

Poetry and Prose

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1807 -1882

This year, two hundred years ago, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

Today his poetry is still enjoyed, even if modern critics condemn it as too sentimental.

He displayed a gift for linguistics at a young age, eventually teaching Modern Languages at Harvard University.

His poetry and stories were amongst the first to recognize that the native American Indians had a story to tell. With works such as the 'Song of Hiawatha'.

Likewise, in a land divided over the issue of slavery, his idealistic poetry. Poems like 'The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere' struck a chord. In his own lifetime he received international honors for his work. He met the Royal families of Great Britain, Spain and Russia. After his death he was the first American poet to be commemorated with a sculpted bust in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey.

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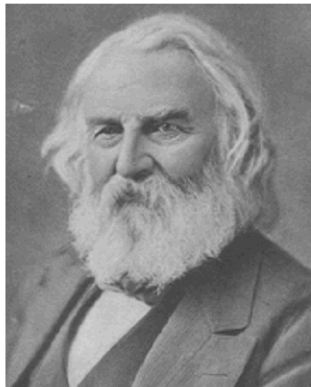
Holidays



*The holiest of all holidays are those
Kept by ourselves in silence and apart;
The secret anniversaries of the heart,
When the full river of feeling overflows;--
The happy days unclouded to their close;
The sudden joys that out of darkness start
As flames from ashes; swift desires that dart
Like swallows singing down each wind that blows!
White as the gleam of a receding sail,
White as a cloud that floats and fades in air,
White as the whitest lily on a stream,
These tender memories are;--a fairy tale
Of some enchanted land we know not where,
But lovely as a landscape in a dream.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

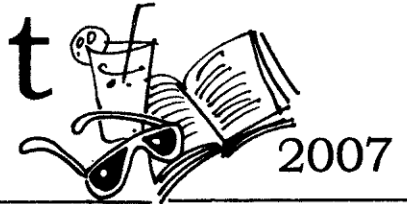
Quotations of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



*"It is difficult to know at
what moment love begins; it
is less difficult to know that
it has begun."*

*" The grave is but a covered
bridge leading from light to
light, through a brief
darkness!"*

August



The Chaplain writes

Doing the Pastoral Cycle

I'm afraid to announce that my car finally gave up on me. I suppose, after doing nearly 70,000 kilometers in the last 2 years on the job here, I shouldn't have been surprised. I now know that an LPG car, as opposed to a diesel-powered one, was not a wise choice, given the driving I do. While Coretta and I are waiting for another car we've selected to come available (one of our neighbor's in Rheden is in the used car business), I've been getting to my pastoral appointments and services by public transport and bicycle.

In truth, for the last half-year, I've been increasing my use of the trains in combination with our foldable bike, not least because it is more environmentally-friendly and sometimes even more time-efficient (Rheden to Goor by car, for instance, is only slightly quicker [50 minutes] than by train and bike [approx. an hour]). Although the trains run when they want, not necessarily when I need to be somewhere (!), I have found that reading, writing, thinking and praying aboard a well-lit, yellow NS or Syntus wagon speeding on rails through the countryside is a lot more pleasant than losing patience sitting behind a line of lorries on the A1. Besides, walking and cycling to and from train stations and people's houses keeps one fit.

So in more ways than one, I find myself back on the pastoral cycle, as it were. I use my bike, but because I don't need to attend to motorway traffic and keeping a car under control, my mind is freed to reflect on things more.

Back in theological college, the tutors in pastoral theology used to refer to one of the major methods of theological reflection on experience as 'the Pastoral Cycle.' It was invented as a bit of an antidote to purely academic theology which had become too far removed from everyday life and mission.

The basic method of the Pastoral Cycle is as follows:

You have an experience

You explore and analyze that experience (What happened? What were your feelings? What were your thoughts and ideas? What were your given tendencies to act in this or that way?)

