cheers of agreement from all present resounded round the building.

And then came a note of sadness: we said our goodbyes to Clive and Carol Russell, who have left for the untamed concrete jungle which is modern-day Essex. The Sunday School sang, and presented a collage of flowers and photographs of themselves, the congregation presented its gifts of kitchenware, and Fred presented his cheek for Carol to kiss. We have lost a marvelously efficient Church secretary, and a gratifyingly willing Sunday School leader—but more than that we've been parted from two good friends. Our best wishes and prayers go out with them.

The next day saw the harvest thanksgiving service: 72 people, from all three corners of the ENGC triangle, packed into the church to give thanks, to worship, and to pray. A fitting close to happy and memorable weekend.

REAL ESTATE

IMPOSING, deceptively spacious, attractively proportioned, well built family home with many interesting character forming features - must be seen to be appreciated. This basically well maintained, comfortably appointed, exceptionally distinctive building is full of charm and unique in the country.

You can take advantage of a regular opportunity to view any Sunday and enjoy its many amenities for all ages. Also at other times by arrangement with the stewards.

The most surprising feature is that the building already belongs to you and your family. It's your local church.

Robin Campbell



STOP PRESS

The third ANT Church News will be out on 22 January. All contributions to Fred by 2 January please.

THE CHILDREN OF WAR

AMELIA, AGED 12, WATCHED her mother and father bayoneted to death by anti-government rebels; then she was shot in the head. She now lives in an orphanage traumatised by her experience and denied a normal childhood.

Amelia's story is one of many in a report by a British team who visited Mozambique. It's caused Save the Children to call for international support for the Mozambican government giving specialist help to thousands of

similarly traumatised children.

'The children have been subjected to a whole catalogue of abuse,' says Dr Pamela Zinkin from the Institute of Child Health. 'They have been the victims, witnesses or forced instigators of violence, as well as suffering hunger, disease, separation and bereavement.'

Now, she says, other countries must help to ensure these children get the best possible help, in either their own or substitute families.



Was it really FIFTY YEARS AGO?

ON THE NIGHT OF November 9, 1938, the homes of Jews throughout Germany were entered and ransacked. Jewish men, women and children were humiliated and their synagogues desecrated.

There was so much broken glass in the streets that the night was called 'Kristallnacht' (Crystal Night), the night of the broken glass.

Soon Jews were forced to carry humiliating placards as they walked in the streets and to stitch emblems on their clothing as if they were lepers.

'SOLUTION'

The events of that night led on to the Nazis' 'Final Solution', the massacre of the Jews in Belsen, Buchenwald, Auschwitz, Dachau and other concentration camps and a second world war.

Save for a few brave prophets the Christian Church in Germany was strangely quiet during these times. Prominent among the prophets was Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

On the morning after Kristallnacht he read Psalm 74 and when he came to verse 8, 'They said in their hearts, "We will crush them completely!" They burned every place where God was worshipped in the land', he wrote '9.11.38' in the margin of his Bible. He underlined verse 9, 'We are given no miraculous signs; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be'.

'FROM THE JEWS'

Not long after this Bonhoeffer wrote to his students and told them to study this Psalm as well as Romans 9.4 & 5. '...the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen.'

He went on to point out the threats in Zechariah, quoting 'he who touches the apple of mine eye' (2.8) and then added his often quoted injunction, 'only those who cry out for the Jew have the right to sing the Gregorian chants'.

Bonhoeffer was eventually arrested, stripped naked, and shot. His Christian protest lives on in his writings and stands as a warning to us all today.

AND FIFTY YEARS ON

IN FRANCE LAST Remembrance Day the Grand Rabbi and the presidents of three Christian groups — Roman Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox — issued a joint statement urging all Christians and Jews not to forget the past, notably Jewish suffering during World War II.

They said they were speaking out because of tendencies to 'make banal a crime against humanity... There is no justice and no peace if people close their eyes on hate and pain, if one distorts the truth about what happened in the past'.

COMMUNICATIONS

Which is the quickest way to spread a rumour? Telegraph? Telephone? Telegram? Telex? Or Tellagossip? Take care with this question.

THE PROUD PEACOCK

THE LONGER the strut, the louder the crow; the greater the fuss, the more preened the feathers. The bigger the chicken!

HYGIENE

and HOLY COMMUNION

IF YOU HAVE a cold or are worried about infections, simply retain the wafer and then dip it into the wine when you are offered the chalice. This tincture procedure is quite acceptable and thoughtful towards others.

