

Poetry and Prose



Paulo Coelho was born in 1947 in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Before dedicating his life completely to literature, he worked as theatre director and actor, lyricist and journalist. His fascination with spirituality dates back to his hippie days, when he travelled the world learning about secret societies, oriental religions, etc. One or two early books failed to make any great impact but in 1986 he went on the pilgrimage to Saint James of Compostella, an experience later documented in his book *The Pilgrimage*. In the following year, he published *The Alchemist*. Although sales were initially slow, it went on to become one of the best selling Brazilian books of all time. It has been followed by many other successful titles, and his work has been translated in 65 languages and edited in more than 150 countries.

The Listening Exercise

Relax. Close your eyes.

Try for several minutes to concentrate on all the sounds you hear in your surroundings, as if you were hearing an orchestra playing its instruments.

Little by little, try to separate each sound from the others. Concentrate on each one, as if it were the only instrument playing. Try to eliminate the other sounds from your awareness.

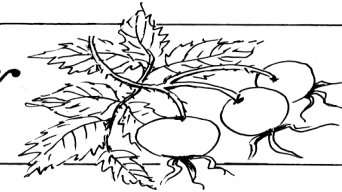
When you do this exercise every day, you will begin to hear voices. First, you will think that they are imaginary. Later, you will discover that they are voices of people from your past, present and future, all of them participating with you in the remembrance of time.

The exercise should be performed only when you already know the voice of your messengers.

Paulo Coelho. The Pilgrimage



October



2010

The Chaplain writes

Rethinking Harvest

Fall/Autumn is upon us.

Leaves are falling and pumpkins, squash and other marrows are appearing in the fields and at the grocer's. A time to say farewell to the relatively sunnier, warmer days of summer and to prepare for colder months ahead. Traditionally, for farmers, this time of the year was the main harvest period, something we honour and remember in our church Harvest Festival (Sunday, 3 October). In the East of the Netherlands some of us live a little closer to the land as it were, so agriculture and harvest are actually part of our daily experience. So a Harvest Festival may speak to us more easily than to those in the West of the country. For some if not many of us in the East, it is not so much of an imaginative leap to make the connection between the food we eat and the earth that it comes from. (I've heard tell of school children in urban areas who were amazed when they first learned that the white liquid they knew as milk came from a cow and not a machine.) Regardless where we live, Harvest Festival is an annual reminder of the Source of all things, of God the Creator, who makes it all – the earth, the growth of animals and plants, the harvest – possible.

The ancient Jews had these annual reminders in their own Harvest Festivals. There were three, and they are all still celebrated today. The first is just after Passover (*Pesach*), around our Easter time, and celebrates the very beginning of the harvest, when the first barley is brought in. Fifty days later, at what Christians call Pentecost, the Jews observe *Shavuot*, the Feast of Weeks which has a Day of Firstfruits (primarily of the wheat harvest). Finally, September/October, after the Jewish New Year (*Rosh Hashanah*) and the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*), Jews celebrate *Sukkoth*, or the Feast of the Tabernacles, also known as the "Feast of the Ingathering". It commemorates how the Israelites who fled Egypt

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Twente News

Irretrievable Loss

A Londoner parks his brand new Porsche in front of the office to show it off to his colleagues. As he's getting out of the car, a lorry comes speeding along too close to the kerb and takes off the door before zooming off. More than a little distraught, the Londoner grabs his mobile and calls the police.

Five minutes later, the police arrive. Before the policeman has a chance to ask any questions, the man starts screaming hysterically: "My Porsche, my beautiful silver Porsche is ruined. No matter how long it's at the panel beaters it'll simply never be the same again!"

After the man finally finishes his rant, the

St Mary's Teas

After a beautiful summer the teas are now over, and first we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped in one way or another to make these afternoons such a success. We formed a good team, where everyone worked so well together. We welcomed a lot of visitors and

they were enthusiastic about the Chapel and the tea-room. The teas brought in €865, as well as €75 for the Flower Guild, giving a net total of €940. What a wonderful result! All being well, we hope to organize St Mary's Teas again next year and also hope we can count on everyone's continuing help. Thank you all!