You then reflect on the experience using the spiritual insights you have gained (from the Bible, from theological and spiritual writings and experience, etc.)

You decide on a course of action, which you then follow

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Twente News

Council News

At the council meeting held in the hut on 5 July the council discussed the following matters.

Financial News

Our treasurer, Arthur Cass, distributed a printout of the financial overview of the first and second quarter of 2007 and gave a brief explanation of the figures.

Quiz

This is a quiz for people who know everything! I found out in a hurry that I did not. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it has not been

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Mission Giving/Charity Support

The council discussed the proposed criteria for selecting partners for mission, which might include faith, service to humanity, social justice, effectiveness, partnership that would appeal to our whole Church, sustainability. The council reviewed the statements from two charities, the Young Achievers, based in Windhoek, Namibia, and the Dora Nginza Hospital, based in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. (Information on each is in the Hut.) With both of these charities, there is an association with people who regularly worship at St Mary's and they both meet the criteria for giving.

The discussion then concentrated on how much money to give to each charity. At its previous meeting, Council agreed to allocate some of the money raised at the Castle Fair directly to a charitable recipient. It was remarked that the income from the Castle Fair goes directly into the current account of the Anglican Church Twente. This is booked as income for the church funds. Any money given to charity will be given from the church funds. At the AGM, we had committed to give 3000 euros of our budgeted income to charity this year. This prior commitment makes it difficult to give a fixed percentage of Castle Fair income directly to charity, as we do not know how much will be raised at the Fair. And the 3000 Euros (about 8% of the budget income) is fixed, regardless whether the Castle Fair raises that much. Council agreed that fund raising activities are intended to help the church, but that the church in turn intends to use its income to help others in need.

A formal proposal was made to have the two charities, Young Achievers and Dora Nginza Hospital, as recipients. The motion to have both charities as recipients of our giving this year was proposed and carried. No one was opposed. The money budgeted to be given to charity for this year will be shared between the two charities the church council has chosen for us to support this year. At the Castle Fair, there will be a display on the two charities

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CHURCHISH

If you are going abroad for your holiday you learn a few foreign words and phrases to help you to understand and get along more easily. Perhaps you learn a language at school? All this helps to make it easier to understand things during your visit to a strange place.

So what about all those strange sounding words used by people who go to church? Words like chancel, liturgical, episcopal, hocktide, cantoris, litany, and so on. Are they speaking Churchish? Probably – and that's not a good idea because no one bothers to translate for visitors.

If someone talks to you in Churchish, ask for a translation. St Paul said in his letter to the Galatians: 'I would rather say 5 words that mean something than 10,000 words that people cannot understand'.

We need to make the Church easier to understand, less strange, more friendly and open.



WHAT IS...

Do you know what these Churchish words mean? Answers at the bottom of the page.

BELFRY – is it part of a church tower or a type window?

COPE – is it a piece of music or a cloak?

GARGOYLE – is it a fancy doorway or a decorative rainwater spout?

SUFFRAGAN – is it a type of bishop or a flag pole?



PEW – is it something to wear or something to sit on?

LECTERN – is it a book rest or a type of candlestick?



What's French for 'I am an Australian'?
Moi Aussi.

What happened to your German homework?
I made it into a paper plane and someone hijacked it.

What do elves learn in school?
The Elf-abet.



Answers: Belfry – part of a tower where the bells are, Cope – a cloak, Gargoyle – waterspout, Suffragan – type of bishop, Pew – seat, Lectern – a book rest.



Social News

Jesus

Jesus had no servants,
 Yet they called Him Master.
 Had no degree, Yet they called Him Teacher.
 Had no medicines, Yet they called Him Healer.
 Had no army, yet kings feared Him.
 He won no military battles.
 Yet he conquered the world.
 He committed no crime,
 Yet they crucified Him.
 He was buried in a tomb,
 Yet He lives today.
 Feel honoured to serve such a Leader who loves us.
 In the Bible, Jesus says... "If you deny me before man, I will deny you before my Father in Heaven."
Contributed by P. Birtle

Birthdays

Two birthdays slipped by the magazine editors but not past the Flower Guild. I of course refer to Count Alfred Solms who celebrated his 75th birthday at the beginning of July. A special rose bush was presented by Linda ten Berge on behalf of the

Flower Guild. The congregation then sang 'Happy Birthday' followed by 'Lang zal hij Lever'.

