

Poetry, Prose and Prayer



Peace Be With You
(Jn 20:24-31, 14:5,11:16)
Through absence,
Through doubt,
Through questions
And fears,
Through locked doors
And longing
Jesus comes.
His risen presence
Bringing blessing,
Hope and healing,
Restoration
And his precious,
Faith-affirming
Gift of peace.
By Daphne Kitchin

Christ With Us
My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame
before me,
Be Thou a guiding star
above me,
Be Thou a smooth path
beneath me,
Be Thou a kindly
shepherd behind me,
Today and evermore.
St Columba



Geheel onverwacht is overleden mijn lieve broer

Hendrik Johan Berendsen
weduwnaar van F.D. Snarey

In de leeftijd van 89 jaar

Tonni Berendsen

6 juli 2010
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You Raise Me Up

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,
Until you come and sit awhile with me.*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;
You raise me up: To more than I can be.*

*There is no life – no life without its hunger;
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly;
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,
Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;
You raise me up: To more than I can be.*

Recorded by Celtic Woman.

*Music composed by Rolf Lovland, lyrics by Brendan Graham.
Selected for the entrance of the bride by Marco and Nicole.*

*August /
September*



2010

The Chaplain writes

Living in Exile

From 28 June to 2 July, I
attended the annual

conference of the Intercontinental Church Society, an organization that, since 1839, has been actively supporting Anglican chaplaincies in mainland Europe. (Before that, its mission was mainly to Canada and Australia.) The annual ICS chaplains' conference draws together Anglican ministers from all over Europe (as well as a few ICS-supported clergy from North Africa, Cyprus and the Gulf). It is a family conference at which children are most welcome (there is a full children's programme offered), though, sadly, my kids never seem to be able to join me as the conference never seems to coincide with our ever-shifting Dutch school summer holidays.

This year the conference took place at Ashburnham, a Christian conference and retreat centre situated in the rolling hills of East Sussex, not far from Battle, Hastings and the coastal resort town of Eastbourne. The weather was magnificent, the atmosphere relaxed and friendly, and the conference content excellent. We were spoiled by the quality of the invited speakers: the former Bishop of St Alban's, John B. Taylor, author of several books on the OT Prophets, was the main speaker on the theme of Jeremiah; the Revd James Blandford-Baker, vicar of St Andrews, Histon (near Cambridge), spoke on the subject of Exile in modern society; Dr Jane Gledhill, a university lecturer in English literature (now at Sarum College, Salisbury) and also a C of E Reader, led us in Morning and Evening Prayer as well as gave talks on spirituality in art and literature; and our very own Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell, joined us to speak on rites of initiation (baptism & confirmation). As ever, conversations over meals and cups of tea with colleagues and friends were invaluable too, as was the ample time for prayer, reflection and much needed rest.

The combination of Jeremiah and Exile was no accident of course. The prophet's considerable writings were forged in the epic stress of the fall of Jerusalem (586/7 BC) and the deportation of much of the Israelite elite to Babylon. Given that the Temple, the Torah, the

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Twente News

Henk Berendsen

It was with shock and great sadness that we learned that Henk Berendsen had passed away on 6 July (see page 16). Among the early pioneers of the small group of worshippers that came to be known as St Mary's Weldam, Henk had been an active

member of our congregation over several decades. The empty place in the front pews on Sunday reminds us that we have lost a faithful member of our congregation and a very dear friend.

Wedding Day

The marriage of Marco and Nicole was celebrated at St Mary's Weldam on Saturday, 17 July – a beautiful summer's day, with temperatures a little less extreme than earlier in the week. It was an uplifting service, with Mendelssohn's *Wedding March* bringing the odd tear to many an eye (hastily brushed away of course). Mendelssohn also composed a series of short lyrical piano pieces known as *Songs without Words*. Limitations of the printed page have compelled us to reverse the process, and on page 16 you will find the words without music that accompanied the entrance of the bride. A lively and most enjoyable reception at the Cultureel Centrum te Diepenheim rounded off this happy day.

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Nation, and the Land were arguably the chief symbols of ancient Judaism, we cannot underestimate the psychological impact the ransacking of Jerusalem and exile from the "Promised Land" must have had on faithful Jews. But the ICS conference organizers also had in mind to get us modern, English-speaking Christians living (mostly) in Europe thinking about what it means to live in exile, in various senses.