Jan and Theda

Grateful Thanks

On behalf of Mrs Draythler, I would like to convey her very grateful thanks for all the kindnesses shown to her by members of St Mary's after the death this year of her husband. Mr Draythler had always been a marvellous help over the years, setting up the fairs and garden open occasions.

Philippa te West

All Souls--All Rommel Day

Besides being Halloween, 31 October is a time when we reflect on the souls that have passed on. Our former members of St Mary's are especially honoured and remembered. Also a good time to reflect on what is really important to us in this life. If you have items (anything goes) that are no longer necessary to your life and needs, please consider our annual *Rommelmarkt*. This will be held after the service on 31 October. Please look around and see what you can contribute to benefit the Flower Guild. You just might find long-desired and searched-for treasure! For more information, please contact Linda ten Berge (0546-868139).



SOMEONES ELSE'S SHOES

One of the many stories that Jesus told was about a shepherd separating his flock into different herds of sheep and goats. Jesus explained that there would be a time when he would sit upon his heavenly throne and, like the shepherd, he would separate people into two groups, those who had been selfish and those who had cared for others. You can read about this in St Matthew's Gospel, 25: 34-40.

An old American Indian saying runs: "Do not judge a person until you have walked a mile in their moccasins". Only when we begin to see as others see, feel as they feel, will we be able to understand them and help them.



When Jesus told us the story about the sheep and the goats he was teaching us to care for others. Whatever we do to help someone else we are doing for Jesus - and to do that we have to put ourselves in someone else's shoes.

WHOSE SHOE?

The answers to this quiz are all things that are also the name of a type of footwear. So can you say which shoe is ...

1. A backwards somersault?
2. A line on a ship?
3. A type of snake?
4. An animal used to carry heavy loads?
5. A dagger?
6. An Irish way of speaking?
7. Part of a car?
8. Where you find a judge?
9. Someone who teaches fitness?
10. Used to move water?



Who was the smallest person in the Bible?

He can be found in the Book of Job (more easily if you use a magnifying glass):- Job 2:11 - Bildad the Shuhite (shoe height).

You've got your boots on the wrong feet.

No, these are the only feet I've got.



- Answers: 1. flip flop 2. plimsoll
3. moccasin 4. mule 5. stiletto 6. brogue
7. boot 8. court 9. trainer 10. pump

(Source: Parish Pump)



Invitation to Celebrate

An Invitation to All My St Mary's Church Friends

As I shall be celebrating a "special birthday" on 22nd October, I should like to invite you all for coffee and cake, a glass of wine and snacks on Sunday, 24th October, directly after the service (±12.15-14.00 hrs). The venue is:

Restaurant Den Haller
Watermolenweg 34
7478 PW Diepenheim

Please let me know if you will be able to attend by signing the list in the Hut or phoning me (0546-863951) between 12th and 17th October so that I can inform the restaurant.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Maureen van der Heide



Ancient and Modern

The *Listening Exercise* (page 16) penned by Paulo Coehlo, a prominent contemporary writer, can be found inscribed on a large standing stone in the beautiful gardens of Melk Abbey on the banks of the Danube – a fitting environment for appreciating the orchestra of nature. The abbey is a monastery in the tradition of St Benedict, based on a balanced combination of intellectual and physical work, communal prayer and private reading of the Scriptures. One famous story about Benedict (born ca. 480) has been depicted numerous times. Before founding Monte Cassino, he had been elected leader of another community of monks. However, his strictness made him so unpopular that some of the monks wanted to poison him. When Benedict blessed the cup of poisoned wine, it shattered. For this reason, Benedict is often depicted with a broken cup with a snake creeping out of it.

Angels

If man is only a little lower than the angels, the angels should reform.

