

**Poetry,
Prose and
Prayer**

Come Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls
inspire
And lighten with celestial
fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts
impart.

Thy blessed unction from
above
Is comfort, life, and fire of
love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded
sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled
face
With the abundance of thy
grace;
Keep far our foes; give peace
at home:
Where thou art guide no ill
can come.

Teach us to know the Father,
Son,
And thee of both, to be but
One,
That through the ages all
along
This may be our endless
song,
Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Anonymous prayer,
9th century, translated by
John Costin*

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Spring

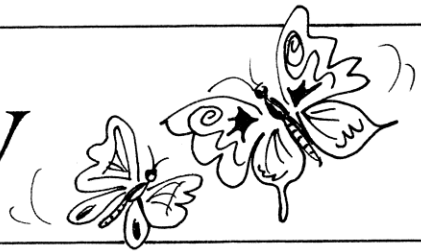
*The seasons are shifting, The winter shades
lifting,
The springtime is filling
Earth's children with mirth.
The daffodil yellow, The south wind so
mellow,
The gentle rain falling,
Upon the green earth.
The song sparrow singing, New life quickly
springing,
All nature is telling
A tale of rebirth:
The deep wells of being, Beyond each day's
seeing,
O'er flowing with new Life,
Restoring the earth.
-© David Bumbaugh,*

Beltane: Celebrating the Seasons

Also known as May Eve, May Day, and Walpurgis
Night, happens at the beginning of May. It celebrates the
height of Spring and the flowering of life. The
Goddess manifests as the May Queen and Flora. The
God emerges as the May King and Jack in the
Green. The danced Maypole represents Their unity, with
the pole itself being the God and the ribbons that
encompass it, the Goddess. Colours are the Rainbow
spectrum. Beltane is a festival of flowers, fertility,
sensuality, and delight.

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May



2009

The Chaplain writes The Way of the Cross

Holy Week this year was filled with
worship that was powerful and poignant. Bishop Geoffrey visited us at Palm
Sunday. Re-enacting, in our own small way, the palm procession that accompanied
our Lord as he entered Jerusalem that fateful week nearly 2000 years ago, we entered
the Chapel to hear again the Gospel of the Passion of Christ, to share the Eucharist,
to pray and sing God's praises together, supported by our choir. The service
concluded with the Bishop saying prayers of blessing before the beautiful quilts
that adorn the back wall of the Chapel, as well as over the delightful new bench just
outside, dedicated to the memory of Simon and Marykay Schouten. On Maundy
Thursday, The Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen presided at the service that
commemorated Jesus' own Last Supper with the disciples, complete with the
washing of feet, recalling how we are to serve one another as Christ loved and
served us. And the next day, Good Friday, we solemnly progressed around the
Chapel, pausing at each of 14 stations of the Cross, pondering the final moments up
to and including Jesus' self-sacrifice for us on the Cross, and how his suffering
connects with and transforms suffering in our lives and world.

Against the backdrop of these planned services, we also had a funeral, on Tuesday
April 7th, for Ms Ria Veltrop, who had been a member of our chaplaincy for many
years, but owing to ill health and other issues, had only joined us on Sundays a few
times in the last year. She died at the Trivium Care Facility in Hengelo just before
Holy Week, on April 1, 2009, at the age of 86.

Ria, a Dutch woman with a great affinity for England and the English language,
was an accomplished pianist and respected English teacher. In her latter years, we
came to know her in the chaplaincy because she helped to organize the readers'
rota. Everyone who knew Ria will admit she was quite a character, and not always
the easiest to work with. She was frank and adamant about what she believed.
Sometimes this brought friction; sometimes it was inspiring. Take an example her
niece shared with us. On one of her many holidays abroad, Ria had been in
Southeast Asia when a natural disaster had hit. She left her luggage, with clothing
and toiletries behind, returning to the Netherlands with only the clothes on her back
and her purse (much lighter as she'd given away most of its contents too). She
simply remarked, 'They needed all that more than I did.'

I have been deeply touched at how many of our chaplaincy members rallied around

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Twente News

Annual General Meeting of the Anglican Church Twente - 19 April

What is probably the 30th (In the beginning things were not that well organized) AGM was held after the service.

A fuller report on the AGM will follow once the official minutes are available. This month the church magazine will only report on the highlights of the meeting.

