

Poetry and



1918 to 2008

There will be peace:

There will be peace:
when attitudes change;
when self-interest is seen
as part of common
interest;
when old wrongs, old
scores, old mistakes
are deleted from the
account;
when the aim becomes
cooperation and mutual
benefit rather than
revenge or seizing
maximum personal or
group gain;
when justice and equality
before the law become
the basis of government;
when basic freedoms
exist;
when leaders - political,
religious, educational -
and the police and media
wholeheartedly embrace
the concepts of justice,
equality, freedom,
tolerance, and
reconciliation as a basis
for renewal;
when parents teach their
children new ways to
think about people.
There will be peace:
when enemies become
fellow human beings.

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Remembrance Day

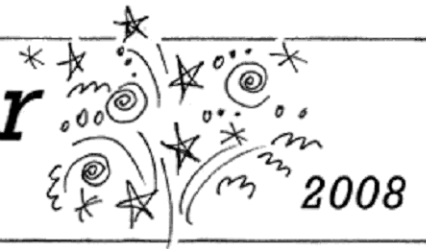
*It is a cold day, it is a wet day.
Rain splatters the windows with tears.
Leaves swirl, and a carpet of Autumn colours
Fall on the sodden soil.
The Town Clock strikes eleven
And, silence falls on a Nation*

*Thoughts are kept to oneself.
Mine drifts back to cemeteries,
Ypres and Anzac Cove.
Light-hearted holidays, suddenly
Tinged with sadness,
As I carefully picked my way
Along the rows and rows of military graves.
Every one had a story to tell.
Every one a loved one lost.*

*Families torn apart,
Loving words inscribed.
And yet, the heartache goes on.
Somewhere in the World to-day,
There is fighting.
For what? For injustice, freedom, Religious beliefs?
Listen, listen to the falling rain,
Crying, weeping.
Red poppies fall again.
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November



The Chaplain writes

In the last weeks, the news has been dominated by the global financial crisis that has seemed to undermine confidence in and trust between banks. I am certainly no trained economist, and also do not own lots of stock, but I recognize that what is happening looks like it will gradually affect life for those not directly involved or responsible. In these events, we can again see the interdependence of our world. It used to be said about the world economy that 'when America sneezes, the world catches a cold'. This is clearly still true, but it can now also be said of any significant player (Europe, China, Russia, India) in the world market. And sadly, crises among the major players and big financiers trickle down to affect the most vulnerable in every society. I read recently that, owing to the credit crisis, global giving by wealthier countries might be reduced, and as a result, the food shortages in Africa and Asia might be aggravated. This while some of the bankers whose decisions contributed to the malaise still want their multi-million euro bonuses. Recently, the Dutch Minister of Finance announced he'd like to insist that, when taking on a new post, bankers take an oath swearing that they will look after the common interests of society. Not a bad thought, to bring home to those with influence, that their stewardship of the economy is a crucial matter of public trust for this and future generations. One can only hope that it would actually work.

Christ preached more on the problems and temptations of money than on virtually any other subject, and at times like these we are reminded why. Because, whether we are rich or poor, money exercises an attraction to us often greater than for the common good of humanity or for the love of God. Money is something we think we can control (especially if we are blessed with enough of it at a given time), but we now realize (anew) just how 'virtual' and fickle it can be. Sure, we must live in a material world, and money is part of our everyday transactions. But whether we have much or little, Jesus encourages us not to become so obsessed with money that we put more faith in it than in our God.

The Church of England's website (<http://www.cofe.anglican.org>) has recently posted prayers and advice for ordinary people struggling with the current crisis. The international media has reported that the site has attracted a record number of 'hits' (readings). I do not know whether this signals a shift of emphasis from trusting the material to having faith in the spiritual, but I am pleased our church is trying to offer support, in both practical and prayerful ways.

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Operatie Schoendoos

Operatie Schoendoos (Operation Shoebox) is an international programme that delivers shoeboxes containing much-needed school supplies, toiletries and toys to disadvantaged children around the world at Christmas time each year. Sometimes this is the only gift these children have ever received.

