

## Poetry and Prose

**Edgar Albert Guest**

1881 - 1959

Edgar Guest, known as Eddy to friends and family, was born in Birmingham, England. In 1891 he emigrated with his family to the United States of America. In 1902 he naturalized as an American citizen.

Edgar began his working career as a copy boy with the *Detroit Free Press* and then a reporter. His first poem appeared in 1898. He continued to work with the Free Press for the next 60 years. With their consent his 'poem a day' went into syndication, appearing in 250 newspapers.

His output, of a poem a day in print for over thirty years, reached a wide audience. There was a wide appreciation for the folksy sentimental verse by the man who regarded himself as a newspaper man first and the a poet. In 1952 he was made Michigan's Poet Laureate, the only person to be given that title.

### *Be a Friend*

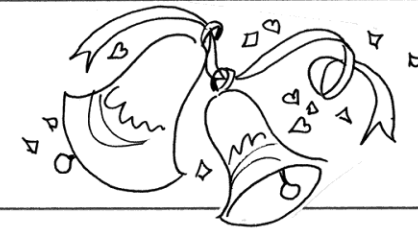
*Be a friend. You don't need money;  
Just a disposition sunny;  
Just the wish to help another  
Get along some way or other;  
Just a kindly hand extended  
Out to one who's unbefriended;  
Just the will to give or lend,  
This will make you someone's friend.*

*Be a friend. You don't need glory.  
Friendship is a simple story.  
Pass by trifling errors blindly,  
Gaze on honest effort kindly,  
Cheer the youth who's bravely trying,  
Pity him who's sadly sighing;  
Just a little labour spend  
On the duties of a friend.*

*Be a friend. The pay is bigger  
(Though not written by a figure)  
Than is earned by people clever  
In what's merely self-endeavour.  
You'll have friends instead of neighbours  
For the profits of your labours;  
You'll be richer in the end  
Than a prince, if you're a friend.*

*Edgar Guest*

# June



2008

## *The Chaplain writes*

### **Healing Ministry**

A few short sentences at the end of one of the lesser-known epistles (James) say much: '5: <sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray... <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.'

Many of us in the chaplaincies have been interested in the question of healing, and in particular how we might begin to develop our ministry of healing here in the Anglican Churches in the East Netherlands. Those of us who attended two seminars in Utrecht these last years came away with new insight and inspiration on healing and our collective calling to get involved with it. In particular, the words of the Revd Dr Russ Parker in late 2006 remain with me: 'The church gets involved with healing because the Lord commissions us to it.'

We are all familiar with the many miracle stories of Jesus healing people throughout the Gospels. Most of his miracles were healings. But on numerous occasions, Jesus tells his disciples to heal others. See Luke 9, paralleled in Matthew and Mark: '<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.' And later, when the mission was growing even more, Jesus '10: <sup>1b</sup>appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go,' saying, among other things, '<sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, ... <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Jesus' ministry was devoted to healing, not just in the physical sense, of course, but also in the spiritual, psychological and social senses (forgiveness and reconciliation), as well as in the ultimate sense of healing the rift between us and God. Jesus' ministry shows us that God rates healing as one of his highest priorities, one in which we share as His Church.

It is important not to have too restricted a definition of healing. The Old Testament and New are full of varied, illustrative examples of how healing works, so we should be wary of our own tendency to confine God's healing work to our own experiences or understandings. In the Bible, healing appears to be:  
Often a journey, not just an event  
Often a walk in newness of life  
Often relational – involving individuals, also those around them and even the environment  
Usually inclusive of pastoral and spiritual as well as medical resources (e.g. note the advised use of oils in James 5)

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# Twente News

## Summary of the Council Meeting 20 May 2008

### ICS connection

An item of discussion at the AGM was the link between the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS) and the Twente Chaplaincy. The question debated was, 'should Twente keep the link with the ICS?' Following the discussion,

the vote taken on keeping the link delivered a clear majority. However, if the link also included patronage, the majority decreased. The council agreed to discuss this issue at the 20 May meeting.

At the council meeting, a point raised during the discussion was that it was important to uphold the independency of Twente. In that sense, the word patronage is not the correct term to use, but rather the terms 'underwriting' and 'nomination rights' to cover what the ICS link involves. In return for linkage, the ICS will underwrite the chaplain's stipend if a major financial crisis should occur in the chaplaincy. The ICS link also gives the society nomination rights. That is, they have a representative on the interview panel selecting a new chaplain.

The chaplaincy council does however prepare a chaplaincy profile. This document details, as an example, the area in which the chaplain would work, the make-up of the congregation, or congregations, and the type of person sought. The purpose of the profile is to give prospective candidates an idea of the chaplaincy they may be coming to. If they do not like it, they will probably not apply for the post.

If anyone has any objections to the link with the ICS, they can contact a council member and discuss the matter with them.