After the treasurers report was presented The Revd. Dr. Bonting objected to the amount of money being saved and proposed spending an extra €2,000 divided between a sound system for the church and extra support for charitable works. A vote was taken and both motions were carried.

There were several positions up for election this year. As usual both wardens had to be elected. Nettie van Sisseren however was not standing again and as there no were other candidates, Blair Charles was duly elected as warden.

Following the death of Marykay Schouten, one of the Archdeaconery Representative positions was vacant. Pauline Talstra had agreed to serve and was duly elected.

Only two candidates stood for the three vacant seats on the council, Mary Cass and Diane Wesselink agreed to serve and they were duly elected.

Note

Following the AGM Everhard and Els Ottens contacted the chaplain and volunteered to serve together as joint wardens. Nettie van Sisseren agreed to stay on as warden until July. The chaplain accepted both offers and has convened an extraordinary meeting of the electors following the 17 May service. Nettie van Sisseren will stand for re-election as warden and will hold the post up to July. Everhard and Els Ottens will stand for election as warden and deputy-warden respectively, coming into effect after Nettie van Sisseren has resigned.

Easter Services

The Easter services started on Palm Sunday with a wonderful service led by the bishop, the Rt. Revd. Dr Geoffrey Rowell. At the

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BEDE

Why should someone who joined a group of monks when he was only seven years old; lived all his life in a monastery and who died in 735, nearly 1300 years ago, be important to us now? The 27th May is the Feast Day of the Venerable Bede and it is because he was interested in finding out the truth that we remember him now.

Bede was a historian – the first person to take a real interest in the history of this country. His most valuable work was his 'History of the English Church and People' which is still in print today. Bede took care to separate historical fact from made-up stories and noted all the places and people that he got the information from so that it could be checked. And all of this was written out by hand with ink made from ground-up oak gall on vellum (animal skins).

If you visit Jarrow you can see how Bede and his fellow monks lived in a special exhibition.

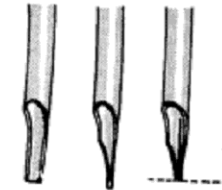
WRITE LIKE BEDE

Before felt tips, biro's and pencils, people wrote with quill pens. If you would like to try this you will need a large feather like a wing feather from a goose, turkey or crow (keep your eyes open for one while on a walk in fields or a park). You must have adult help for the next 2 steps:

Ask an adult to heat a small amount of sand in the oven for you but be very careful with this bit because you mustn't burn yourself or anyone else. Put the end of the quill in the sand for a few minutes (this dries out the oils and hardens the feather).

With a knife, ask your adult to cut the end of the quill at an angle to form a writing point and then to make a vertical slit to finish the nib.

Follow the pictures below...



Now you can start to write

using your pen and some ink: try making some 'v' and 'w' shapes and then go onto curves up and down.



Where is your essay on time travel?

I haven't done it yet, Miss, but I promise I'll hand it in yesterday.



In this recession ridden times...

What's the capital of Iceland?

About 10 kroner.

How do you define optimism?

A banker who irons five shirts on a Sunday.

What's the difference between an investment banker and a large pizza? The pizza can still feed a family of four.

Latest news: The Isle of Dogs bank has collapsed. They've called in the retrievers.

What's the difference between an investment banker and a pigeon? The pigeon is still capable of leaving a deposit on a new Ferrari.

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Social News

Points of Doubt

Monthly meetings at the Bonting home, Specreyse 12, 7471 TH Goor. At each meeting a faith topic, about which some have doubts, will be discussed.

Benefits

"Just what good have you ever done for anyone?" asked the judge of the serial offender with some exasperation. "Burglary, arson, theft, trespass... you've been nothing but a burden on society for years."

"Not at all," replied the serial offender with some indignation. "For one thing, I've kept several policemen in full-time employment."

Good banking

Woman to bank clerk: "I'd like to open an account."

Bank clerk: "With your husband?"

Woman: "Heavens, no. With someone who has some money."

Smart

Ben, aged five, was getting ready to move up a class at school. He was happy, but puzzled. "Mum," he said, "I don't understand why my teacher doesn't move up, too. She knows almost as much as I do."

For instance: **Creation or Origin?**

Is God a Person or not? Can Jesus be both God and man? Is the resurrection believable? Can we believe in life after death?

Participants may also suggest topics.