Previously, we have had such positive feedback, not only about the Appeal itself but also how much fun people had in doing it - it is amazing how much a shoebox holds! The Arnhem/Nijmegen Anglican Church Community contributed over 150 boxes last year, which were distributed to children in Tanzania, Moldova and India.

If you would like to help this year's Appeal, please choose the sex and age of the child you would like to help, for example, a boy or girl aged 2-4 yrs/5-9 yrs/10-14 yrs and start collecting shoeboxes. Decorate your box (es) with Christmas wrapping paper or similar and fill them full of goodies for the kids – school supplies, (eg. exercise books, pencils, pens, sharpeners) toiletries (e.g. soap, toothbrush/paste, shampoo etc) or small toys (small doll, stuffed animals, games, small car – toys do not necessarily need to be new) – no 'war' toys or any kind of foodstuff please. The organisation normally asks that, if possible, each box should also include €5 to cover transportation costs. Please put the money in an envelope inside the box on top of its contents and do not seal the box, simply secure it and its contents with a rubber band. If you don't feel that you can contribute a whole box but would like to help anyway, that is also wonderful; please give your contribution to any of the Church Council or the Social Committee and they will pass it on.

All contributions will be blessed in the Anglican Church in Arnhem on Sunday 23 November during the 5 pm service and then delivered to a central collection point, where they will be prepared for transportation. Please bring your boxes along to that service or hand them at any time either to Val or Pete York or to Monique or Colin Wardle. If you have any questions about the appeal or what to put in your box, please contact Val or Pete on 0049 (0)2823 419 7044 or email at valpeteyork@t-online.de

In hopeful anticipation, thanks for your help.

Estate Planning

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

"I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million Euros."

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men.



St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage; but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
3. Dog
4. Mouse
5. Lamb
6. Frog
7. Monkey
8. Lion
9. Donkey
10. Ox



Answers at the bottom of the page.



How does a group of dolphins make a decision?

Flipper coin.

How do sheep sign their letters?

'Ewes sincerely.'



Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.



Social News

St Andrew's Dinner – Saturday 29 November 2008 – Nijmegen Church Hall, Erasmuslaan, Nijmegen

We will be holding a St. Andrew's Day Dinner in Nijmegen Church Hall on Saturday 29 November 2008. As you know, St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland. Therefore, the dinner will be a very Scottish affair.

Judaism

At a Mass in which some young ladies were to take their final vows to become nuns, the presiding Bishop noticed two Rabbis enter the church just before the service began. They insisted on sitting on the right side of the centre aisle.

The Bishop wondered why they had come but he did not have time to inquire before the Mass began. When it was time for the announcement, the Bishop's curiosity got the better of him. He welcomed the two Rabbi and asked why they had chosen to be present at this occasion where the young ladies were to become the 'Brides of Christ'.

The elder of the Rabbis slowly rose to his feet and explained, 'Family of the Groom.'

We plan to eat Scottish fare, including a taste of haggis, perhaps drink a wee dram of fine Scotch Whisky, toast the life and works of the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns and, after dinner, draw back the tables for a spot of Scottish Country Dancin'.

Everyone attending is asked to wear at least one piece of tartan, a handkerchief, a piece of tartan ribbon or anything with a Scottish flavour will do. There will be a small prize for the best Scottish outfit!

If you can play the bagpipes or do a solo sword dance, this could be your lifetime's opportunity to show off!

If you have not danced in Highland Style before, or if you have but a long time ago, don't worry. We will show you the routines and guarantee you a lot of fun!

The cost of the dinner will be €10 per person, €5 for students and children under 16, which will be collected on the night. However, we do need an estimate of numbers for catering purposes, so please, please put your name on the list in Church if you wish to attend.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Val or Pete on 0049 (0)2823 419 7044 or email us at valpeteyork@t-online.de

Birthday

On the 9 November, which this year happens to be Remembrance Sunday, Els Ottens celebrates her birthday. On such a sombre day it so nice to be able to celebrate someone's birthday. Especially when that someone has a smile that will light up the greyest of days.

