

Poetry  
and  
Prose

*Something will happen*

*When life is in ruins and prayer seems in  
vain,*

*When fate deals a blow that you cannot  
explain,*

*When things look their worst*

*And no gold gilds the grey*

*Something will happen,*

*God works in this way:*

*Something will happen –*

*Invisible hands move in the silence*

*And do His commands.*

*Thus prayers are answered*

*Though dark is the day –*

*Something will happen*

*If trusting, you pray.*

*Do not lose faith, when the big moments  
come,*

*Tho, 'neath the blow you are broken and  
dumb –*

*God intervenes when the last hope is gone*

*Something will happen –*

*Be brave and hold on.*

*Anon*



**Hidden Potential**

I pick my way through  
autumn leaves  
Carpeting the street,  
As conkers with their  
prickly burrs  
Come plopping at my feet  
Dropping with a sudden  
thud  
Their shells split open  
wide,  
Revealing satin linings  
And chestnut sheen  
inside.  
Gazing at these glossy  
spheres  
Projecting what I see,  
I stoop and hold within my  
had  
Potential for a tree.  
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*The Chaplain writes*      **Ways of Seeking what God  
wants for us**

All who took part in our Away Day back in the early spring will recall that the top priority we identified for our chaplaincy was the need to seek God's will for a church's life. Prayer and fellowship were recognized as vital to this aim. We noted in particular the need to build up our prayer life in small groups (which can meet conveniently during the week where people live). Some of the good ways we identified for us to seek God's will draw on the example of the Early Church. Acts 2:42: 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread (both in the Eucharist and in family meals) and the prayers.' The first Christians met in their homes and in the temple to share with each other and to seek God's will. And so God led them in the Spirit, and they grew, in spiritual maturity and in number. What a fantastically inspiring model of church life and one that so very much differs from the sometimes disconnected and isolating way we live in modern society.

We can all rejoice and be encouraged by signs in our chaplaincy that we are trying to move closer to the Early Church's inspiring model. I am particularly delighted to witness burgeoning interest in groups and activities devoted to prayer, Bible study and spiritual growth:

Home Group Bible studies meet regularly in Apeldoorn and Winterswijk, and a new group is forming in Goor. If you'd like more details, ask the Chaplain or speak to Mariska Olaniyi (0546 451 556).

A Christian Basics course for adults is starting up in November. It will address the core questions about our faith, and is ideally suited for anyone interested in either being confirmed or received into the Anglican Church, or anyone else in need of a basic refresher on our core beliefs. The first two meetings will be on 12 November and 26 November, after church (12:30 – 14:00 – bring a sandwich!). If you are interested, contact the Chaplain.

There is an Anglican Netherlands Area Council seminar in Utrecht on Saturday 28 October on 'Christian healing ministry within the life of the local Church', led by Revd Russ Parker of the Acorn Christian Foundation. If you'd like to attend, contact Mrs Chris Los (026 364 7428) by 21 October. More details are on the notice board in the Hut.



# Twente News

## WELDAM CASTLE FAIR 2006

I am sure you all think you have heard enough about the Fair and now that it is over, can relax and forget about it until next time. I'm sorry to disappoint you but the Fundraising committee, at least, must continue to think about it and we even have an evaluation meeting shortly to sum up the good and less good things about

this year's Fair. And this, of course, is something

everyone can help with. If you have any constructive criticism or helpful suggestions please let someone on the committee know as soon as possible. The committee members are: Hans Ribbens (Chairman), Hans Siertsema, Vivian, Joyce Wigboldus, Marije, Pauline, Count Alfred, Nettie and myself, Marykay.

I think we all agree that we had a fantastic day and nearly everybody in the congregation who could, did help according to their ability. The weather could not have been better and, of course, the setting – Weldam Castle – could not be bettered and we are extremely grateful to Count Alfred and Countess Christina for letting us use their home in this way.

There is another way you can help and that is by letting us know of any amateur or even professional artists who would be prepared to perform for us next year, preferably for free or only for expenses – everybody you saw performing on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. was a personal friend or acquaintance of someone on the committee. Or if you know anyone with other skills they would like to use for the benefit of the St. Mary's, I am thinking of such things as lighting, photography, public address system, publicity design etc. etc., please encourage them and let us know.