REMEMBER REMEMBER

TWO OF BBC1'S SONGS of Praise programmes this month are very much about remembering. Who could forget Enniskillen, especially with all that has happened in Northern Ireland since then. The programme presented by Ian Gall on November 6 visits the small town of Enniskillen, a year after the bombing.

On November 13 Cliff Michelmore presents a special Remembrance Day edition of Songs of Praise focussing on the end of the First World War, from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

SHOUTING DOWN THE WORLD

MY NAME IS ON the flower rota for the Remembrance Day Service this year. Working with the poppies will bring back a lot of memories, of other Remembrance Services in other churches, but none will be so vivid as the service held in the British Cemetery in Bilbao, Northern Spain.

Technology has caught up with the original peaceful site for the cemetery; now the planes turn round at the back of the cemetery, prior to flying off to distant lands. International schedules take no account of services, either.

Remembrance Sunday, and we were gathered round the Cenotaph. Our vicar, a large man standing well over 6ft, began the prayers, as the London jet taxied to the end of the runway, and began to build up power prior to take off.

As the engines screamed louder and louder, so the prayer got louder and louder, until he literally outshouted the plane. Nothing was allowed to come between that man and his Lord. Has anything come between you and the Lord God lately?



Anna McLoy

QUOTES

THEY'VE SAID IT!

It is impossible for a human heart, without crosses and tribulations, to think upon God.

Martin Luther

You haven't begun to live until you have found the ability to love someone better than you love yourself.

Catherine Bramwell-Booth

CHRIST HAS NO body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which he is to look out into the needs of the world, yours the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

St Teresa

I dislike arguments of any kind. They are always vulgar - and often convincing.

Oscar Wilde

'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus',

Hebrews 12.1,2).



THE CHAPLAIN WRITES

MY LORD AND LADY BISHOPS...

THE RECENT proposals to ordain women priests into the Church of England and to consecrate a woman bishop into the American Episcopal Church could have divisive effects in the wide Anglican church. Consider some of these points:

1. That for nearly 2000 years the church has existed (but not flourished) without the ladies holding priestly office. The new proposals suggest that the previously given reasons for their exclusion were wrong or are wrong now. The theological, biblical and social justifications for an all-male preserve are dogmatic rather than exegetical or logical. One reason is Eve's part in the fall, which in itself suggests that Adam was incompetent anyway. The biblical statements about women's role on earth are not conclusive. I suggest God would not have left such an important issue so clouded if women were totally inferior to men. Whether the ladies like it or not, Genesis 3:16 certainly does explicitly subject them to men. The creation poem expresses undeniably deep and mysterious truths which cannot be ignored. We all require humility, ladies with men, and certainly men with God which would then affect all other relationships.

2. The male hierarchy has a very inflated opinion of the priesthood even where gleaned from scripture. It often forgets that priests have misrepresented the truth, and it was they who had Christ murdered! The Holy Spirit does His thing as He likes anyway, and God is big enough to defend Himself (I suspect). God is not dependant on functionaries, but messengers. An inflated view can be a neurotic dependance on status and love of power. Of course women are also subject to these human limitations.

The social and educational (but not moral and spiritual) standards of biblical times may have been a major consideration in excluding women then. But of course women are now proving themselves to be equal in many areas. The surge in feminism can be a symptom of the frustration and discontent that is in all of our hearts. There can be no doubt that there is dissatisfaction with the effect that the church is having in the world, and understandably that points to its leaders. Men generally are abdicating moral responsibilities and sensitive women are anxiously trying to fill the vacuum. But society is reflecting the moral vacuum that women are creating in their traditional fields like family and home when they clamour to be "equal". Beware, the frying pan is hotter than the fire.

4. The prejudices against women are understandable. There is nothing more pathetic than a woman who apes the man and forets qualities like charm, grace, and motherly softness. "Loud" women are a joke among men. Yet strangely, many men are becoming more effeminate either as an easier option or in the mistaken belief that it is virtuous. A bishop once said to me that he was often both a father and a mother to his flock. After thirty years of ordination, I cannot think of any role (apart from some aspects of being a military chaplain) that a woman could not perform, and many of them better than any man.

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VATICAN WORKERS

THE POPE IS, OF course, an ex-trade unionist himself; so it should come as no surprise that there's a Vatican trade union. Now he is setting up a Vatican Ministry of Labour, as part of a major shake-up in the way the 400-year-old Roman Curia is run.

The Ministry will deal with working conditions and problems of the 1,800 members of the union, and with relations between 'management' and 'labour' in the Vatican.