Happy Birthday Els.



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Middachten Christmas Market

Tuesday 9- Sunday 14 December 2008 inclusive

It's that time of year again when the Chaplaincy Social Committee gets ever more excited about our Chaplaincy's contribution to this year's Middachten Christmas Market. This is the Arnhem-Nijmegen Chaplaincy's major fund raising effort of the year and we appreciate your support very much.

We need cakes, loads of 'em! We sell over 100 cakes every day that the Fayre is open! Please start planning your baking. Every single cake is appreciated. Please let us have your "cake promises" soon so that we can plan the logistics and make sure that the stall is always well stocked during its opening times. If you would like to help but are not confident about your baking ability, you can do so by donating ingredients to those who can bake – donations of flour, sugar, icing sugar etc will all be appreciated.

Please ring Val York (+49 2823 419 7044, which has an answer phone if we are not in) or email at valpeteyork@t-online.de to let her know what you are able to contribute. We will also provide a list to complete in Church or speak to any of the Social Committee. Please ask or ring if you need to know anything at all. This is a simple way in which every one of us can support the Church's fund raising efforts.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with setting up and manning the stall, collecting cakes and clearing up afterwards. Elaine Zomer's "Manning Roster" is now taking shape but we still need many more cakes.

Please help a very worthy cause!



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.

Best Friend

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never says its not quite as good as his mother made it...



Then buy a dog.

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want...

Then buy a dog.



If you want someone who will never touch the remote, does not care about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies.

Then buy a dog.



If you want someone who is content to get up on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he snores....



Then buy a dog.

If you want someone who never criticizes what you do, doesn't care if you are

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pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to, and loves you unconditionally, perpetually .



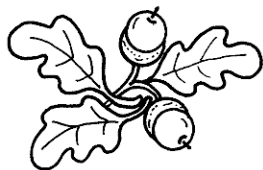
Then buy a dog.

But, on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness...

Then buy a cat!



Now be honest, you thought I was going to say....then marry a man



Castle - Weldom

CASTLE FAIR REPORT

September 15th, 2008

Sometimes it is good to write a report well after the event has taken place. Such is the case I think with our last Castle Fair. Things have sunk in and we've got a better bird's eye view. We, as a Committee had worked very hard again this year, and in case you

did not know yet: 'we' are: Hans Siertsema in the chair, Count Alfred (venue, gardens and general affairs), Vivian Reinders (stalls and decorations), Pauline Talstra (art gallery and children's corner), Jonneke Haffmans (PR), Jeanet Luiten (tea room and usually secretary), Victor Pirenne (music), and myself (jams and antiques). We meet about 8 times each year to try get everything as perfect as possible. These meetings usually take place at Vivian's who is the best hostess ever, and spoils us with her home-made cakes and other niceties. Really worthwhile to become a Fair Committee member for!

First of all, we were lucky with the weather. It poured at nine, and was totally dry at ten, just an hour before the fair actually opened. We had decided to put all stalls outside in the courtyard in order to be more visible. Last year the wines, antiques and Countess Christina's embroideries in the stables were not noticed by some people notwithstanding ample signposting. We had more stalls than last year, but the courtyard did not look crowded at all. The stalls looked nice with their green cloths and new tarpaulins, the tearoom was decked out well, thanks to Jeanet and Lub, Hans Ribbens's cars were sparkling in the sunshine.... the castle in the background, the gardens and topiary meticulously trimmed, the set-up could not have been better.

The art gallery was very special this time. Pauline and Louw made a beautiful exhibition of the work of Marykay Schouten. Her oeuvre comprised paintings, drawings and sculpture in wood and stone. Before she died Marykay had decided that all her works of art would be on show at the Fair, and that the profit of the sales would go to St. Mary's church. Sam van Leer opened the exhibition and Pauline read, together with Vivian, what Marykay's art teacher had written about her. Marykay's son and daughter were there as well. It was good to remember her and the beautiful things she made. Many works were sold and the profit will be amply sufficient to give a substantial donation to St. Mary's and to place a bench outside the church porch in memory of Marykay and her husband Simon.