### Council Personnel Matters

When the new council met, the council needed to appoint people to fill several positions.

Blair Charles accepted the Vice-Chairperson position, to run the council meeting if the Chaplain could not attend.

Arthur Cass accepted nomination to the Treasurer position for another year.

The outgoing warden, Caroline Siertsema accepted appointment as the Representative for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

### BBQ RULES for 2008

We are about to enter the summer and BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity, as it's the only type of cooking a 'real' man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

(1) The woman buys the food.

(2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.

(3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - drink in hand.

Here comes the important part:

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## MIDSUMMER DAY

24<sup>th</sup> June

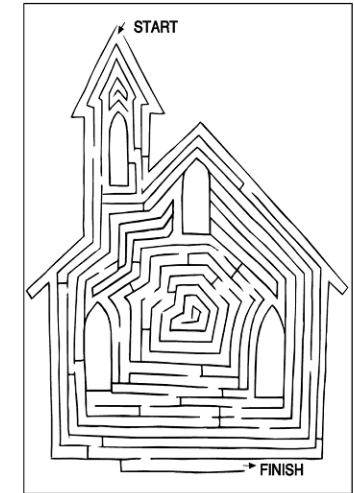
The idea of celebrating at mid-summer goes back a long time. In the early days of the Christian Church many of the old pagan festivals were Christianised – so that the mid-winter festival was used to celebrate the birth of Jesus and became Christmas. According to the Bible, John the Baptist (so called because he baptised Jesus) was 6 months older than Jesus so it was decided that the 24<sup>th</sup> June should be the festival of John the Baptist. This is very unusual because he is the only saint whose birth is celebrated; usually we remember the day that saints die.

John's parents were Zachariah and Elizabeth (who was related to Mary, the mother of Jesus). Perhaps we remember John's birth because of the special way that it happened. You can read about it in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 1.



## FROM THE TOP

Starting at the top of the steeple, can you find your way out?



### Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.

### QUICK BIT

If you would like to have your initials on a growing plant or tree, without damaging it at all, just cut your initials out of black paper and stick them on a flat leaf of a growing plant. In the autumn, remove the paper (your may have to soak it first) and the letters will appear where the leaf was masked from the sun!

**Wardens' Birthday Honours List**

In the glorious month of June we have three birthdays of ladies who either are, or who have been, wardens. Nettie van Sisseren on the 14th, Marykay on the 18th and Caroline on the 21 June. Happy Birthday to all three of you and thank you all for the work you have all done over the years for St Mary's.

**Always a bridesmaid**

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

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

**The Hereafter**

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, of course sir," the new employee replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on.

"After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

**Unusual Transfer**

After the service a young couple talked to me about joining the church. I hadn't met the husband before, and I asked what church he was transferring from. After a short hesitation, he replied, "I am transferring from the Municipal Golf Course."



Just a subtle reminder that the 15 June is Father's Day, so hearty congratulations to all the Dads and Granddads in the congregation.

In most of the western world it is of course a secular holiday to celebrate fatherhood and male parenting. There are however different traditions and customs around the world.

Our next door neighbour, Germany does not celebrate Father's Day in the same way. They have much older traditions and different days. In many regions, Männertag, men's or gentlemen's day is celebrated on Ascension Day.

In the Roman Catholic tradition Father's Day is celebrated on 19 March, the feast day of St Joseph.

In Thailand, Father's Day falls on the king's Birthday. King Bhumibol was born on the 5 December so the Thais celebrate fatherhood on that day.

Have a thought too for the many fathers who are serving in the armed forces of their countries far away from home in places such as Iraq and Afghanistan. There are also those fathers, who are working on disaster relief in places like Burma and China.

*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.*

**Other Dates**

7 June and 6 September	ENG C Choir Days at De Welle, Markelo
14 June	EO Youth Day
29 June	Healing ministry offered during Sunday service
13 September	Weldam Castle Fair
21 September	proposed joint service Eusebiuskerk, Arnhem featuring the ENG C Choir

**Correction**

In the April magazine, an item in the Council Summary on the sale of the chaplain's house was wrong. The correct information is as follows: 'The ENG C and the Nellie Zeper Stichting disagreed over whether the house-for-duty option was financially feasible. The ENG C did however accept the Nellie Zeper's decision, as principal owners of the property, to sell the house as the first option, short-term rental, had not worked out.'

**Connection with St Andrew's Church, Norwich**

Many of the newer members of the congregation may not be aware of this connection. I send several copies of each issue of St. Mary's magazine to Norwich. On page 8, you can all read a letter from some of our Norwich readers of the church magazine. I would like to thank Norma Roll for taking the time to write.

In these days of fuel shortages and carbon footprints, instead of flying of to holiday in exotic parts of the world, maybe we should think of visiting one another. In the future, can we look forward to news items or articles from St Andrews in the magazine as well as the opportunity to welcome visitors from St Andrews to a service here?