Many of us who are part of the two Anglican chaplaincies of the East Netherlands do not hail from the



BIBLE BIRDS

There are lots of birds in the Bible - Noah sent them out from the Ark to see if the flood waters had gone down, first a raven and then a dove (Genesis 6: 6-13). Elijah was fed by ravens while he lived in the desert (1 Kings 17: 1-8). Mary and Joseph made an offering of "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons" (Luke 2: 22-24) when they took baby Jesus to the Temple. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God descended like a dove (Matthew 3:3-17). That is why the Holy Spirit is usually shown as a dove. The dove is also a symbol of peace. But my favourite bit about birds is Luke, chapter 12, verses 4-7. "Aren't 5 sparrows sold for 2 pennies? Yet not one sparrow is forgotten ..." It reminds us that God loves and cares for everything, even the smallest part of his creation.



BIBLE BIRD WORDS

Some clues are in the first column, but can you answer these Bible questions all about birds? Which bird...

1. Didn't come back when Noah sent it out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
2. Flocks of these fed the Israelites in the desert. (Numbers 11)
3. Those who wait on the Lord will rise up with wings like... (Isaiah 40)
4. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark. (Genesis 7)
5. Saul hunted David like one of these in the mountains. (1 Samuel 27)
6. Jesus said this bird would be at a scene of desolation. (Matthew 24)
7. Cost 2p for 5? (you shouldn't need a clue for this one!)



What do you give a sick bird? Tweetment.



Why can't a duck fly upside down? Because he'd quack up.



- 1) dove 2) quail 3) eagles 4) raven 5) partridge 6) vulture 7) sparrow

(Source: Parish Pump)

The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together.

— Shakespeare

Say a Prayer

Young James and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When James received his plate, he started eating right away. "James! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always pray before eating at home." "That's at our house," James protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!"

Staying power

A hospital patient was heard to comment about the new curate: "He can stay longer in an hour than most people do in a week."

A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain anonymous.

As Fine Silver ...

Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study. They got to wondering what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, and then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy – when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you. His aim is not to abandon or destroy you, but to refine you – until he sees his image in you.

Parish Pump, 2010

Challenges

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark ... professionals built the *Titanic*.

Self-made

One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

Safety Issues

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the "terminal"?

Dots and Commas

An English professor wrote the words, "a woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard, and asked his students to punctuate it correctly. The men wrote: "A woman, without her man, is nothing." The women wrote: "A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Netherlands, so many live in exile in a way, albeit a largely voluntary one (depending on the circumstances). But living away from one's "home culture" naturally has effects (both positive and negative) on one's perspective. Even a long-term resident who has mastered the local language and can recognize the local cultural cues can still feel a bit of a permanent outsider in a "foreign" country. And one who lives overseas also never looks at one's "home culture" in the same way again. One can feel a bit of a visitor when returning to the land of one's birth. This makes for a double sense of exile. Perhaps one role of Anglican chaplaincies is to provide a home away from home for people, as well as to offer ministry and support to another culture in a new and hopefully helpful way. The eternal challenge, though, is to blossom wherever we are planted (see Isaiah 35).

You could say that all people of faith are living in exile, though, in our world, and particularly in this fairly secular part of it. From an eternal perspective, perhaps it is Abraham who is our true forbear. One of my favourite passages about him comes from the letter to the Hebrews, and it says something to our situation, I think. (Forgive my quoting it yet again.) "11:⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Exile has its difficulties as well as its joys, but wherever we find ourselves, we will always have a true home to look forward to.

Yours in Christ,
Sam Van Leer



Sky Fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully. "I'm sorry ma'am," said the reverend gently. "I'm in sales, not management."

Youthful Logic

A true story: A teacher was reading the story of the *Three Little Pigs* to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his home. She read, "And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said: 'Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?'" The teacher paused, then asked the class, "And what do you think the man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said very matter-of-factly, "I think the man would have said: 'Stone the crows! A talking pig!'" The teacher had to leave the room.

Contributed by Blair Charles

Group Therapy

A group of psychiatrists were attending a convention. Three of them decided to leave, and walked out together. One said to the other two, "People are always coming to us with their guilt and fears, but we have no one that we can go to when we have problems." The others agreed. Then one said, "Since we are all professionals, why don't we take some time right now to hear each other out?" The other two agreed. The first then confessed, "I love expensive things and so I find ways to cheat my patients out of their money whenever I can so I can buy the things I want." The second said, "I'm keen on playing the markets, so I use hypnosis to coax inside information out of my patients." The third psychiatrist then mournfully confessed, "I know I'm not supposed to but, no matter how hard I try, I can't keep a secret."