If you wish to join us, please notify Dr. Bonting (0547-260947; <s.l.bonting@wzs.nl>)

First meeting: Thu. May 7, 19:30

A discussion outline will be sent to participants by e-mail ahead of time.

Summer Teas

The teas will run from the 5th of July to the 9th of August.

Theda and Jan ten Barge will be present each Sunday to help and coordinate the helpers. In a few weeks, two lists will go up in the hut for people to put their names down to help.

Each week one or two people will be needed to serve teas and cakes in the hut. In addition, as an essential part of the afternoon-tea, one, (or two) volunteers will be needed to help visitors in the Chapel.

For those people who do not want to serve teas or guide, volunteers are also needed for baking. Therefore, the second list is the baking list where you can put your names down. Look out for more information in May and June. All that is being asked for is a few hours on a Sunday afternoon, or maybe a couple of plates of fresh scones. The Chapel visits combined with the teas helps with the Chaplaincy finances as well as helping to advertise the presence of the Anglican Church in the Twente Region.

Jonneke and Arjen are responsible for the PR. They will make the posters and leaflets and they will distribute them in the region. With your help and a little prayer, the teas this year will be as successful as last year.

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.

end of the service the bishop blessed the bench outside the chapel, placed there in the sun in remembrance of Simon and Marykay Schouten.

After the service there was there was a superb finger buffet lunch organized by Mary and Arthur Cass. A big thanks to them. The buffet lunch was a great success as it gave everyone an opportunity to meet the bishop.

The Maundy Thursday service was led by Canon Geoffrey Allan culminating in the washing of the feet. A beautiful, service enjoyed by all who were there.

The Good Friday Stations of the Cross service was conducted by the chaplain, Revd. Sam Van Leer. A beautiful solemn service that left everyone deeply moved.

Easter Sunday the chapel looked wonderful as the Flower Guild had done a great job on decorating the altar area, porch and surrounds. And, as St Mary's chapel is the sociable church, everyone received a chocolate easter egg.

Ascension Day

Do not forget the Ascension Day service and picnic on the 21 May. Please put your name down on the lists in the hut so that the organizers can see how many are coming and what they will bring.

With luck there will be people coming from Arnhem, Nijmegen, Utrecht and Zwolle to join in the prayers, feasting and fun.



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.



Mother in a Storm

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear," she said, "I have to sleep with your daddy."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big coward."

Religion

The farmer told the minister that he had 'got religion'.

"Good, and about time, too" said the minister. "Are you going to stop sinning now?"

"Yes indeed," said the farmer. "I am through with sin."

"And are you going to pay up all your debts?" pressed the minister.

"Now wait a minute," said the farmer. "You aren't talking religion, you are talking business."

Baby

First friend: "My sister had a new baby this morning."

Second friend: "That's great! A boy or a girl?"

First friend: "Well, of course. What else could it be?"

Best biscuit for dunking

Do you like to dunk biscuits in your tea or coffee? Which kind of biscuit works best for you? In a recent survey, the chocolate digestive came out as by far Britain's favourite. It seems the mix of melted chocolate coating and soggy underside is irresistible.

The top ten dunking biscuits are: chocolate digestive, rich tea, HobNob, digestive, chocolate bourbon, chocolate HobNob, chocolate chip cookie, custard creams, shortbread, and ginger nut.

In tests, the chocolate digestive had the highest breaking point: it can survive eight seconds in tea, as compared with a mere three seconds for ginger nuts and Hobnobs. Physicist Dr Len Fisher of Bristol University advises: "The best strategy is a flat-on approach, biscuit-side down, to minimise the chocolate bleed into your cup, and to maintain the chocolate layer as a crack-stopper."

The McVitie's digestive biscuit was developed in 1839 by two Scottish doctors to aid digestion. Nearly 100 years later, in 1925, someone had the bright idea of adding chocolate.

No one knows for sure when dunking first began

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of the Episcopal Church

(Part 1) Who on meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 13-18, 2009 send to the Church and our partners in mission throughout the world.

I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4: 11b - 13

As the House of Bishops gather at the Kanuga Camp and Conference Center for our annual Spring Retreat, we are mindful of the worsening financial crisis around us. We recognize there are no easy solutions for the problems we now face. In the United States there is a 30% reduction of overall wealth, a 26% reduction in home values and a budget deficit of unprecedented proportions. Unemployment currently hovers at over 8% and is estimated to top 10% by the end of the year. There are over 8 million homes in America that are in foreclosure. Consumer confidence is at a 50 year low.