– Mary Wilson Little



Daily Routine

A man came home from the doctor's and said to his wife, "I've got to take a pill a day for the rest of my life." "Well, that's not so bad," said his wife. "Many people have to do the same." "That may be," replied her husband, "but he only gave me four pills."

... More Figures of Speech

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Going to your house of worship doesn't make you a religious person, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Contributed by Blair Charles

All Saints & All Souls Sunday Memorial 31 October 2010

Names of those who have died in the past year, and any others whom church members would like remembered, will be read out during the Act of Memorial at the Service on 31 October.

Please write the names of those you would like remembered on the list available in the Hut, or notify the Chaplain (Sam.Van.Leer@hetnet.nl or 026 4950620) preferably by 27 October.

Key Dates

7-9 October	Archdeaconry Synod (Brussels)
10 October	Readers Training Session
31 October	Jumble Sale
7 November	Drinks in the Hut
14 November	Remembrance Sunday*
12 December	Carol Service followed by Christmas Market
24 December	Christmas Eve Service at 22:30**
9 January 2011	Last service in Chapel before renovation work begins

*The collection on Remembrance Sunday is to go to the British Legion, as decided at the AGM.

** There will also be services on Christmas Day and on Sunday, 26 December, at 10:30.

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.



policeman shakes his head in disgust. "I can't believe how materialistic you Londoners are," he says. "You're all are so focused on your possessions that you don't notice anything else in your life."

"How can you say such a thing at a time like this?" sobs the Porsche owner. The policeman replies, "Didn't you realize that your right arm was torn off when the truck hit you?" The Londoner looks down in horror ... "Oh no," he shrieks. "Where's my Rolex?"

Oh dear!

Confidence is that feeling you have just before you fully understand the situation.

Branding

The word *aerobics* was invented when the gym instructors got together and said, "If we're going to charge £20 an hour, we can't really call it *Jumping Up and Down*."

You're only young once but you can stay immature indefinitely.

– Ogdon Nash



No Joke!

Mail on Sunday (26 September 2010) reports that staff of the London Borough of Barnet have been told not to indulge in mother-in-law jokes, a ban that has been greeted with a mixture of anger and bemusement. And naturally a spate of such jokes (which date back to Roman times), for example:

I can always tell when the mother-in-law's coming to stay ... the mice throw themselves on the traps.

— Les Dawson

I told my mother-in-law that my house was her house, and she said, "Get off my property ...now."

— Joan Rivers

All in the Telling

The patient was rather nervous, so the doctor decided to employ all the bedside skills at his disposal. "I have bad news and very bad news," he said gently. "The bad news is that you have 24 hours to live. The very bad news is that we should have told you yesterday."

I hate housework – make the beds, wash the dishes and six months later you have to start all over again.

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lived in tents but were provided for by God, time and again, in their wilderness pilgrimage. It is this last Harvest Festival that comes closest in timing and spirituality to our own. The Christian Church's Harvest Festival comes around the same time of the year, and is an annual thanksgiving for God's goodness to us in creation.

Interestingly, though, as one moves into the New Testament biblical material, the images of reaping and harvesting rarely if ever refer to the purely agricultural. They almost always point to the spiritual, and in particular to the mission of the Church and its contribution to the end-time harvest of souls by God. See Matthew 9:35-38, containing, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few", and similar passages in the other Synoptic Gospels. As ever, John's Gospel offers a different but useful perspective. In it, Jesus teaches that our mission as his followers must be seen as part of a total process overseen by God. But we play an essential part nonetheless: "4: ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest?' But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'" This is rather humbling and helpful for all engaged in Christian mission, I think.