At the end of the month it was the Chaplains birthday. A significant birthday as Sam turned 40. No longer can we refer to him as the 'young chaplain', he is now the 'middle aged chaplain'. He too was presented with a plant by Linda ten Berge, who had chosen a house plant that thrived on abuse and black thumbed gardeners. The congregation then sang 'Happy Birthday' to Sam. Congratulations to both worthy gentlemen

In August there are three people celebrating their birthdays.

Theda Gort ten Barge's her birthday is on 1st August. A great day for a real lady to celebrate her birthday on as it was on this day in 1834 that slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire and an estimated 750,000 people were set free.

Janice Collins celebrates her birthday on the 6th August. Janice, a little star in the church shares her birthday with a constellation of other stars, such as Lucille Ball, Robert Mitchum, Frank Finley and Barbara Windsor.

Frits Warmink shares his birthday on the 17th August with Maureen O' Hara, Mae West and Indonesia. What a trio to share a birthday with, a great Irish film star, a nation achieving independence from The Netherlands and a American actress fondly remembered for a number of things not suitable for a church magazine. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all of you.



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.

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giving everyone the opportunity to learn more about their activities and goals.

Future Dates

Council Meetings: The next two council meetings will be on Wednesday, August 29th and Wednesday, November 7th.

Weldam Castle Fair: The Castle Fair will be held on Saturday, September 15th.

Proposed Pledge: Appeal Sundays – 9th and 23rd September with a special presentation.

Archdeaconry Synod: - October 4th-6th (to be confirmed)

Harvest Festival Service: October 7th

Pledge Return Sunday: October 28th

All Saints/All Souls Sunday: November 4th

Special seminar at the Old Catholic church in Den Haag:

November 10th The South African ambassador to the Netherlands will speak on "Does faith matter in politics?" It is a day when all the Anglican and Old Catholic churches in the Netherlands have a chance to come together.

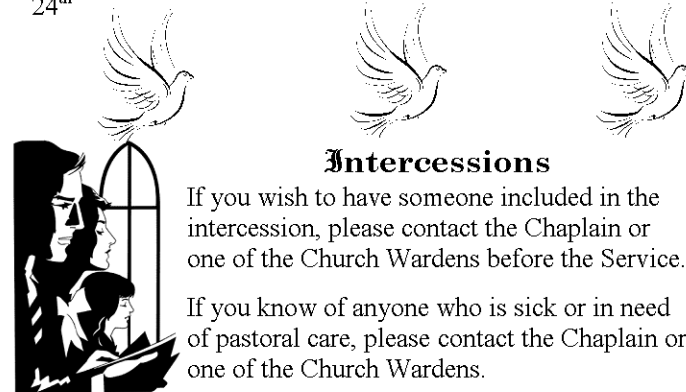
Remembrance Sunday: November 11th

ENG C Confirmation Service: November 18th, Nijmegen 17:00. There are at least six people being confirmed. The service needs to be in Nijmegen because the Bishop who will take the service will be taking a confirmation service in Utrecht on that same morning. It would be nice to get people to go down to Nijmegen. However, the service will be in the evening.

Christmas Carol Service with Christmas Market:

December 16th (to be confirmed)

Christmas Eve (Midnight) Service: Monday, December 24th



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.

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cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S."

Answers to Quiz:

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. . Boxing

2. North American landmark constantly moving backward. Niagara Falls (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)

3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. . Asparagus and rhubarb.

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4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside. . Strawberry.