Unparalleled corporate greed and irresponsibility, predatory lending practices, and rampant consumerism have amplified domestic and global economic injustice. The global impact is difficult to calculate, except that the poor will become poorer and our commitment to continue our work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 is at great risk. A specter of fear creeps not only across the United States, but also across the world, sometimes causing us as a people to ignore the Gospel imperative of self-sacrifice and generosity, as we scramble for self-preservation in a culture of scarcity.

The crisis is both economic and environmental. The drought that grips Texas, parts of the American South, California, Africa and Australia, the force of hurricanes that have wreaked so much havoc in the Caribbean, Central America and the Gulf Coast, the ice storm in Kentucky—these and other natural disasters related to climate change—result in massive joblessness, driving agricultural production costs up, and worsening global hunger. The wars nations wage over diminishing natural resources kill and debilitate not only those who fight in them, but also civilians, weakening families, and destroying the land. We as a people have failed to see this connection, compartmentalizing concerns so as to minimize them and continue to live without regard to the care of God's creation and the stewardship of the earth's resources that usher in a more just and peaceful world.



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'The salt of the earth,' 'Fight the good fight,' 'Signs of the times,' and many, many more. Every version of the English Bible we have today owes so much to the learning and genius and skill and courage of William Tyndale.

By Dr Herbert McGonigle. Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology and Church History in Nazarene Theological College, Didsbury, Manchester.



Signs & symbols of the Christian Church: Chi Rho

The language of the early Christians was Greek, and so it is not surprising that many of the Christian symbols that we still use today came from Greek.

The Chi Rho is one of the earliest christograms that was used by the early Church. It comes from taking the first two letters of Christ in Greek, which is 'X', pronounced chi, and 'p', which is 'r', or pronounced rho. Together, one on top of the other, they form the monogram $\chi\rho$.

You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum, dating from about 350 AD.

Combating Cholera in Zimbabwe

It's radio, but probably not as you know it. Now a Christian radio broadcasting service has been praised by the World Health Organisation for its efforts to help inform and encourage people in Zimbabwe who are at risk from cholera.

Since the beginning of Zimbabwe's cholera epidemic in August last year, more than 3,700 people have already died and over 80,000 people have become infected. The World Health Organisation expects up to 100,000 cases in the coming months.

All ten of Zimbabwe's provinces are affected and there are fears that the onset of the rainy season could increase the risk of the disease spreading. The Red Cross has deployed seven emergency response units to Zimbabwe; these units are normally reserved for disasters such as earthquakes or the 2004 Asian tsunami.

At the end of last year, Trans World Radio began broadcasting the "Healthy Life" series. TWR was the first radio station to create a programme in response to the outbreak and workers from the World Health Organization commended its positive efforts. CDs of the programme were given to the World Health Organization to be passed on to community health workers in Zimbabwe.

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So... While we have it... Its best we love it... And care for it.... And fix it when it's broken... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true... For marriage... And old cars... And children with bad report cards...Dogs and cats with bad hips... And aging parents.... And grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend who moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special... And so, we keep them close – in heart and mind and spirit.

Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Anonymous

Start the Day

Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord", and those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, its morning."



ON THE DAMASCUS ROAD... with William Tyndale

A look at famous conversions in the history of the Christian Church - William Tyndale:

Every time we open and read an English Bible we should be reminded of William Tyndale (1494-1536) often rightly called 'the father of the English Bible.' Tyndale was born in Gloucestershire in England and had an excellent education in the local school. He went to Oxford University in 1508 and after graduation, he studied further in Cambridge University.

At Oxford he made great progress in languages and it was his study of the Greek text of the New Testament that led him to understand Paul's doctrine of salvation by faith. Although we can't be sure of the exact date, it was while he was at Oxford that Tyndale experienced personal conversion. This happened as he carefully studied the New Testament. He began to see how the Roman Church had substituted medieval doctrines and practices in place of the true gospel. Tyndale was captivated as he read the Greek New Testament and he wanted to share his great discovery with others. He spent time back in Gloucestershire as a private tutor, still studying the Greek Testament and finding his faith confirmed as he began to read the writings of Martin Luther.