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Successful man: one who can earn more than his family can spend.

St James the Least of All On the perils of leaving your pulpit

My dear Nephew Darren,
It was good of you to take Evensong here last Sunday while I was at my old college reunion – but I would prefer you used the pulpit in future when preaching. How could Colonel Brockle complete *The Times* crossword and Miss Balmer her knitting with you constantly walking up and down in front of them? They found it most disconcerting, as out of politeness they were obliged to listen to you. It was a unique experience they do not wish to repeat.

Those few who defy Anglican tradition and sit at the front of the church were also placed in the dilemma of trying to decide whether they should keep turning in their pews as you paraded down the nave and then rotating back to the front as you re-emerged up the side aisle. It did Lady Plumtree's vertigo no good at all. It also allowed people to see that you were wearing suede shoes. For many of our worshippers, the most appalling of heresies are as nothing when compared to brown shoes under a cassock.

I appreciate you made heroic efforts and got your sermon down to 30 minutes, but that is still 20 minutes longer than they anticipated and 29 minutes longer than their attention span. That is why the noise you thought was sidesmen counting the morning's collection while you preached was in fact the organist jangling his keys in an attempt to remind you that his oven timer had long since switched off and his casserole was getting cold.

No, use the pulpit in future; that is the reason why stonemasons 600 years ago put twenty tons of marble in our church in the first place, and it would be a shame to disappoint them. It also means that from a distance of 100 yards and a height of 20 feet, no one can tell that the glass of water I use liberally

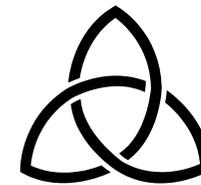
AM (verb); and of the I AM sayings of Jesus – for example, I AM The Way, The Truth and The Life, which we meditated on during the Quiet Day. And I remember the three visitors that came to visit Abraham and the icon of the three figures sitting at table, inviting us to join them (the icon also used during the Quiet Day). *The Shack* is a book that makes one laugh and cry. A beautiful human story.

Following on from *The Shack*, Roger E. Olson, an American theologian, has written a sequel to this book, *Finding God in The Shack*. He can empathize with Mack as his own daughter went missing for a while but was found safe and sound, and Olson's father mentally abused him without anybody knowing. He also finds it difficult to forgive. He offers his own criticisms and questions to *The Shack* and finds it largely biblically sound. He agrees with Young's view of God but he doesn't agree with the story in which God tells Mack, "You don't need a church community, you just have to be followers of Jesus". Nevertheless, this seems to be in the mind of many of those who are leaving the church these days.

For me, the Anglican liturgy, the following of the life of Jesus throughout the year, the meaningful hymns we sing, the Bible stories that are read, the themes which are tackled by Sam in his sermons, and importantly the sharing of the Eucharist with like-minded people – all these things I find comforting and they help to keep me focused on God during the coming week.

If you do get to read these two books for yourself, you may find your relationship with God refreshed and deepened.

By Sheila Sprikkelman.



No Answer to This

A blonde is sitting next to a lawyer on an aeroplane. The lawyer keeps nagging her to play a game with him to see who has more general knowledge. Finally, he says he will offer her ten-to-one odds. Every time she doesn't know the answer to one of his questions, she will pay him five euros. Every time he doesn't know the answer to one of her questions, he will pay her fifty euros. She agrees to play, and he asks her, "What is the distance from the Earth to the nearest star?" She says nothing and just hands him five euros. She asks him, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" He thinks long and hard but in the end concedes that he has no idea. He hands her fifty euros. The blond puts the money in her purse without comment. The lawyer says, "Wait a minute. What's the answer to your question?" Without a word she hands him five euros.

New Age Travelling

The modern idea of "roughing it" is to holiday without internet access.

Sea Change

The lookout on a battleship spies a light ahead off the starboard bow. The captain tells him to signal the other vessel, "Advise you change course twenty degrees immediately!" The answer comes back, "Advise *you* change course twenty degrees immediately!" The captain is furious. He signals, "I am a captain. We are on a collision course. Alter your course twenty degrees *now!*" The answer comes back, "I am a seaman second class, and I strongly urge you to alter *your* course twenty degrees." Now the captain is beside himself with rage. He signals, "I am a battleship!" The answer comes back, "I am a lighthouse."