5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. (The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.)

6. Three English words beginning with dw Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.

7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. . Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parentheses, braces, and ellipses.

8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold ! frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh Lettuce.

9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with "s" . Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Contributed by C.J. Lee

From: The Rectory, St. John the Faster, Waterhouses-on-Sea

On the joys of exchanging parishes for the summer

My dear Nephew Darren

You will see that I write to you this month from the Norfolk coast, where I am spending August, on an annual exchange of parishes with a clerical colleague. You may have had two weeks in July sunning yourself on an exotic beach on a Pacific island, but I am content with a bracing east wind, punctuated by heavy showers. Come the happy day when you are an incumbent and have to arrange parish exchanges as a way of getting a holiday, let me give you some advice. First, always exchange with someone who is a worse preacher than you are and whose sermons are at least twice as long; you are then sure to be welcomed back with open arms.

Secondly, since it is normally assumed that you will take care of one another's gardens during the month, make sure that the incumbent you exchange with has an insignificant plot. My colleague should now be largely occupied for most of the month mowing several acres of lawn. The only gardening I intend to do will be in the last week, so I can return with a car full of plums from his trees.

An exchange also gives one an opportunity to undertake helpful improvements in another's home. I have discovered that my colleague's library is carefully organized with books according to subject and then author. On his return he will find a new system in operation: they will be ordered according to size and colour. The poor man also naively thought I would never discover his stock of claret in the cellars; it will be much depleted on his return – although I shall naturally leave a note thanking him profusely for laying in such a splendid present for my visit.

Ministering to someone else's congregation can create another opportunity. For one month in the year, you are able to say exactly what you want. If a dear lady should be foolish enough to ask you after Mattins what you think of her hat, you can tell her with total honesty, knowing that someone else will have to pour oil the following month. Upsetting organists, choristers, vergers, flower arrangers and anyone else who happens to cross your path can be bracingly therapeutic when you do not have to face the consequences.

You may have returned from sunnier climes relaxed and tanned, but I shall arrive at September refreshed from knowing I leave behind a

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The third claim made by the Roman Church is that every Pope is in lineal succession to Peter's bishopric, known as the doctrine of Apostolic Succession.

The Roman Church teaches that there are seven True Sacraments. These are baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, penance, marriage, holy orders and last rites. Again this differs from other Christian churches, who believe that only baptism and Eucharist are truly sacraments, as ordained by the Lord for his Church. Other doctrines held by the Roman Church include Papal authority, purgatory, the adoration of Mary, prayers for the dead, the veneration of shrines, holy places and pilgrimages.

The central tenet of Roman Catholic teaching is known as transubstantiation, the doctrine that at the consecration of the elements by the priest in the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Christ. Many Roman Catholics who are not deeply committed to the teaching of their church on other matters yet maintain that this is the 'true sacrament' of holy communion. It is based on the Roman Catholic interpretation of Christ's words, 'This is my body ... my blood ..'(Matt. 26:26-28).

Many of the leading teachings of the Roman Church were authorised by Popes and Roman Councils much later in history than New Testament times. The doctrine of transubstantiation was made official Roman dogma in 1215. The teaching that the Pope is enabled by the Holy Spirit to make infallible pronouncements on matters of doctrine and faith was ratified by Vatican 1 in 1870. The Roman Church teaches that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born free from the stain of original sin. This doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception was made official teaching in 1854. The doctrine that Mary was received bodily into heaven without dying, known as the doctrine of her Assumption, was declared dogma in 1950.

The Roman Church holds with all other orthodox Christians the doctrines of the holy Trinity, the deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit. That Church also maintains the doctrines of Christ's sacrificial death for sinners on the cross, his resurrection from the dead, his Ascension into heaven and the hope of his Return.