We had a wonderful team of workers. Everything went smoothly, people worked with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to everybody. It is right to remark that everybody had great fun and we shared wonderful fellowship and community feeling!

The number of people that flocked to the Fair was slightly disappointing. It was Nationale Monumentendag, and perhaps this was to our disadvantage, as well as the initial forecast for rain. The people who came though, enjoyed themselves, loved the English atmosphere, and spent more per person than last year. We received many complements for the layout

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everybody, many questions were asked and answered. Where we used to have a formal seated dinner on the last evening, we now had a buffet dinner with unexpected good entertainment by the Synod members themselves!

After the Synod Eucharist at which the Archdeacon preached, we left feeling refreshed, strengthened and blessed.

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Twente Archdeaconery Representative

1. As established in 2005.
2. Mrs. Turner referred to an article in 'Country Life', titled "Is it too late to save the Church of England", of July, 2008. It's in the Hut for everyone to read.
3. Church House Publishing, 2005. Strongly recommended!



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and the quality of the stalls. Jams, wines, embroidery, hats and wreaths did extremely well. We received very positive reactions from the stallholders, even if some of them had not sold very much. The tearoom was not as successful as in the past few years, this might be due to the fact that it was a bit quiet, and that the musical programme was not as extensive as the years before. The musical couple we hired was very decorative and they did their best, but we definitely need more music next year.

Many people joined the garden tours: Count Alfred and Lodewijk each hosted two groups. The Chapel was also visited by a fair amount of people. Henk Berendse and Louw were there as guides.

This last week your Fair Committee met to discuss the Fair's results and to plan ahead for next year. First, something will be done about the signposting and advertising in the village itself and the neighbouring villages, by means of more bill boarding. We fixed next year's date already: September 5, 2009 which will not coincide with Monumentendag. As we know the date so early, we can inform local papers etc at an early date. And you can tell everybody too!

Second, we want to stress our 'English atmosphere'. We found that our visitors greatly appreciated English things. So your suggestions are greatly appreciated. Please come forward with your ideas! If you know of suitable people to sell English merchandise in the stalls or have an idea for (children's) games etc please tell us! We would also be happy to have the quilting ladies back. The English books will certainly return next year, as this stall was sadly missed by many this year.

And Finally....if anyone can think of a suitable charity, it is very good to let it know well in advance so that the Church Council can decide earlier on this issue. This way we'll know by the time of the Fair what charity (which charities) it is (are) going to be, so we can organize an extra stall for it.

And... of course we are open for any other ideas from you to inspire us even more. You know where to find us!

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Trust

After a while a baker came to suspect that the farmer from whom he bought his butter was serving short weight on his order. So for an entire week he carefully weighed the butter at home, and sure enough, his suspicions were confirmed. Irrate he had the farmer arrested.

A hearing was scheduled without delay. 'I assume you use the standard weights when measuring out your goods?' the judge asked the farmer sternly.

'As a matter of fact I do not,' responded the farmer.

'Well then how do you do your measuring?'

'You see your Honour, when the baker began buying butter from me, I decided to buy his bread.' explained the farmer.

'And I measure out his butter by placing his one pound loaf of bread on the other side of the scale.'

Humility

Humility is like underwear. We should all have it but not let it show

'God created the world out of nothing, and as long as we are nothing he can make something out of us.'

Martin Luther



Tenth Ecumenical Service Hengelo

Friendship

'If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you'.

Winnie the Pooh

'True friendship s like sound health: the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.'

Charles Colton

'Do not walk in front of me, I may not follow. Do not walk behind me. I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend.'

Albert Camus

'Hold a true friend with both your hands.'

Nigerian proverb

The best vitamin for making friends is...B1



Defence

Judge to prisoner in the dock - 'Would you like a lawyer to defend you?'

Prisoner - 'There is no need. The Lord is my defender.'

Judge - 'I think you would do better to have someone better known locally.'