**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.

(4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine...

(5) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.

(6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another drink while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

(7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine...

(8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.

(9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

(10) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking abilities and effort.

(11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off"

And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction,,,,,, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women...

*Contributed by C. Lee*

## Sleep under the Word of God

Does your child sleep under a Spiderman duvet cover? Now he or she can sleep under the Scriptures. A new company, TruthFabric, has started making Christian bedding with words of scripture on it.

"Every child should be able to have a duvet on their bed which reminds them God is real and that they are loved by God," says the founders of TruthFabric. The Christian bedding products are ethically produced in India. Some of the profits go to an orphanage in India, and a drug rehabilitation project and a nursing home in the UK.

For more details:  
[www.truthfabric.com](http://www.truthfabric.com)



## Why you can find your way, but your partner gets lost...

Next time your loved one drives you crazy by not knowing where on earth he/she is, never mind where he/she is going, try and be patient. For scientists have discovered that some people really do get lost quicker than others.

Neurologists at University College London have found that two key parts of the

## The Faces Behind the Prayers

We often hear the names of people in our Prayers of Intercession – names of people we don't know. I personally have asked that prayers be said for two people in particular. The names of these two people are SUE FLAY and ELVA HARPER. I would like to tell you a little about these two women.



They happen to be very good friends of mine. They both live in Western Australia – the place where I come from. I met both Elva and Sue at the University where I worked for 20 years. Sue was a secretary and Elva a postgraduate student.

Just recently they have both become very sick. Sue was hit by a car last year whilst out walking with her husband and her dog. The car dragged her along the road and she ended up in a coma and it was really touch and go for a long time. Sue has always had a deep faith in God and is a very loving and caring person.

As a result of the accident Sue has suffered brain damage but I know deep in my heart that she will make a remarkable recovery and will go on to inspire people especially those who have suffered similarly to her. When I told her of the prayers of our congregation she was touched. I know our prayers help!

My other friend Elva had a brain tumour diagnosed about a year ago. She had surgery and chemotherapy and of course lost all her hair ... and what beautiful hair, falling to her waist and flowing just as her beautiful and free spirit. Fourteen days after her operation she married a wonderful man (I recently met him in Perth) and the past year they have been living their life with much happiness. Whilst in Perth she told me the news that she had just been diagnosed with another brain tumour and it did not look good. Whilst visiting her, Elva and I shared a moment of true spiritual union ... I will hold it fast in my memory and feel very grateful. I don't know what will happen but know God is taking care. She too is grateful for the prayers of St. Mary's in Holland; and I know our prayers help her as well.

Now when you hear the names of SUE FLAY and ELVA HARPER you will know who these two wonderful women are, two more children of God and I am very grateful to be amongst a congregation such as ours who include many of our friends and family.

Thank you all.

Pauline Talstra

Those of us with ancient churches are resigned to receiving telephone calls from people living in remote corners of the globe who happen to be on holiday in England and want to trace long-lost relatives who were married or buried in our parishes. They invariably seem amazed when they find you are not personally familiar with someone who died 400 years ago, what family still exists, where they live and what interesting anecdotes you know about their ancestors - preferably something criminal. Any attempts to put them

off will be deflected by being told that they fly home tomorrow and since they are booked at a show in London that evening, could they come round early afternoon?

Once inside the church, they will expect a conducted tour. I have a competition with myself to see how outrageous I can make our history, yet still be believed. One family now thinks that the conical tomb in the churchyard is the last visible tip of the spire of the famous cathedral which once stood on this spot but sank into the ground when cursed by a bride who was jilted at its altar.

A second couple now know that a locked safe contains a set of pagan gods which were worshipped by an obscure sect in the parish during the time of the Tudor monarchs. They were removed by the incumbent of the day and locked away. Only the Rector is allowed a key and is only permitted to look inside at the contents on the day he leaves office, as the sight is too terrible.

Yet another are convinced that several dozen mediaeval gold chalices are buried in the rectory garden, where they were hidden from Cromwell's soldiers and their exact location has been forgotten (I told that story when I was looking for volunteers to dig over the rose beds).

Should they get as far as the vestry to inspect the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, you know that the afternoon is lost. It can occasionally hasten their departure by casually telling them to ignore the mice which will be running round the floor - although hardened visitors are likely to set up their tripods to catch them on film.

The ultimate deterrent is to suggest they stay to Evensong which I am about to say. That is guaranteed to remind them that they have an urgent appointment back at their hotel.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

answered, "It used to take her 20 minutes to fix my breakfast. Now I get my own in seven minutes."

## New Wine for Seniors

California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as

PINOT MORE

I heard it through the grapevine!

*(Contributed by J. Charles)*

## Seen on Church bulletin boards

"Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives."