I think our own artists deserve a word of praise, the Art Exhibition, brilliantly put together by Pauline and Louw, was very impressive. We had no idea there was so much talent around and I have even heard of a couple of artists in our midst who did not contribute. Please don't be shy, it is an opportunity to show the rest of the world that Christians can also be talented in ways other than the traditional ones of baking and jam-making, although where we would be without those, I don't know. A lot of people went away disappointed because the chutney was sold out fairly early in the proceedings. Hint!! Christmas is coming – Hint Hint!!

We must not forget to thank the stall-holders, I think they really did

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### Exercise For Seniors

Just came across this exercise suggested for seniors, to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders. It seems so easy, so I thought I'd pass it on to some of my younger friends. The article suggested doing it three days a week.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-kg. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides, and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10kg potato sacks.

Then 50kg potato sacks, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100kg potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.



### ST LUKE'S DAY 18TH OCTOBER

St Luke wrote two books in the Bible: the 3rd Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. We know quite a bit about Luke: he came from Antioch and was a doctor who travelled with St Paul on his missionary journeys, was with him in Jerusalem and shared Paul's voyage and shipwreck on the way to Rome. He is the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament.

Luke dedicated both of his books to the same Roman, Theophilis, and both were written to give an accurate account of the true facts about Jesus. Luke stressed that he had used original eye witness accounts from people who were there and can tell us what Jesus said and did. St Luke's Gospel gives us the fullest life story of Jesus. With a choice of stories that shows Luke's own warm interest in people.

The word 'Gospel' means 'the good news' and that is what Luke wanted the world to know. The good news of Jesus Christ.



### SICK AS A...

Early medicine wasn't a case of 'take 2 tablets and have a week off'. Do you know which of these were used as a cure?

1. Isiaiah told Hezekiah to put  
a) figs b) mustard c) plaster on his boil. (2 Kings 20)
2. When Saul was ill David played a) games b) music c) the fool, to soothe him. (1 Samuel 16)
3. Paul advised Timothy to ease his stomach with a) wine b) peppermints c) cucumber (1 Timothy 5)
4. The Good Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds with a) water & sand b) oil & flour c) oil & wine (Luke 10)
5. Naaman's leprosy was cured when he a) washed 5 times in milk b) washed 7 times in a river c) washed 9 times in wine (2 Kings 5)



**Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains.**

Be quiet and pull yourself together.

**Doctor, doctor, can you cure my spots?**

I never make rash promises.



Answers: 1) a cake of figs 2) played music on the lyre (a kind of harp) 3) a little wine 4) oil and wine 5) washed 7 times in the Jordan



## Social News

### VETERINARIAN MYSTERIES

An effusive client brought a litter of golden-retriever puppies to my veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. She loved them so much, she couldn't keep from remarking about their cute habits.

As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, I realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. I turned on the water tap, wet my fingers, and moistened each dog's head when I had finished.

After the fourth puppy, I noticed my hitherto talkative client had grown silent. As I sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I never realized they had to be baptized."



### Deceased

On the 21 September 2006, May ter Braak -Harding passed away. She was in her ninetieth year. A long standing member of the church, May had been unable to attend church for several years due to increasing infirmity. She continued to received communion at the nursing home on a regular basis. May ter Braak's funeral service was held in St. Mary's Chapel on 26 September. Her children, grandchildren and great-grand children, family and friends were all there to bid her one last farewell.

*Dear Lord, as I go travelling,  
Be with me on my way,  
And please if I go weary,  
Then strengthen me, I pray.  
And if my footsteps falter,  
Please keep me on the track,  
And if I loose direction,  
Please guide me safely back  
And when the time approaches  
For me to cease to roam,  
Please take my hand in yours ,Lord,  
And lead me safely home.*

### Birthdays

The 22 October is a rather special day as Maureen van der Heide celebrates her birthday on that day. Congratulations Maureen. May your smile continue to warm us all in St Mary's, especially with winter approaching.

Ben Dieduksman celebrates his birthday on the 30 October, the day before Halloween. Let us hope he gets into the spirit of the occasion and enjoys an out of this world birthday.

*Note: Please remember, if there is any event that you would like to share with your friends at St Mary's Chapel, please feel free to use this page. Contact information is on the back cover.*

us proud and they all seemed to be satisfied with the results.