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On Friday 26 September, the 10th annual ecumenical service in Hengelo was held. These services were launched by Fr. Koos Smits in the millennium year 2000 (two services) and were thereafter held every year in the Lambertus church (where the

Anglican Church Twente started its services in 1979).

I had only attended the first service, but last year I suddenly wanted to go again and seldom have I enjoyed a last-minute decision so much as this one. It is the kind of event that can move a person to the core of their being as happened to me.

The Lambertus church is a very large building, rather like an English cathedral. Even if there are a good number of people, last year there were some 150 people present, this year more than 200, the empty space above and around you is enormous.

There they filed in, the pastors of nine denominations, each in his or her clerical costume. In front, the tall lean figure of Fr Koos Smits, in white, black and red. Following him were the colourfully vested priests of the Anglican and Syrian Orthodox churches, the pastors of the Protestant, Remonstrant and Old-Catholic Churches in their black or white robes with red stoles and in between, the black suits of the other representatives, like the Salvation Army and the Pinkstergemeente.

Seven pastors in turn read a bible passage on the subject of Peace and gave a brief homily on the passage, followed by community singing of a hymn from his denomination. After the Anglican homily, we sang 'Great is thy Faithfulness'. There was an excellent youth choir filling in all the gaps. At the end all the celebrants said the blessing together. The order of service, similar to the one my husband, who has taken part in all ten services, proposed for our Service of Lessons and Carols, in 2000.

This year it was an extremely moving one for me. The theme of the service was Peace. Before the first Officiant spoke, a young man came forward and told something about his experiences as a 'hospice helper' in Afghanistan. What he said gave the whole service a deeper meaning to me. On the other side of the aisle, I saw a woman constantly weeping and dabbing her eyes. After the service, I learned that she was the mother of Jos ten Brinke, who had recently died in Afghanistan. How brave of her to come.

At home, I had a lot on which to ponder. On how good it was to see the barriers between churches breaking down with their leaders standing shoulder to shoulder to bless the people. I regret not to have seen other members of our church in this service, so I was not able to talk about everything afterwards. But who knows, next year perhaps?

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A prayer for the current financial situation (from the Church of England site):

Lord God, we live in disturbing days: across the world, prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for wise financial stewardship (from the Church of England site):

Lord Jesus Christ, by taking human flesh you sanctified material things to be a means of your grace; grant us wisdom in our attitude to money, and a generous heart in the use of the resources entrusted to us, that by faithful stewardship we may glorify you. Amen.

May God keep us in this time of material change and spiritual challenge, and may our faith in His loving kindness, above all else, be strengthened.

Yours in Christ,

Sam



Last chance?

The minister was very ill, and was told by his doctor not to have too many visitors. However, when his agnostic friend called, the unbeliever was ushered into the minister's bedside.

"I do appreciate," said the agnostic, "you seeing me when so many of your friends have not been able to see you."

"Well, it's like this," said the minister. "I feel confident that I shall see my friends in heaven, but I was worried that this might be my last chance to see you!"

Vacuum cleaner

My sister has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any home repair project. For example, in her garage are twisted pieces of a lawn mower she once tried to fix. So I wasn't surprised the day I found her attacking her vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "I can't get this thing to cooperate," she growled. I suggested mildly: "Why don't you drag it out to the garage and show it the lawn mower?"



Archdeaconry Synod, Antwerp, October 2008

The Lambeth Conference and Anglican Identity

This year the Archdeaconry Synod met in Antwerp as usual. Our Chaplain Sam van Leer, Chris Los and Ank Robinson, and I went there as clergy and lay-representatives of the Chaplaincy of the East Netherlands. We sadly missed our friend Mary Kay Schouten who came with us last year and so enjoyed her three days of Synod. The Venerable John de Wit, our recently appointed Archdeacon, holds the Synod Chair. Bishop Richard Garrard, honorary assistant bishop of our Diocese, represented Bishop Geoffrey.