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"He is a self-made man, and worships his creator." -- *John Bright*

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." -- *Irvin S Cobb*

"He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others." -- *Samuel Johnson*

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." -- *Paul Keating*

"He had delusions of adequacy." -- *Walter Kerr*

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" -- *Mark Twain*

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." -- *Mae West*

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." -- *Oscar Wilde*

Lady Astor once remarked to Winston Churchill at a dinner party, "Winston, if you were my husband, I would poison your coffee!"

Winston replied, "Madam if I were your husband, I would drink it!"

Contributed by C.J. Lee



Who Are They

Where did all the Christian denominations come from?

The Roman Catholic Church

The Art of a Good Insult

"He has all the virtues I dislike, and none of the vices I admire." -- *Winston Churchill*

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." -- *Clarence Darrow*

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." -- *Groucho Marx*

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." -- *Mark Twain*

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -- *Oscar Wilde*

George Bernard Shaw said to Winston Churchill: "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... if you have one." Churchill's response: "Cannot possibly attend first night; will attend second, if there is one."

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." -- *Stephen Bishop*
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The Roman Catholic Church is made up of all the churches around the world that hold full communion with the Bishop of Rome, commonly called the Pope. It represents the largest denomination in Christendom, with a world membership in excess of one billion.

Scholars and theologians in the RC Church prefer to call their Church the Catholic Church and refer to themselves as 'Catholics' or 'Catholic Christians.' The term derives from two Greek words, 'kata' meaning 'according to' and 'holos' meaning 'whole,' thus 'belonging to the whole world,' or universal. But in that sense of the word, all true Christians belong to the 'Catholic' Church, that is, the Church that professes the true faith found in the New Testament and whose disciples are found all over the world. The RC Church is a part of that worldwide fellowship, the largest part numerically, but certainly not exclusively.

The description 'Roman' refers to the Bishop of Rome and faithful 'Roman Catholics' are those who accept the authority and follow the teaching of that Bishop, currently Pope Benedict XVI. The word 'Catholic' is not found in the New Testament and the term 'Catholic Church' was coined by Ignatius, the martyr bishop of Smyrna, in about 115 AD. He wrote, 'Where the bishop appears ... there is the Catholic Church.' At that time Ignatius was one of a number of Bishops in the Church and he made no particular reference to the Bishop of Rome who was but one of the many.

The Roman Church has long made three particular claims about its origin and authority. The first of these claims is that it alone is the true and only successor of the apostle Peter, the first Bishop of Rome. This claim, however, has no sure historical foundation, for though it is possible, perhaps even likely, that Peter did go to Rome, there is no early evidence whatever that he became the first Bishop of Rome. One of the earliest references that mentions Peter being in Rome is Cement's Letter, written in AD 96. Clement says that both Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome but makes no mention that Peter was a bishop there.

The second claim made by the Roman Church is that Christ's words to Peter prove that the Christian Church was built on Peter's work and authority. 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church (Matt. 16:18,19). In this the Roman Church differs from the Protestant churches, who find that the passage reads more naturally if it is understood that Christ said he would build his church on the confession of his Messiahship that Peter had just made. In Ephesians Paul says that the household of God is built 'on the foundation of the apostles and prophets' (Eph. 2:20).

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trail of devastation and chaos, which will ensure that my host will also be welcomed back by a relieved congregation. Remember the golden rule of parishioners: every new incumbent is worse than his predecessor.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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Once you do take action, you then have a fresh experience on which to reflect, so the whole process can then be repeated (hence the 'cycle'), hopefully such that you learn and grow in wisdom as you go.

The point of the Pastoral Cycle in particular, and the purpose of practical or pastoral theology in general, is twofold – to encourage us to be *more reflective* about what we do and, not only that, but to be *more spiritual* about what we do.

It is indeed my own experience (and perhaps yours, too) that even in churches we are often too driven by worldly and pragmatic issues when we decide and do things. Rather than making key decisions and taking courses of action that reflect the values of society, we, as followers of Christ, are called to 'set our minds on things that are above' as Paul encourages us to do in Colossians 3:2. That usually means we need to pause, pray and reflect before we launch something. By doing so, and by taking the time to do so, we will stand a far better chance of discerning our Lord's will for a given situation and acting accordingly.