Industrial relations are different, however, from elsewhere. After a three hour strike earlier in the year, workers deducted three hours' money from their wages and sent it to the Pope to help the poor.

The Chaplin goes on . . .

5. Ordination merely to prove equality would, of course, be very wrong. I think per capita fewer women would be suitable for the wider ministry of the church. Ordination is a compulsion from God. If it be from God, who dares to object? Our present selection process is far from perfect and many men are found later to be stranded misfits. There can be no doubt that the church needs dynamic, strong leadership. A woman's natural make-up is so different (and *vive la difference*) from a man's that she may not be able to emerge from the mediocrity we already have. May God bless, and good luck to, any woman who can shout at the devil and is able to win souls for Christ. We already have too many mere functionaries.

Where the official synod decision will take us in this matter, I am not certain. No doubt there will be emotional reactions from bishops, priests and deacons, but what I expect is a grand muddle of thought, administration and action, what so often passes in the church as *Via Media*, as if it were calculated, or of the Holy Spirit!

*Wees!.... vurig van geest
(Be Aglow and burning
with the Spirit.....)
Rom. 12:11*



We nodigen u uit voor een inspirerende morgen met



Women's Aglow Fellowship

in: Sonsbeekpaviljoen, Zijpendaalseweg 30, Arnhem.

op: Monday morning, 28 November 1988

Spreken zal: Mrs Elisabeth Alces (USA)

van 9.30 uur tot 11.45 uur.

Inlichtingen: Tel. 085-213226

TO OVERHEAR SOME people talking about the visit they'd made to a seance or fortune teller, or the great game they had at ouija with friends, you would think it was the funniest thing this side of Disneyland.

But in the playing around with that which carries something of the demonic, the door is open and something unwelcome is likely to come in and rob us of our peace and joy.

So many are depressed and downcast, even ill, unable to sleep, due to carelessness with the doorway of their lives through fooling around with what the

THE OCCULT: NO LAUGHING MATTER

Bible repeatedly warns us against. Many to their cost have found the occult, fascinating as it is, to be no laughing matter.

I ministered to one man who had become involved with the occult - not only was he deeply disturbed, but his

five year old son was showing great signs of maladjustment.

- From 'No Laughing Matter' by Don Sparkes, a Vicar in Sheffield

Don Sparkes mentions spiritualism, fortune telling, astrology as well as black magic and witchcraft. He also mentions a number of places where the Bible warns people not to dabble in the occult: You could look up, for instance, Leviticus 19.31, Deuteronomy 18. 9-14, Isaiah 8.19 (which seems to be part of the 'darkness' mentioned in the next chapter).

IN ITS MILLENNIAL year, the Russian Orthodox Church has good reason to celebrate, writes Philip Barron.

FROM PERSECUTION TO PERESTROIKA

1,000 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN RUSSIA

Towards the end of the tenth century, according to the historian Nestor of Kiev, Grand Prince Vladimir decided to do a sort of *Which?* survey of religion. The ruler of Rus received in turn representatives of the religions of the neighbouring peoples.

Muslims, Christians ('Germans from Rome sent by the Pope') and Jews expound their beliefs and customs, without convincing the prince. Finally, it is the turn of a 'Greek philosopher' who tells him the holy story from Adam to the Last Judgement.

Vladimir sends a delegation to observe each of the religions at prayer. At Constantinople, the delegates are overwhelmed by the beauty of the liturgy. 'We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth', they were to report. 'We know only that God abides there with his people...'



Vladimir, who has gone blind in the meantime, decides to be baptised and in the process is healed. He then orders the whole population of Kiev to be baptised in the Dnieper, and commands that Christian worship be introduced in the other towns by establishing divine service and inviting the people to receive baptism.

This is a legendary account, but it has some basis in historical fact. It is no accident that the Orthodox emphasise prayer and the liturgy ('a ladder leading into heaven'). The religious centre of gravity shifted to Moscow (1325) and after the fall of Constantinople (1453) Russia was the only large,



independent Orthodox country. Moscow had become the 'third Rome'.

After the 1917 revolution, Marxists in the USSR believed that the Church would wither away. Just to make sure, Lenin seized all its assets and by 1929 worship was the only activity permitted to the Church.

The vast majority of churches were shut; most of the monasteries and all the theological academies were closed down. Countless Christians were imprisoned, deported or killed.

During the 1930s Stalin took the repression further. However, the Church loyally supported the state during World War II, and its position began to improve a little. In 1943 Stalin allowed some churches to re-open but two-thirds of these were closed again under Khrushchev (1959-64).