The Chaplaincy of the East Netherlands, is a part of the Archdeaconry of North-West Europe, consisting of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. With six other Archdeaconries we form the Diocese of Europe. The largest Archdeaconry among these is the Eastern Archdeaconry, covering more than 15 countries including the former Soviet Union, Poland, Mongolia and Turkey. Then there is the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar which includes Andorra, Spain, Portugal and Morocco. Further, there is the Archdeaconry of Germany, consisting of the Deanery of Germany and the Deanery of the Nordic and Baltic States, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia and Latvia. Finally there are the Archdeaconries of France, Switzerland and Italy (with Malta). We, at our chaplaincy level, do not realize what a vast organization we are part of! To gain a better understanding of what we are doing at the Archdeaconry Synod (AS) it may be useful to mention the purpose and values of our Synod: 'To conduct the legal requirements of electing clerical and lay representatives to Diocesan and General Synods, to conduct the business of our corporate archidiaconal life and mission'. As well as these we seek to 'engage with the major issues facing the Church of England, to be inspired, equipped and encouraged to further the mission of the church in our local setting, and to preserve an ecumenical dimension'. We aim to achieve these purposes by having a synod once a year in which we: 'Enjoy fellowship together; worship together. Have stimulating input; engage in discussion with one another. Produce an output (that is do something together in the Synod itself or which we can take home to our chaplaincies). Use the arts as a means of expressing who we are and what we believe; and to celebrate our corporate life and what God is doing among us'¹. Before the actual beginning of the Synod Bishop Garrard led in the Opening Eucharist and preached on Colossians 1:1-14 and John 17:20-26. "I am the vine".

The General Diocesan Synod of Europe gathered in York this year, just before the worldwide Lambeth Conference in London took place in July August. At our Archdeaconry Synod (AS), - one level below the General Synod - we received reports from both gatherings. Mrs. Ann

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congregation and the organization of events for charity are all. We'll hear more about his research later!

The next speaker was Dr. Colin Podmore. He is a church historian and Secretary of the House of Clergy, the Dioceses Commission and the Liturgical Commission. Among his recent publications is 'Aspects of Anglican Identity'³. His lectured on 'Anglican identity', a topical subject also dealt with during the recent Lambeth Conference. In two sessions he offered us an introduction to issues of Anglican identity, and to what extent the Anglican tradition is distinct, and he looked at Anglican church order, its theological basis, and why we need it. In his clarifying lectures Mr. Podmore explained that whereas other churches are often named after people (Lutherans, Calvinists, Wesleyans, Buddhists), or teachings (Baptists), the name 'Church of England' (Magna Carta, 1215, Ecclesia Anglicana) is just a geographical indication. The decisions taken in 1536 by King Henry VIII led to a separation from the Church of Rome, not to the birth of a new church. Therefore there is no confessional basis document. But there is the so-called Canon Law or Canons of the Church of England (revised in 1969, 1970), which is in fact the 'church code' of the Church of England. Then there are the Thirty-nine articles of Religion (1571). As well as the Book of Common Prayer ((1662, now Common Worship) and the Ordinal ((1662), part of the Canon Law - Ordination services for bishops, priests and deacons), which form together the Historic Formularies of the Church of England. The Thirty-nine Articles (1563), were not intended as a complete statement of the Christian faith, but of the position of the Church of England vis-a-vis the Roman Catholic Church and dissident Protestants: they exclude the Roman Catholics and the Puritans. At the heart of the Church of England is the worship of God, (Lex orandi est lex credendi), so worship (the liturgy) is most important and ordered structure. In the second lecture he explained more about the fact that the terms 'Anglican Communion' - first used by Bishop Horatio Southgate in 1847 - and 'Anglicanism' - first used by John Henry Newman in 1837 - are fairly modern. The episcopacy is necessary for the structure of the Church of England; the bishops govern, while the Synods form the Parliament of the church. These bishops govern by means of the Synods and Canon Law. Ecclesiastical law is vital and holds the body of the church together. Finally Dr. Podmore stated that continuity is the church is not static. One could express tradition as : the gospel itself, carried from one generation to another (tra-ditio = handing over = dynamic). Tradition must be living, developing and changing. The enthusiastic, knowledgeable and informal chairmanship of Archdeacon John de Wit did contributed very much to a congenial, relaxed atmosphere during this Synod. Everybody talked to

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When children tell Bible stories (real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...)