I can commend using the Pastoral Cycle as a way 'to think Christianly' as one recent seminar I attended called it – whether you happen to do theological reflection about your life, work and relationships best when you are on two wheels or on two knees. Make use of God's gifts to us in our experiences, in Scripture, in spiritual writings, and in conversations with people of faith, to understand the best path to follow.

Every blessing,
Sam

PS: If you'd like to know more about the 'Pastoral Cycle' and how it works for daily spiritual life, let me know. I'd be happy to share materials and any small wisdom on it that I may have.



Date of birth?

Stationed in Okinawa, Japan, a young man and his wife were expecting their first baby. His mother back in England was elated when the call came through with news of the birth. She scribbled down all the statistics, and turned to relate it all her co-workers in her office. "I'm a grandmother!" she declared. "It's a baby girl, and she weighs five pounds."

"When was she born?" someone asked. Recalling the date her son had told her, she stopped, looked at the calendar, and said in amazement, "Tomorrow!"



Cow

A city girl who was visiting the country was watching a cow chewing her cud. "Pretty fine cow, that," said the farmer, passing by. "Yes," said the girl. "But doesn't it cost a lot to keep her in chewing gum?"



Politically Correct

In this political correct world, here is some help in understanding what the teacher is trying to tell you.

1. "Charles has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates," really means, "He was caught cheating on a test."
2. "Martha is an endless fund of energy and viability," really means, "The hyperactive monster can't stay seated for five minutes."
3. "Richard has fantastic imagination with an unmatched in his capacity for blending fact with fiction," really means, "He's definitely one of the biggest liars I have ever met."
4. "David exhibits a casual, relaxed attitude to school, indicating that high expectations don't intimidate him," really means, "The lazy thing hasn't done one assignment all quarter."
5. "Fred's athletic ability is marvellous, he has superior hand-eye coordination," really means, "The little creep stung me with a rubber band from 5 meters away."

Branded anything but Unique

At the age of three, Timberland is too young to be embarrassed about being named after a bestselling brand of footwear, but his mother cringes. "His daddy insisted on it because Timberlands were the pride of his wardrobe. The alternative was Reebok," said the 32-year-old nurse, who is now divorced. "I wanted Kevin."

The boy is not alone: five other Americans were named Timberland in 2000, according to social security records. A trend for naming children after favourite possessions is accelerating in brand-driven America. The records show that in 2000, 49 children were named Canon, followed by 11 Bentleys, 5 Jaguars and a Xerox. There is also Gouda and a Bologna, who are named after the cheese and the sausage rather than the places.

Foreign brands are regarded as increasingly chic: Chanel is popular among doting mothers, and several boys have been named after a Japanese family car called Camry. Companies are ambivalent about the honour. "It all depends on how the kids turn out, and who can predict that?" said Richard Laermer, who once represented a New York couple offering to name their child after a top brand for \$US500,000

The number of American parents spurning traditional first names is rising sharply. According to the most recent census, at least 10,000 different names are now in use, two-thirds of which were largely unknown before World War II. Edward Callary, a past president of the American Names Society, said a determination to be different was the hallmark of the current generation of young parents: "The more we feel defined by numbers, in our postal codes and bank statements, the more we need to shout out a unique name into the world. The 2000 social security records reveal that 24 children were named Unique.

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Our Minister Says: "Happiness is like jam: you can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."



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Calling all musicians

During the last few weeks I have spoken to several members of our congregation about starting a singing group. I would envisage that this group would get to church by 10 o'clock on a Sunday and that we will sing some simple songs/ hymns (some new, some familiar) for about 15 to 20 minutes as people come into church, and before the pre-service organ music begins.