Because of the Gospel emphasis on God's harvest of souls, it is difficult for me to regard our Harvest Festival from a purely material perspective, however thankful I am that God's earth and its produce make

September 2001 preceded the opening of the fair, while *Songs of Praise* brought the afternoon to a conclusion. Fitting reminders on this special day.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Count Alfred and Countess Christine for making the whole event possible. We can't thank them enough – nor the



workers on the estate, whose contribution was immense. More or less every member of St Mary's congregation was involved in one way or another, but perhaps we can be forgiven for singling out certain people for special mention: our Church Wardens Joyce Wigboldus and Everhard Ottens, Linda ten Berge (Flower Guild), Jeanet Luiten (tearoom), Pauline Talstra (art exhibition), Peter Ribbens (public relations/advertising), Mary and Arthur Cass (Treasurer), Vivien Reinders (who hosted the meetings of the Fair Committee) and naturally Hans Siertsema (tireless overall organizer) – not to forget the invaluable support of family members and friends. Words may seem a bit inadequate but, rest assured, flowers and bottles of wine supported these sentiments on the weekend in question.

One final piece of information, after bills have been settled church funds are expected to benefit by some €9,000, an all-time high.

*Remember, remember
the 7th November!*



The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age care home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," he said, "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

The Perfect Man

A real man is a woman's best friend. He will never stand her up and never let her down. He will reassure her when she feels insecure and comfort her after a bad day. He will inspire her to do things she never thought she could do; to live without fear and forget regret; and to express her deepest emotions. He will make sure she always feels as though she's the most beautiful woman in the room and will enable her to be the most confident, invincible ... No wait ... sorry ... I'm thinking of wine. It's wine that does all that ... Never mind! Just forget I spoke, OK?



Tetzel and Luther in Hengelo

On the eve of Reformation Day the cause of the Reformation will be dramatized in an Ecumenical Service in Hengelo. Johann Tetzel will appear with his box of indulgences; Martin Luther with his theses. Bible texts used by each party will be shouted. Then will be announced that – after nearly five centuries – an official commission of Lutheran and Roman Catholic theologians have reached full agreement about the relation between faith and works. All present then raise a song of praise. This is followed by three readings of Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians on the Spirit, the Church and Love, alternated with the singing of Taizé hymns.

Location: Rafaël-Exodus Church, Joseph Haydnlaan/
corner Mozartlaan

Date and time: Saturday 30 October, 18:30 hrs.
Seven churches and three choirs are participating.

Castle Fair

Amazing, wonderful, fantastic – no one who attended the Weldam Castle Fair on 11 September 2010 will quarrel with the use of such adjectives in conjunction with this year’s event. In a week of dismal skies and frequent rain Saturday alone was blessed with beautiful weather (forecasters vindicated!), which brought the visitors out in droves. Would the magic figure of 1,000 be reached? Well, not quite; but 994 is mighty close in anyone’s book and represents roughly twice as many people as last year. There was plenty for them to see ... to hear ... and to enjoy: attractive stalls, beautiful gardens, Scottish music and morris dancing. Fortified by delicious refreshments, people stayed to savour the scene and the entertainment, and were generous in their praise of the style, decoration and organization of the Fair.

A prayer remembering the tragic events of 11

it possible for (most of) us literally to have our daily bread. The Gospel encourages me to see Harvest in the light of All Saints and All Souls. (We observe both, incidentally, in the month of October this year, the latter on 31 October.)

As we enjoy the fruits of God’s earth, let us not forget that God regards us and those around us as His most prized possessions. We are the fruit of His harvest, too.

Yours in Christ,
Sam Van Leer



Council Meeting 23 September Drinks

It was agreed to have celebratory drinks after Church on 7 November 2010, as a token of appreciation to all those who had worked so hard at the Castle Fair. This will be an opportunity for all of us to thank one another for the good work done. Votes of thanks were also recorded for those who had organized the Summer Teas and for the work carried out by the Castle Fair Committee.

Renovation Work

Our last service in the Chapel before the renovation work begins will be on 9 January 2011. The work to put in an underfloor heating system will take a few weeks. During that period we will not be able to make use of the Chapel and our temporary worship location will be the Hunting Lodge, where we will be holding services as from Sunday, 16 January 2011.