* St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.

* Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.

* Jesus ruled that "a man doth not live by sweat alone."

* It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

* The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

* One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taxi man.

As for those signs found outside churches:

* Church car park sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

* No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

* Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

* Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Worries about the economy

We used to worry about future generations becoming soft, but no more. Not when we think of the loans they're going to have to pay off.

US now stands for Unlimited Spending.

The government not only has the bad habit of living beyond its income, but also beyond ours.

Humanity

I think the surest sign that there is intelligent life out there in the universe is that they have not made contact with us.

Hell

A man was driving to work when a truck drove through a stop sign, hit his car broadside, and knocked him out. Passers-by pulled him out from the wreck and revived him. He began a terrific struggle and had to be tranquillised by the paramedics. Later, when he was calm, they asked him why he struggled so. He said, "I remember the impact and then nothing. I woke up on a concrete slab in front of a huge flashing 'Shell' sign. And someone was standing in front of the 'S'."

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'Comeback Lines' for domestic and workplace use (if only you had the nerve!)

1. I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
2. Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.
3. I like you. You remind me of me when I was young and stupid.
4. I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
5. I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to worship me.
6. You sound reasonable. It must be time to top up my medication.
7. You're just jealous because the little voices talk to ME.
8. I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
9. I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message...
10. Who me? I just wander from room to room.

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In his speech to our Synod, Bishop Jarrett praised Archbishop Rowan for his wisdom in including a few days retreat for the bishops in Canterbury before the Conference began. During the retreat they were able to listen to each other and to pray together. Bishop Jarrett regretted that at the conference itself there was little room for the severe problems, such as poverty and violence, that African and Eastern Bishops especially, have to deal with and there was hardly any theological reflection possible. 'We were' as he expressed it 'overshadowed by our context', as the issues of women bishops and the blessing of homosexual bishops dominated the Conference.

Archbishop Joris Vercammen shared Bishop Jarrett's view on the point of lack of theological reflection. Theological education is necessary, also for bishops. He also felt impressed by the bishops' retreat, where there was an open, free atmosphere: 'Anglicans are open about what's going wrong'. He appreciated the indaba procedure during the Conference itself, as it expressed something that was very Anglican, the idea that exchanging of thoughts and listening to one another leads to better communication. He said that self-centredness is the main threat to any church, and that Anglican identity must be linked to the mission of the church. He was also moved by the Primate of Madagascar who stated at Lambeth, that 'The Anglican church finds itself confronted with a cultural shift', less English, more multilingual. He said that at Lambeth eventually a moratorium was pronounced on: a) the blessing of homosexual bishops, b) the blessing of homosexual couples and c), the interfering in internal matters of the churches. That more than 700 bishops were united there proved their unified feelings. He concluded that a more modest conference more often, would be advisable as we cannot wait another 10 years to talk to one another. Many gay Americans feel let down by the sounds in Lambeth, he said. On the other hand, American bishops are aware that they've caused troubles for the African bishops. Let us try to save the Anglican tradition of unity.

Mark Collinson, Chaplain at Amsterdam talked about 'Christ, Culture and Outreach'. He pointed out that history shows that new churches are needed every generation (25-30 years). He wondered what we do for the Anglicans in the Amsterdam Bijlmermeer, where there are over 150 religious communities. Our Chaplain Sam Van Leer, gave a talk on 'What is it that draws people into joining Anglican Chaplaincies in Europe?' He is doing research on this subject. A fact is that while other churches have dwindling numbers, the Anglican congregations are growing. From many interviews he held among church members within the Netherlands it appears the following reasons contribute to this growth. The liturgy, the singing, the small-scale (in the Netherlands), the friendliness, the toleration of different types of worship (Anglo-Catholic to Evangelist), the fellowship among the members of the