On behalf of the whole committee I thank you each and everyone, including the friends and relations, for all you have done to make the Fair the success it was.

Marykay

### Remembrance Sunday 2006

#### Notice: Act of Memorial



As per last year, we will again, at this year's Remembrance Sunday service on 12 November at St Mary's, remember those who lost their lives in war. We will also, during a special Act of Memorial, remember to God by name any loved ones who have passed away (typically, though not solely, those who have died in the last year). In the weeks

leading up to Remembrance Sunday, a list will be available in the Hut for you to add the names of those whom you would like read out during the Act of Memorial in our Remembrance Sunday service. You may also send names to Sam by e-mail at ([Sam.Van.Leer@hetnet.nl](mailto:Sam.Van.Leer@hetnet.nl)) or post, but please be sure to do so before the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

### Intercessions



If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens before the Service.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks; but be careful.

### CHECKING THE MAILBOX

A man was in his front garden mowing grass when his attractive blonde female neighbour came out of the house and went straight to the mail box.

She opened it, then slammed it shut, and stormed back in the house. A little later she came out of her house and again went to the mail box and again opened it, then slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.

As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, "Is something wrong?"

To which she replied, "There certainly is! My stupid computer keeps giving me a message saying, "YOU'VE GOT MAIL!"



## A SURE BET?

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural history museum.

"I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.

To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."

A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath!'"

## HOME OWNER AND POLICE

I was going to bed the other night when my wife told me that I had left the light on in the shed. She could see from the bedroom window. As I looked for myself, I saw that there were people in the shed taking things.

I phoned the police, and they told me that no one

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## 4<sup>th</sup> October - St. Francis of Assisi



St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

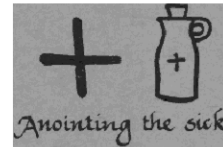
By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Samiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now

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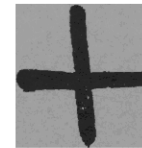


### 1. *The oil of the sick.*

In the letter to St. James (ch5v!4) we read: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders (priests) of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the Lord will raise him up." The rite of anointing the sick in mind or body, those about to undergo surgery, those nearing death, with the oil of the sick is now readily available in the Church.

This kind of anointing is itself a Sacrament and so whether physical or spiritual strength is sought, the sufferer can be confident that God will provide it in response to the prayer of faith. Requests for this Sacrament should be made to a priest, and are increasingly welcome.

### 2. *The oil of catechumens*



A 'catechumen' is somebody who is preparing to become a Christian, and so this oil is used to accompany the Rite of Baptism. Although its use is not enforced in the A.S.B., it is both allowed and is being encouraged.

When used, anointing at Baptism is a symbol which points to the gift of the Holy Spirit, which comes to the newly baptised person as it did upon Christ at His Baptism in the Jordan. In Baptism we are "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5), the Holy Spirit which is the gift of Christ to His Church.

This anointing also reminds us that at Baptism we are made part of the Royal Priesthood of the Church. (Our Kings and Queens are anointed at their coronation, as are many priests at their Ordination.)



### 3. *The Holy Chrism*

Holy Chrism is the oil used to anoint people at their Confirmation, and which is used to anoint priests at their Ordination. It is also used in the consecration of altars and Church buildings. 'Consecration' means making holy or setting apart for God's purposes. It differs from the other two oils in that it alone is not pure olive oil. A scented balsam is mixed with the oil to make the Chrism.

Yup..... I want to be a bear!

©A woman - any woman

## DRESS ALIKE

The mother of a large family was explaining why she dresses her children alike, right down to the youngest baby.

"When we had just four children, I dressed them alike so we wouldn't lose any of them."

"Now," she added, looking around at her brood of nine, "I dress them alike so we won't pick up any that don't belong to us."

## The Wedding

A little boy was in a relative's wedding.

As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd.

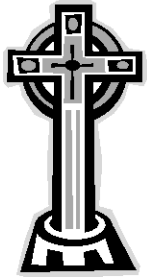
While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit.

When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

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## A BEAR

I want to be a bear.....

If you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that too.

If you're a bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you are sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

## Anointing with Oil

### Oil as a Symbol

We are all familiar with oil, in one form or another, in all aspects of our daily lives. We use

it for cooking, heating, lubricating, and in a thousand and one other ways. Without it there would be no industry, no transport, and we would have to do without many of the 'plastic' goods we take for granted.