Meeting Schedule

The next Council meetings are scheduled for Monday, 8 November 2010, Monday, 31 January 2011, and Monday, 28 February 2011.

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.

– Martin Luther

How else but through a broken heart
May Lord Christ enter in?

– Oscar Wilde

Anybody can be pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.

– Pope John XXIII
(in a letter to a boy who wanted to know whether to be a pope or a policeman)

Check Mate

Checking in for a flight, a man was asked, “Window or aisle?” “Or you’ll what?” he replied.

Edinburgh Festival

I’ve just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I’ll tell you what, never again.

– Tim Vine

Hedgehogs! Why can’t they just share the hedge?

– Dan Antopolski

Man Down!

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. “What do you think you’re doing?” asks the wife. “They’re on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans,” he replies. “Put them back, we can’t afford them,” demands the wife. And so they carry on shopping.

A few aisles further along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. “What do you think you’re doing?” asks the husband. “It’s my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,” replies the wife. “So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it’s half the price,” retorts the husband.

On the PA system:
“Clean-up needed on aisle 25 ... man down!”
Contributed by Blair Charles

Figures of Speech ...

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it’s still on the list

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you we’d both be wrong.

What's in Your Attic?

Britain is a nation of hoarders – we've got £31 billion of goods we never use, just cluttering up our homes. That works out to about £581 per person. A recent study has found that two thirds of us hold on to everyday household items that we never use. We carefully stash away our spare DVDs, CDs, toasters, music equipment, clothes and computer games. The research, by the website Gumtree.com, indicates that 12% of us feel unsure of how actually to best get rid of our unwanted possessions, or how much they are worth. Ecclesiastes observes: "there is a time to keep and a time to throw away" (3:6b) ... happy is the person who can discern when the time has come for a clear-out! (i.e. 31 October!)

And Now ...

A beautiful message about growing old ... er, sorry ... I've forgotten what it was.

Dinner

Interviewer: "If you could have dinner with any person, living or dead, who would it be?"
Applicant: "The living one."

St James the Least of All

On how to survive a weekend away with the young people

My dear Nephew Darren

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us will have to share one dormitory, I know my snoring will inconvenience you all, so I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four-star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre is very cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. This will, admittedly, mean that I will not be available for the rota for preparing meals, but that is a small loss for giving you all so much more freedom of movement. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your fishpaste sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the

October 4: World Animal Day

World Animal Day isn't a recent addition to the calendar; it was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then it was grown to encompass all kinds of animal life and is widely celebrated in countries throughout the world. October 4 was chosen as it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals.

*God Our Heavenly Father,
You created the world
to serve humanity's needs
and to lead them to You.*

*By our own fault
we have lost the beautiful relationship
which we once had with all your creation.
Help us to see
that by restoring our relationship with You
we will also restore it
with all Your creation.*

*Give us the grace
to see all animals as gifts from You
and to treat them with respect
for they are Your creation.
St Francis of Assisi*

St Andrew's Church, Norwich Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Norwich

As you may know, for some years now St Mary's has been twinned with St Andrew's Church in Norwich. But times change, and it seems that the people from St Andrew's who were active in the twinning have gradually moved on to other churches, bringing a natural end to the link in the process. However, the closing chapter of this relationship would not be complete without a message from the Vicar of St Andrew's:

*I would like to express thanks from all at St Andrew's
for your fellowship in the past and our prayer that you
would know the Lord's blessing in the future.*

*Yours in Christ
Martin*

*Martin Young, Vicar, St Andrew's Church Norwich
Chaplain, Norwich University College of Arts*

As far as the Bible is concerned, God only threw the humans out of Paradise. – Bruce Foyle

The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

– Mahatma Gandhi

A boy can learn a lot from a dog: obedience, loyalty, and the importance of turning around three times before lying down.

– Robert Benchley

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window.