"God so loved the world that He did NOT send a committee."

"How will you spend eternity? Smoking or Non-smoking?"

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world!"

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

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**How to make your wife more efficient**

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

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

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

"Actually, yes," the expert

Greetings from St Andrews Church in Norwich England our Church has changed since we last wrote to you, but we still appreciate your magazine and find it very interesting. We are now have an Evangelical Church Service at 9:30am in the morning where young families attend and our own Traditional Service at 11am for us with a small congregation and choir.

I am a member of the Trefoil Guild and we enjoy an evening at our home singing once a month. We have some very good singers so we manage to learn some new songs and have enjoyable time.

While having some light refreshments we read your magazine and enjoy your super jokes so keep up the good work

Greetings to you all

N. Roll  
St Andrews Church Norwich England.



**St James the Least of All**

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace' On church tourists and outrageous lies*

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear of the dawn call by the police because your church had been broken into, although the theft of tambourines, overhead projector acetates of choruses and banners proclaiming "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam" are likely to have a limited market. But you are fortunate that those are the only unexpected call-outs you receive.

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Usually involving the risk of faith in God More serious, in many ways, than life and death (healing and wholeness being, in some sense, bigger than mortality itself)

Because the call for the church to be involved in healing is so central and because so many in our chaplaincies have expressed a desire for us to enlarge our ministry of healing (beyond the praying and pastoral visiting we already do), I felt that now is the time to offer a form of a healing ministry during worship, on occasion. So we shall offer it on 29 June.

In keeping with St James' advice, this ministry will involve the entire church that Sunday, and not just the clergy. But the level of involvement will be entirely voluntary, except that all of us will be encouraged to pray. How I propose it work: Those who wish to receive the ministry of laying on of hands for healing – whether for themselves, or on behalf of another person who cannot be present – will, after the distribution of communion, be invited to come forward to the chancel area. Others will be invited to come up to support them, at least one attending each person receiving the ministry. Everyone else will be asked to pray where they are. Those receiving the ministry will not be asked what it is that needs healing. Our main function in the service is to facilitate God's own work of healing for them. But, should those receiving the ministry desire to pray with someone further about whatever there need might be, a prayer ministry will be available after the service.

This form of healing ministry in worship is but a partial witness to the healing that our church can be involved in, and it is by no means a substitute for the prayer and visiting that many are engaged in. But it is a small and faithful approach that has been adopted in other Anglican churches and which I thought right to adapt to our use to enhance our healing ministry. If it is well-received (as it has been elsewhere) then we can continue to offer it at other services in the year (perhaps quarterly, or as requested).

God works healing in all sorts of wondrous ways, sometimes subtly and quietly, sometimes spectacularly, but it is always best to leave to Him how He chooses to heal. A basic prayer for healing is 'May Jesus Christ bring his healing to your (or my) need, now.' This is a prayer that leaves the nature of healing to the Lord, but nonetheless expresses a faithful expectation that the Lord does heal in some way. James says, *"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."* It is my hope we will pray for each other, and that through this ministry, we may experience even more of God's healing and wholeness.

Yours in Christ,  
Sam



brain work together to help each of us to plan and follow routes in, say, a familiar city. One part of your brain, the hippocampus, stores memories about key locations and landmarks. Another part of your brain, the grid cells, provide your internal sense of space and distance, rather like a GPS system.

In order to find your way about, remember routes and plan new ones, your hippocampus needs to 'talk' with your grid cells. When this happens, you can whiz around a city. When it doesn't happen, you end up wandering about, totally disoriented.

In other words, you get lost.

**A record?**

A champion athlete in bed with a cold was told that he had a high temperature. "How high is it?" he asked the attending physician. "A hundred and one." "What's the world record?"

**Manners**

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

<b>1st June</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Caroline Siertsema</b>
	First Reading Joy Romeijn	Deut 11:18-21, 26-28
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Marykay Schouten	Romans 1:16,17 & 3:22b-28
	Gospel	Matthew 7:21-29

<b>22nd June</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Philippa te West</b>
	First Reading Philippa te West	Jeremiah 20:7-13
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Simone Yallop	Romans 6:1b-11
	Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39

<b>8th June</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Nettie van Sisseren</b>
	First Reading Caroline Siertsema	Hosea 5:15-6:6
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Hans Siertsema	Romans 4:13-25
	Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

<b>29th June</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp;</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Sts Peter and Paul</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	First Reading Linda ten Berge	Acts 12:1-11
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Arthur Cass	2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
	Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19

<b>15th June</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Pauline Talstra</b>
	First Reading Louw Talstra	Exodus 19:2-8a
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Pauline Talstra	Romans 5:1-8
	Gospel	Matthew 9:35-10:8

<b>6th July</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	First Reading Blair Charles*	Zechariah 9:9-12
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Janice Collins	Romans 7:15-25a
	Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30