Toe: a part of the foot that is used to find furniture in the dark.

Inquisitive

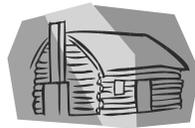
A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Don't fear tomorrow. God is already there.

The Shack

I suppose all of us, except for the young, know about some sort of great sadness in our lives.

In the book *The Shack* (an old shed) by Wm. Paul Young, the main character, Mack, is living The Great Sadness. This has come about because, while on a camping holiday in Oregon (America) with his three youngest children, his dear little daughter Missy was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and murdered. Mack blames himself for Missy's disappearance, wishes her murderer to hell and is angry with God for letting it happen. Where was God at the time? Hence Mack's deep depression.



One day Mack receives a note in his mailbox asking him to visit the shack again where previously Missy's bloody dress had been found. The note was signed Papa – Papa being his wife's favourite name for God. Mack plucks up his courage and does go back to the shack for the weekend and this changes his life completely. There he meets three persons, God, in the form of a large jolly black woman, a friendly carpenter, Jesus, and a wispy young Asian female figure called Saraya, who is obviously the Holy Spirit. These three have conversations with Mack about his life, Missy's murder and God's role in human events – for example, Evil and Redemption, Love and Forgiveness, and the Trinity, three in one and one in three. These are all subjects we ask ourselves questions about and ponder over. Mack has to find it in his heart to trust God and forgive not only the child killer but also his own father, who had abused him as a child. Mealtimes in the shack are always special for Mack: he sees, feels and knows the Love that exists between God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Once Mack asks, "Which one of you is God?" In unison they reply, "I am." I think of the I AM voice that Moses heard coming from the burning bush; of the ever present I

while preaching is in fact a gin and tonic. I concede that our pulpit has its dangers. I have known several bishops come to grief as their robes wrap themselves around the newel post as they ascend the steps. One, unable to untangle himself, was obliged to preach while half way up the steps and with his back to the congregation, while our verger was dispatched to find a pair of scissors.

Perhaps, before your next visit, we may install a mechanical floor in the pulpit, so that after 10 minutes, it slowly lowers you into the crypt while the congregation can get on with singing the last hymn before getting home in decent time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Castle Fair

September 11 is rapidly approaching, so a message from our tearoom organizer, Jeanet Luiten, is most timely: "I would like to remind all of us of the fact that we had too few cakes to sell in the tearoom at last year's Fair. As the tearoom always provides us with a fair bit of income, this year will be a challenge to see if we can come up with more baking to sell in the tearoom. The baking list to check on what is needed will be up in the Hut and I am always open to any suggestions on how to get more of us baking. Let us all remember that this is our main fund-raising event of the year, and we want it to be a welcoming one, with plenty to eat and spend money on. Apart from the baking list there is also the helpers list available, so you can already enter your name on there as well so that you know where you are on 11 September. You don't have to make cakes to be a Christian – but it does help!" – Or as our chaplain, Sam, put it: "It is better to bake in this world than the next!"



Don't Know Nothin'

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays ...

Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day." "Yes," said the priest. "But even then it will be your hole!"

Don't Go Far!

The curate went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement, the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

You know you're living in 2010 when:

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
6. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends and family is that they are not on Facebook.
7. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
8. Every TV advert has a website at the bottom of the screen.
9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

Why is it called the tourist season if we can't shoot 'em?

The Healthy Vine Trust

Alongside The Young Achievers and The Brooke Hospital for Animals, the third charity supported by St Mary's is the Healthy Vine Trust, a small-scale NGO dedicated to combating malaria and improving the general wellbeing of rural communities in African countries. It is currently operating a programme in Sekamuli Parish, which is in Luweero District in central Uganda. Malaria, HIV/Aids, education opportunities and now climate change are major contributors to the inhibition of health, education and economic development.

The Healthy Vine Trust I-AMP+ Programme adopts an holistic approach to primarily reduce malaria and provide clean water and sanitation. Secondly, it aims to assist in the control of many of the other preventable diseases commonly associated with living at subsistence level. Together with the community, it defines needs, and plans and coordinates. The Healthy Vine sets the standards, and arranges for the supply of materials not locally available. The key to long-term sustainability is the community's understanding of the programme.