Oil has always been the 'life-blood' of society, a fact which the Jewish people of the Old Testament were very aware of. The oil which the Jews knew, and which is still in use today, is olive oil and it is the same oil which we use in Church. For the Jews a plentiful supply of oil, along with corn and wine, was a sign of God's favour. Oil was, and still is, a sign of God's blessing because it represents all that is best in life, God's generosity to the people He loves.

### Oil in Church

We use oil in Church in two ways: we burn it in votive lamps, and we anoint people with it. In both cases its use can be traced back to the earliest times, and is recorded in the Old Testament and the New. The Christian Church adopted the use of oil from both Jewish and pagan practice very early in its history.

Although anointing with oil largely fell from favour in the Church of England for several hundred years, its importance has been rediscovered. It has been restored to its proper place in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in the Alternative Service Book (A.S.B.). Its use in the Sacrament of Unction, or Anointing of the sick and in the Ordination of Priests, is increasingly widespread.

### The Three Oils

The oils used for anointing are specially blessed for this purpose by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday, so called because one of the oils used is called 'Chrism'. There are three oils used in Church, all olive oil but named for the purpose for which they will be used. They are 1. the oil of the sick, 2. the oil of catechumens, and 3. the holy Chrism.

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5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life. Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.



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A monthly Evening for Teens has kicked off with a film and Bible study at the Van Leers on 22 September. Our next one will be on 28 October. The group usually enjoys a meal together, then watches a film or listens to a pop album and has a discussion about the issues raised. If you are or you know a teen (13+) who'd be interested, let the Chaplain know!

Finally, the Revd David Mumford (Coordinator of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and a friend who has provided pastoral support especially for Arnhem and Nijmegen in recent years) will conduct a pre-Advent Quiet Day of reflection for the Arnhem-Nijmegen chaplaincy on Saturday November 26. Twente folk are invited, too. More details coming, but note the date in advance.

Please keep these exciting developments in your own prayers. And do consider whether and how God might be prompting you to join in, as we all seek ways to grow in Him and learn more of His good will for our lives. Yours in Christ,

*Sam Van Leer*



was in the area to help at this time, but they would send someone over as soon as they were available.

I said "OK," hung up, and waited one minute, then phoned the police back.

"Hello. I just called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now 'cause I've shot them."

Within five minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an Armed Response unit, the works. Of course, they caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the officers said: "I thought you said that you shot them!"

I replied, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

### Engineers

Q: What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?

A: Mechanical Engineers build weapons, Civil Engineers build targets.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Trinity 16</b>	<hr/>	
<b>Sung Eucharist 10:30</b>	First Reading Mrs. Lee	Numbers 11: 4-6,10-16, 24-29
	Second Reading Mr. Lee	James 5: 13-end
	Gospel	Mark 9:38-50

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen</b>
<b>Trinity 19</b>	<hr/>	
<b>Sung Eucharist 10:30</b>	First Reading Mr. Siertsema	Isaiah 53: 4-end
	Second Reading Mrs. Siertsema	Hebrews 5:1-10
	Gospel	Mark 10:35-45

<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Trinity 17</b>	<hr/>	
<b>Sung Eucharist 10:30</b>	First Reading Ms Rauwerda	Genesis 2: 18-24
	Second Reading Mrs. Reinders	Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2,5-15
	Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16

<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Last after Trinity</b>	<hr/>	
<b>Sung Eucharist 10:30</b>	First Reading Mrs. Schouten	Jeremiah 31:7-9
	Second Reading Mrs. v. Sisseren	Hebrews 7: 23-end
	Gospel	Mark 10:46-52

<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Trinity 18 Harvest Festival</b>	<hr/>	
<b>All-Age Eucharist 10:30</b>	First Reading Mr. Ribbens	Joel 2:21-27
	Second Reading Mrs. Romeyn	1 Timothy 2:1-7
	Gospel	Matthew 6:25-33

<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>All Saints Sunday</b>	<hr/>	
<b>Sung Eucharist 10:30</b>	First Reading Mr. Talstra	Isaiah 25: 6-9
	Second Reading Mrs. Talstra	Revelation 21: 1-6a
	Gospel	John 11:32-44