USSR

GLASNOST WHAT NOW?

Despite the hopeful signs, it is a fact that there were more churches open in the Soviet Union when Stalin died in 1953 than there are today. There are only three seminaries (but the number of theological students in those three is back to what it was in eight in Khrushchev's day).

The re-opening of several dozen churches in the period of millennium celebrations is unlikely to raise the number of active communities much above 8,000. There are some 6,000 priests and about 1,200 monks and nuns in 18 monasteries.

The church has recently been allowed to print Bibles again and to import more religious literature, but the extent to which restrictive laws will be modified remains to be seen.



Article 52 of the Constitution of the USSR (1977) guarantees citizens freedom of conscience. It defines this as 'the right to profess or not to profess any religion, and to conduct religious worship or atheistic propaganda'. The same article also specifies separation of the school and the Church.

HERE AND THERE...

BY THE YEAR 2000 more than half the youth of France will be Muslim, primarily of North African origin, suggests a recent report. Already Muslims outnumber Protestants and, if these estimates are fulfilled, those under 18 will in the next decade begin to outnumber the Roman Catholics of their age-group also.

CATHEDRAL

BRITAIN'S NEWEST cathedral had its dedication this Summer. It's the Roman Catholic cathedral in Middlesbrough, and the first Catholic cathedral to be opened in 15 years. Representatives invited from every parish in the diocese were at a special Mass when

Bishop Augustine Harris dedicated the fan-shaped brick building in the presence of Cardinal Basil Hume and many other northern church leaders.

MOVE?

The Methodist Church is looking very closely at the possibilities for moving its central offices, at present split over a number of sites, onto one unified site by the early 1990's. The Methodist Conference this summer asked for work to be done on this, and that the proposals be brought back to Conference next Summer for a decision.



CRICKET IN ARNHEN?

Is there cricket in Arnhem? The answer is YES!

The Cricket Club Arnhem (CCA) has been going strong since the 1930's. CCA has a senior eleven, a veteran's eleven, a ladies eleven and a junior eleven. The club has a number of players from Commonwealth countries, as well as Dutch members.

CCA offers village cricket plus typically English socializing after the match at the sports complex De Beemd, in Velp. About 17 competition matches are played each season, plus a number of friendlies. A tour is organized every year, either to Southborough, Denmark or BAOR Germany.

Membership is only \$135 a year, and it's half price for new members. A complete cricket outfit is not necessary, as each eleven has a well stocked bag.

The new season starts in April 1989 but there are facilities now for winter training. Cricket at CCA is family cricket, so fathers, mothers, sons and daughters are all welcome.

Contact: Erik Bouwmeester, Roordwegstraat 85, 6883 DJ Velp
Tel. 085 614654

CHURCH MEMBER TO minister's wife: 'Did you wake up grumpy this morning?'

Wife: 'No, I thought I'd let him sleep on.'

CAN YOU FOLLOW THIS?

From the heights of the Rhine, Holland is just below the North Sea, but definitely above Germany. Holland is famous for English words like Treat, Toffee, Uncle (i.e. English for financier or Guilder Fielder) and Yacht which is a 'Dutch Hutch as such at sea', on account of its being everywhere. The famous Dutch double talk sounds like refined Turkish gobble on account of confusion between f's and v's and th's (due to teething problems). The Neferlanders banish the Spanish, but relish the English (who keep Phillips afloat, on account of King Philip, the founder, being sunk); they also dash a Danish dish as Hollandaise. In addition they are famous for moist cheese, wet fish, high humidity, a damp climate, waterways (those of us up Waddam Castle way consider that a moot point), strong beer which is a liquid asset, and many religions that can be traced to a fluid Druid. The double 'll' in Holland can be traced to Spanish corruptions of 'Holy Land'. Why? Well, Spanish double 'll' becomes 'y' as they say it. Now that is why the Dutch are both religious and proud of Calvin who came down the Rhine from Switzerland to settle on the low lands to breed lawyers. He also fell out with the Catholic See on account of it being different from all the Orange juice already there.

Some understanding of illiteracy is required to understand this.

SAINTS TODAY

PATRON OF ENGLAND AND GOLDSMITHS

WHO'S THE PATRON saint of England? That's easy! St George, of course. But England's first patron saint was actually St. Dunstan, and this year there's been a programme of celebrations to mark the 1,000 years since his death.

These have concentrated especially in Glastonbury, where Dunstan was Abbot for 16 years. In his lifetime he was a craftsman, statesman and mystic. He was Archbishop of Canterbury for 30 years, and friend, adviser and first minister to three Kings.