People I have already spoken to were enthusiastic about the idea, but it would be good to have a reasonable group of willing singers (male and female!!) and people to accompany them. There is no pressure of having to come every week. We would likely want to practice music that would feature in services, but the repertoire would also be open to the group's suggestions.

Singing at special services would be good too and we could possibly do some simple part – singing as well. There are lots of possibilities. Please give some prayerful thought as to whether you would like to join.

If you are interested please speak to me.

Nettie van Sisseren. Contact info 055 3559995

Challenging The Lord's Prayer

I cannot say Our if I live only for myself.

I cannot say Father if I do not endeavour each day to act like His child.

I cannot say Who Art In Heaven if I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say Hallowed Be Thy Name if I am not striving for holiness.

I cannot say Thy Kingdom Come if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful event.

I cannot say Thy Will Be Done if I am disobedient to His word.

I cannot say On Earth As It Is In Heaven if I will not serve Him here and now.

I cannot say Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread if I am dishonest or seeking things by subterfuge.

I cannot say Forgive Us Our Trespasses if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say Lead Us Not Into Temptation if I deliberately place myself in its path.

I cannot say Deliver Us From Evil if I do not put on the whole armour of God.

I cannot say Thine Is The Kingdom if I do not give the King the loyalty due him from a faithful subject.

I cannot say The Power if I fear what others may do.

I cannot say The Glory if I am seeking honour only for myself.

I cannot say Forever if the horizon of my life is bounded by the things of today.

6. "Nick thrives on interaction with his peers," really means, "Your son needs to stop socializing and start working."

7. "Nicole's greatest asset is her demonstrative public discussions," really means, "She's a classroom lawyer -- why is it that every time I explain an assignment she creates a class argument."

8. "John enjoys the thrill of engaging challenges with his peers," really means, "He's a bully."

9. "Billy is an adventurous nature lover who rarely misses opportunities to explore new territory," really means, "Your son was caught skipping school at the swimming pond."

10. "I am amazed at Mary's tenacity in retaining her youthful personality," really means, "She's so immature that I can hardly stand it!"

11. "Unlike some students who hide their emotions, Charlie is very expressive and open," really means, "He must have written the Whiner's Guide."

12. "Jessica's exuberant verbosity is awesome!" really means, "She has a mouth that never stops yakking."

Contributed by C.J. Lee

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7th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Harvest Festival Service	First Reading	Lamentations 1.1-6
	Second Reading	2 Timothy 1.1-14
10:30am	Gospel	Luke 17.5-10

14th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7
	Second Reading	2 Timothy 2.8-15
10:30 am	Gospel	Luke 17.11-19

21st October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Jeremiah 31.27-34
	Second Reading	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5
10:30am	Gospel	Luke 18.1-8

5th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Joy Romeijn
Ninth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Hosea 11:1-11
	Mrs v.Houten-Hettinga	
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-11
	Mr v Houten-Hettinga	
	Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

12th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Marykay Schouten
Tenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
	Mrs te West	
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
	Gospel	Luke 12:32-40

19th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Nettie van Sisseren
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7
	Mr Lee	
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
	Mrs Lee	
	Gospel	Luke 12:49-56

26th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr Siertsema	Jeremiah 1:4-10
	Second Reading Mrs Siertsema	Hebrews 12:18-end
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 13:10-17

16th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28
	Second Reading	1 Timothy 1.12–17
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 15.1–10

2nd September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs v.Sisseren	Jeremiah 2:4-13
	Second Reading Ms. Yallop	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

23rd September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Jeremiah 8.18—9.1
	Second Reading	1 Timothy 2.1–7
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 16.1–13

9th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Pledge Appeal Sunday)	First Reading	Jeremiah 18:1-11
	Second Reading	Philemon 1-21
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

30th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Jeremiah 32.1–3a, 6–15
	Second Reading	1 Timothy 6.6–19
10:30 am Sung Eucharist ?	Gospel	Luke 16.19–end