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Turner, our AS-representative, reported on the General Synod in York. She said there was extensive consideration of the major issue of women bishops (because of a motion of the House of Bishops), but this had also been with a wide range of other ministry and mission issues. According to Mrs. Turner the debate between the members in favour and those against had not always been amiable. Those in favour were not taking sufficient regard of those who by their religious conviction are not able to receive the ministry of women as bishops or priests.² However, the motion was carried that it is the wish of the majority to admit women to the episcopate. And further, that legal steps are in progress to make a first code of practice and a first consideration of a draft legislation on the matter. Among the other issues discussed were 'Church and Society' and 'Reader Ministry'. In the former issue a report on climate change and human security was discussed, in the latter the challenges and opportunities facing Reader ministry. In his Presidential address the Archbishop of York urged the Church to face outwards in its work as an agent of social change.

In separate speeches The Bishop of Beverley, Martyn Jarrett, and Archbishop Joris Vercammen of the Old-Catholic Church in the Netherlands reported on 'What happened at the Lambeth Conference'. The title Bishop of Beverley (a city in the West Riding of the County of York) was revived in 1994, after the ordination of women as priest was allowed. This bishop has responsibility for those parishes within the Deanery of York which, through conscience, feel unable to accept the ordination of women. Archbishop Joris from the Netherlands was invited as an observer, as the Old-Catholic Church is in full communion with the Anglican church. Bishop Geoffrey and Bishop David of our Diocese also attended the Conference.

The Lambeth Conference is held every 10 years in England - the first was at Lambeth Palace in 1867 (Lambeth Palace is the official London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, located in Lambeth, London, on the south bank of the River Thames). Anglican bishops from all over the world then meet - this time for the 14th time. The design for 2008 deliberately avoided western and parliamentary styles of meeting. At the heart of the process were daily indaba groups. Indaba, a Zulu word refers to a gathering for purposeful discussion in which each voice is heard and the perspectives of all are considered. Other themes were founded on an exploration of Anglican identity and the ministry of the bishop as leader of the Church's mission. Many bishops, 150 out of 880, did not attend in protest against Gene Robinson appointment as Bishop of New Hampshire, USA, despite the fact of his overt homosexuality. They organised their own conference, the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) in Jerusalem in June of this year.

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* Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

* When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

* A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed - due to snow.'

* Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!



* Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm next Wednesday in the church lounge. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Advent

The Son came out from the Father to help us to come out from the world; he descended to us to enable us to ascend to him.

Anthony of Padua

2nd November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
All Saints Sunday All Souls Memorial	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
<i>Annual Remembrance of the Souls of the Faithfully Departed</i>	First Reading Els Ottens	Revelation 7:9-17
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Victor Pirenne	1 John 3:1-3
	Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12

9th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
 Remembrance Sunday	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
 10:30 am Sung Eucharist	First Reading Peter Ribbens	Amos 5:18-24
	Second Reading Joy Romeijn	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
	Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13

16th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Second Sunday before Advent	Intercessor	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Blessing of marriage: Everhard & Els Ottens	First Reading Nadja Ottens	Ecclesiastes 9:7-11
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Marnix Ottens	1 John 4:7-12
	Gospel	Matthew 4:18-22

23rd November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Christ the King	Intercessor	Linda ten Berge
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	First Reading Heleen Rauwerda	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
	Second Reading Vivian Reinders	Ephesians 1:15-23
	Gospel	Matthew 25:31-36

30th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Advent Sunday	Intercessor	Joy Romeijn
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	First Reading Caroline Siertsema	Isaiah 64:1-9
	Second Reading Hans Siertsema	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
	Gospel	Mark 13:24-37

7th December	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Second Sunday of Advent	Intercessor	Special
10:30 am All-Age Eucharist	First Reading Young people	Isaiah 40:1-11
	Second Reading Young people	2 Peter 3:8-15a
	Gospel	Mark 1:1-8

14th December	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Third Sunday of Advent	Reading of Nine Lessons and Carols	
Carol Service 10:30 am		

21st December	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	First Reading Louw Talstra	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
	Second Reading Pauline Talstra	Romans 16:25-27
	Gospel	Luke 1:26-38