Malaria is a major killer, accounting for more deaths than HIV/Aids. Children up to five years old and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable. Children who survive may suffer various degrees of brain damage. Those escaping long-term harm miss regular periods from school or work during bouts of the illness. The I-AMP+ programme's emphasis is on prevention rather than cure. It implements public health measures using medicine as a back-up. This method is durable, affordable and achievable for the community.

The Healthy Vine's policy is for community development through participation leading to ownership. It also brings together the necessary expertise, utilizing local skills and involving specialist parties. The Healthy Vine Trust depends on the generosity of its donors and all contributions made are invested directly into the programme.

(Source: www.healthy-vine.org; homepage)

light, warmth and moisture, a garden shrub will flourish. And while light, warmth and moisture are essential for plant growth, different species will need them in different combinations and degrees in order to develop as they should. In the same way, we can grow as Christians, providing the conditions are right – and that depends on who we are as individuals.

Once we have been “planted” in the soil of faith, we can start to grow spiritually. The basic requirements for such growth are prayer, gathering for worship and fellowship with other believers, and getting to know the Bible. Some will find all of these a delight, while others will find that they struggle with each one of them. For most of us, one will come more naturally than the others, and that can be our starting-point for growth, the essential “fertilizer” of our personal faith that builds us up. As we gain strength, we will in time develop good roots, holding us secure in what we believe and why, and also strong and supple shoots that not only reach up towards God but out towards others. At the same time, we should remember that, just as there is a rhythm to the seasons of the natural year, so there are seasons of growth but also seasons of dormancy in our lives as Christians. Realizing that we are going through such a “quiet season” ourselves should not be a cause of alarm but for patient waiting on God. Dormancy is essential as a time of gathering strength and building reserves in order then to develop even further, higher and stronger.

As we wait for new growth, we can prayerfully hold on to the hope that one day, through the gracious work of the Holy Spirit, we will produce “the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God” (Philippians 1: 11).

By Richard Fisher of the Bible Reading Fellowship; Parish Pump 2010

Material Assets

You know that indestructible black box that is used on aeroplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Suspicious

If I made *Cinderella*, the audience would be looking out for a body in the coach.

– Alfred Hitchcock

Whispers

A young curate lost his voice at the local football match one Saturday and, being due to preach the next morning, he thought he should call in and consult his vicar. So he rang the vicarage bell and the door was answered by a very attractive teenage daughter. “Is the vicar here?” the curate managed to whisper very quietly. “No,” she whispered back, thinking she had got the message. “Come on in!”

Nearer to God

I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of Earth.

– Isaac Newton

Package Deal

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

3rd October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival	Intercessor	t.b.a.
	First Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
	Second Reading	Philippians 4:4-9
10:30 am All Age Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Gospel	John 6:25-35



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

Key Dates

2 September	Council Meeting
11 September	Castle Fair
3 October	Harvest Festival
10 October	Readers Training Session

Growing in Discipleship

We may hear people talking of “growing in faith” or “growing as Christians” and wonder what on earth they mean. Do they mean becoming super-confident preachers or pray-ers or study group leaders? Even becoming church ministers? And how does this growth happen?

There is actually no mystery about growth if we think about what goes on in the garden. Given the right combination of



1st August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
	First Reading	Hosea 11:1-11
	Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-11
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

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

15th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Jake Dejonge
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity The Blessed Virgin Mary	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
	First Reading	Isaiah 61:10-11
	Second Reading	Galatians 4:4-7
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 1:46-55

22nd August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Louw Talstra	Jeremiah 1:4-10
	Second Reading Pauline Talstra	Hebrews 12:18-29
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 13:10-17

12th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Arthur Cass	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
	Second Reading Blair Charles	1 Timothy 1:12-17
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 15:1-10

29th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Intercessor	Philippa te West
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Joyce Wigboldus	Ecclesiastes 10:12-18
	Second Reading Simone Yallop	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
10:30 am Sung Eucharist Ministry for Healing	Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

19th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Dr Sjoerd Bonting
	Intercessor	Joy Romeijn
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Janice Collins	Jeremiah 8:18-9.1
	Second Reading Arjen Haffmans	1 Timothy 2:1-7
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 16:1-13

5th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Linda ten Berge	Jeremiah 18:1-11
	Second Reading Mariette Broere	Philemon 1-21
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

26th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Dr Sjoerd Bonting
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Elizabeth vd Heide	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
	Second Reading Maureen vd Heide	1 Timothy 6:6-19
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 16:19-31