Dunstan was a guiding light in receding Saxon, Viking and Celt, advising the various monarchs in the country and making it possible for England to be brought together as one nation. He devised and used the coronation service which is still the basis for the coronation service in the, now, United Kingdom.



As craftsman he was a metalworker and now the patron saint of goldsmiths. To commemorate this year Goldsmith College in South London has made a Millennium Chalice. He was also, incidentally, known for his embroidery — an early member of a notable line of embroidering bishops which reaches down to the present day!

The annual pilgrimage in June, with its colourful procession through the small town of Glastonbury was a bigger event than usual, with the present Archbishop of Canterbury dropping in by helicopter for the occasion.

The last two scheduled events of this special year appear rather different from each other: the first weekend in September sees a Flower and Music Festival in the nearby parish church of Street; the following week there are 'Seven days of Benedictine experience' based on the Abbey retreat house at Glastonbury.

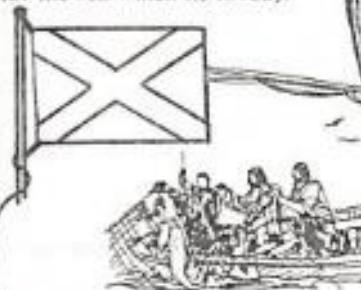
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ST ANDREW'S DAY — NOVEMBER 30TH

Andrew, the brother of Simon called Peter, was one of the twelve apostles who followed Jesus. By trade he was a fisherman, working his boat from Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. After meeting Jesus he and his brother gave up fishing to become disciples. After Jesus' death he travelled widely, going as far as Russia.

He was taken prisoner for being a Christian and condemned to death by crucifixion. Legend says that he believed he was too unworthy to die as Jesus died, so he was crucified on a diagonal cross. This type of cross is known as St Andrew's cross.

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and his cross is the Scottish flag which is a white cross on a blue background (the blue is for the sea which he loved).



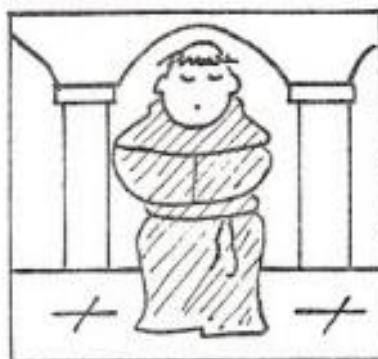
We thank you, Father, for your care for all your children everywhere. As you fed us all our days may our lives be filled with praise. For food and drink and happy days, accept our gratitude and praise; In serving others, Lord, we do express our thankfulness to you.

FIREWORK WORDSEARCH

Can you find all these things to do with Bonfire Night? The words go every way; up, down, forwards, backwards and diagonally.

V T R E C U A S G N I Y L F
O T O U C H P A P E R J C O
L F M B W H E E L A O N A U
C O A S A O C F R T R Y O N
A U N P E N K U O C M K X T
R N C A L E G S M H A H S A
E T A R K U T E A E T T C I
L N N R Y S R E R S C E U N
K I D S F I J H N S H K O S
R G L U F H C C C A E C R T
A H E N B O X R N D S O E P
P V O L C A N O L E H R P A
S B X O B N I T C T H G I N
C A T H E R I N E W H E E L

bangs, bonfire, catherine wheel, fountains, firework, fuse, guy, matches, night, rocket, roman candle, sparkler, sparks, tin, box, torch, touchpaper, volcano.



WHAT IS IT?

It costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. No-one is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

It creates happiness in the home fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some are too tired to give you one: give them one of yours, as none needs one so much as he who has none to give.

Answer: A SMILE.

Art and Craft

Roger: The handicraft teacher doesn't like what I'm making.

Owen: Oh? What are you making then?

Roger: Mistakes!

A-QUIZ

All the answers to this Bible Quiz begin with the letter A — sometimes there is a clue to where you find the answer.

1. Moses' brother
2. Was in the temple when Jesus was presented
3. The first Gentile Church
4. 5th book of the New Testament
5. A messenger from God
6. City with an altar to 'an unknown god' (Acts 17)
7. A fisherman, Peter's brother
8. Another word for disciple
9. Place of great final battle (Revelation 16)
10. Roman Emperor who ordered the census that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

Answers to A-QUIZ:
1 Aaron; 2 Anna; 3 Antioch; 4 Acts; 5 Anger; 6 Athens; 7 Andrew; 8 Apostle; 9 Armageddon; 10 Augustus.

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