Believing he had a call from God to translate the Bible into English, and knowing the opposition he faced in England, he went to Germany. In 1526 his English translation of the New Testament was published and he began to work on the Old Testament. His enemies were still hunting him and he moved to Belgium. Betrayed, he was imprisoned and executed on October 6 1536 near Brussels. He was strangled and then burned, his last words being, 'Oh Lord, open the King of England's eyes.'

Tyndale had translated all the New Testament into English and much of the Old Testament. When the King James translators were working on the 1611 Authorised Version of the Bible, they used about 80% of Tyndale's Old Testament and about 70% of his New Testament - without a single word of acknowledgement! Tyndale was scholar, theologian, translator and martyr. He loved the Scriptures and all his great mastery of languages was put to use as he translated the English Bible.

His style was vivid and memorable and so many of his phrases have become part of the English language. To Tyndale we owe the familiar phrases, 'Let there be light,' 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

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In this season of Lent, God calls us to repentance. We have too often been preoccupied as a Church with internal affairs and a narrow focus that has absorbed both our energy and interest and that of our Communion—to the exclusion of concern for the crisis of suffering both at home and abroad. We have often failed to speak a compelling word of commitment to economic justice. We have often failed to speak truth to power, to name the greed and consumerism that has pervaded our culture, and we have too often allowed the culture to define us instead of being formed by Gospel values.

To be continued in June.



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Ria in the last year and supported her, in prayer and in acts of service and kindness, in her most recent time of need. As we moved through Lent this year, Ria was experiencing her own way of the Cross. She was an extremely independent-minded woman who did not like accepting help from others, but was surrounded by the love and help of our members in Hengelo, especially. Ria greatly appreciated this and as a result felt greater comfort and peace. Ria had not had much contact with her family of late, but members of our church family rose to the occasion to care for her.

At a time when Christians everywhere were remembering Jesus' way of the Cross, and how, at that moment of great fear and confusion, caring people like Simon of Cyrene, like the women of Jerusalem, arose and even took risks to relieve our Lord's suffering, I could reflect on how our own community had accompanied someone at her greatest hour of need. It was profoundly moving.

A prayer from Ria's funeral service: 'Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

May Ria, and all who have died in the faith, rest in peace and rise in Easter glory.

Yours in Christ,

Sam



Get gardening - and extend your life!

If you garden for three hours a week after the age of 50, it seems that you are likely to live two years longer than people who don't take exercise. A recent survey in the British Medical Journal has found that high levels of physical activity in middle age (defined as three hours of sport or heavy gardening per week) will reduce your risk of dying to that equivalent to people who have always been active. So - it's not too late to get planting!



No need to panic

People who are religious are less likely to panic under pressure than people who don't believe in God. Recent research, published in the journal Psychological Science, has also found that the stronger your belief in God, the calmer you remain. And even though you may make a mistake, you are not so flummoxed. Researchers found that the best performers of tasks under pressure are neither fundamentalists, but instead those people who feel that God has "given them meaning in life".

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KEEPER

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress; lawn mower in his hand, and dish-towel in hers. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

Then mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away..never to return.

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3rd May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Dr Sjoerd Bonting
	Intercessor	Nettie van Sisseren
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Victor Pirenne
	10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Acts 4:5-12
	Second Reading Heleen Rauwerda	1 John 3:16-24
	Gospel	John 10:11-18

21st May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	Ascension Day, Anglican Church Twente - 30th Anniversary	First Reading Caroline Siertsema
	11:00am Eucharist Service	Acts 1:1-11
	Second Reading Hans Siertsema	Ephesians 1:15-23
	Gospel	Luke 24:44-53

10th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Vivian Reinders
	10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Acts 8:26-40
	Second Reading Peter Ribbens	1 John 4:7-21
	Gospel	John 15:1-8

24th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading Louw Talstra
	10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
	Second Reading Pauline Talstra	1.John 5:9-13
	Gospel	John 17:6-19

17th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
	Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Coretta Van Leer
	10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Acts 10:44-48
	Second Reading Joy Romeijn	1 John 5:1-6
	Gospel	John 15:9-17

31st May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Special
	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	First Reading Nettie van Sisseren*
	10:30 am Family Service with Holy Communion and Ministry for Healing	Acts 2:1-21 (5-11 read in different languages)
	Second Reading Philippa te West	Romans 8:22-27
	Gospel	John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15