– Steve Bluestone

As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat.

– Ellen Perry Berkeley



Worst

A bishop was quite concerned about a decision he had just made, so much so that he went to his archdeacon to ask his opinion of it. "Yes, I'd say it's your worst decision yet," the plain-talking archdeacon replied. Confused, the bishop ventured, "Yet?" To which the archdeacon replied, "Well, it's not so bad that I think you're incapable of making a worse decision."

Way to Go!

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he ventured, "Did you start at 1?"

Apples

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of an elementary faith school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. A teacher had posted a note on the apply tray, "Take only ONE. God is watching." At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cakes, next to which, in a child's handwriting, was a sign, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

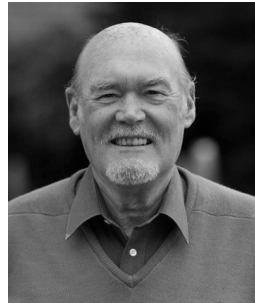
Numbers Game

Melanie (5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old that she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember, you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

New Wine Training Day

10am to 4pm Saturday, 6 November 2010
at Trinity Church, Eindhoven, Netherlands
Praying with and for another
Advanced introduction to prayer ministry
with David Betts from New Wine England

David Betts is Associate Minister at St Mary's, Longfleet, Poole. Before retirement he was Vicar of Canford Magna in Dorset, Rector of St Nic's, and Vicar of St Peter's, Hextable, in Kent. He launched and led the New Wine South Coast Network for six years, and has been actively involved in New Wine summer conferences since they began in 1989, leading the early morning teaching, prayer and praise for the first seven years and speaking at seminars and workshops. He and his wife Irene lead the Pastoral Prayer Ministry Team at the New Wine Central South and West Conference at Shepton Mallett. He has helped to lead New Wine leaders' retreats in Europe and Canada; ministered in the USA and the Far East; leads New Wine Healing Ministry Training and Prophetic Ministry Training Days; has taught at ministry training events in the UK; led renewal weeks at Lee Abbey; and is a speaker for Richmond Christian Holidays.



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on trinitychurcheindhoven.org

fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already chosen the cassettes and books to help me get through them. Perhaps you could modify your proposed route in the mountains to something round the lake, since I notice there is a rather attractive tea shop in the village that I may also be able to visit while waiting for your return.



I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Whose Fault Is It, Anyway?

In a small town a businessman put in planning permission to build a nightclub complete with dancing girls. The local church started a vigorous campaign to block it from opening. The church launched a petition and held prayers in public. Work progressed, however, right up until the week before opening. Then one night a bolt of lightning struck the nightclub and it burned to the ground.

The church members were rather smug after that, until the nightclub owner sued them all – on the grounds that they were responsible for the fire. Loudly protesting their total non-involvement and innocence, the church members were all taken to court. As the case began, the judge looked over the paperwork and observed, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this. It appears that we have a nightclub owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that doesn't!"

Real men never use instructions – after all it's only the manufacturer's opinion on how to put something together.

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

24th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	First Reading Heleen Rauwerda	Isaiah 45:22-25
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Vivian Reinders	Romans 15:1-6
	Gospel	Luke 4:16-24

10th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
	First Reading Coretta Van Leer	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Jeanet Luiten	2 Timothy 2:8-15
	Gospel	Luke 17:11-19

31st October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
All Saints Sunday with All Souls Memorial	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Intercessor	t.b.a.
	First Reading t.b.a.	Psalm 23
10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Ministry for Healing	Second Reading t.b.a.	1 Peter 1:3-9
	Gospel	Luke 6:20-31

17th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	First Reading Els Ottens	Jeremiah 31:27-34
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Victor Pirenne	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
	Gospel	Luke 18:1-8

7th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Third Sunday before Advent	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	t.b.a.
	First Reading t.b.a.	Job 19:23-27a
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading t.b.a.	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
	Gospel	Luke 20:27-38