

## Poetry and Prose

**Gerard Manley Hopkins** (1844-89) was born in London and educated at Balliol College, Oxford. Having followed John Henry Newman into the Roman Catholic Church in 1866, he was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1877. None of his poems was published during his lifetime, but his friend, UK poet laureate Robert Bridges, brought them out in 1918.



The first four lines of this sonnet describe a world so charged with God's presence that it is difficult to fathom how man can ignore this. The second four lines lament the transformation of this natural landscape by "trade" and "toil", with neglect of divine power leading to neglect of the environment. However, the final six lines testify to God's power of renewal – as morning follows night – and the promise of rebirth.

### God's Grandeur

*The world is charged with the grandeur  
of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook  
foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of  
oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon  
his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have  
trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared,  
smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares  
man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being  
shod.  
And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep  
down things;  
And though the last lights off the black  
West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink  
eastward, springs -  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and  
with ah! bright wings.*

*By Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-89)*



February 2012



### A Churchwarden Writes

### The Shipping Forecast

I have always been fascinated by the shipping forecast on BBC Radio 4, more particularly the early morning one at 6.20 am CET. It is wonderful when I wake up earlier than I would like, to switch on my small bedside radio and to hear the familiar opening: "And now the Shipping Forecast issued by the Met Office on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency at 05.05 GMT".

After the general synopsis start the three clockwise cycles of, first, the sea areas from *South East Iceland* to *Trafalgar*, including the well-sounding trio of *Dogger*, *Fisher* and *German Bight*, of which the listener receives the following, somewhat cryptic information like: "Southwesterly veering northwesterly 4 or 5. Mainly fair. Good". Then there are the reports of the coastal stations from *Tiree automatic* to *Malin Head*, with many others in between like *St Abb's Head*, *Bridlington* and *Valentia*, with details like: "North by east 3, 21 miles, 986, rising". The grand finale is the in-shore waters of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with intriguing entries like: from *Ardnamurchan Point* to *Cape Wrath*; and this type of information: "East backing northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later. Rough or very rough. Wintry showers. Good, occasionally poor".



The weatherperson's monotonous voice is soothing and evocative, and one realizes that all is well with the world. The repetitions and rhythms make up a mesmerizing liturgy and I can just picture the fishermen listening while at the same time battling with the swell somewhere near the Devil's Hole in the North Sea, trying to make a living. Or the yachtsman on his own amidst the elements, hoping and praying for the gales to abate. And indeed the workers

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# Twente News

## WE HAVE A NEW CHAPLAIN!

Subject to the completion of formalities, our new Chaplain is the Revd Alja Tollesfen of Utrecht. She will commence her ministry with the East Netherlands Group of Chaplaincies on March 1st. God has blessed us with a priest who made a very good impression on all

## Family Tradition

Bobby had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday. On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink. So when Bobby's 18th birthday came round, he and his pal Mick took a boat out to the middle of the lake. Then Bobby stepped out of the boat ... and nearly drowned! Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety.



Furious and confused, Bobby went to see his grandmother.

those present at the interview and who has a very good track record as a parish priest in England in the past. We are happy and grateful, and look forward to a fruitful working relationship with the new incumbent for the benefit of us all at St Mary's.

*Joyce Wigboldus & Everhard Ottens*

## Christmas Market

Thanks to the great efforts of our decorators, who prepared the Hut so that it looked like something out of a fairy tale, bursting with lights, and of all the bakers, who provided a wonderful collection of original English baking – not forgetting all the great-tasting jams and marmalades – the market held on the Advent Sundays before Christmas turned into a heart-warming, mouth-watering occasion. There was plenty to choose from and take home. Thanks to all this buying and tasting, we ended up with a net profit of 360 euros. To all who made this possible: Thank you very much!

There is still some English produce left, so if you are in need of baking ingredients, please look in the Hut in the plastic containers, or ask Caroline or Jeanet. This baking produce has already been paid for, so any sales would boost the net proceeds. Help us finish up the last bits, so that next Advent we can start afresh!

*Jeanet Luiten*

## Greetings from England

Mr and Mrs Metcalf of Lytham, Lancashire, send their greetings and best wishes for 2012 to all the members of St Mary's. And our thanks go to Mrs Kathleen Rusius, bringer of these tidings from across the North Sea.

- 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: "When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have" (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

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**ACROSS:** (1) Wage (3) Cleansed (9) Plateau (10) Ready (11) Did so (12) Hollow (14) Unregenerated (17) Offers (19) Islam (22) Is not (23) Overran (24) Barracks (25) Legs **DOWN:** (1) Wiped out (2) Guard (4) Laughing-stock (5) April (6) Seaport (7) Days (8) Belong (13) Oddments (15) Refiner (16) Raided (18) Extra (20) Large (21) Limb

## New Testament

This is the way the Gospels run:

*Matthew, Mark, Luke* and *John*;

then come the *Acts*, inviting you the Apostolic Church to view.

The *Epistles* next our notice claim, which in succession thus we name:

*Romans* and *Corinthians* are to cities sent renowned afar;

*Galatians* and *Ephesians* then writ by the same inspired pen;

*Philippians* and *Colossians* stand with *Thessalonians* close at hand;

*Timothy* leads to *Titus* on, which brings us down to *Philemon*.

The *Hebrews* next we gladly find and that of *James* comes close behind.

To *Peter* now our thoughts we give, with loving *John* we'd wish to live;

and solemn *Jude* would pierce the soul,

while *Revelation* crowns the whole.

Contributed by  
*Maureen van der Heide*



## Crossword

(Source Parish Pump, February 2012)



### Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, "Were not all ten — ?" (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 "So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him" (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 "[He] said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He — — , and his hand was completely restored." (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 "Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?" (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 "Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins" (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 "He — — here; he has risen" (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 "Pillars of marble" were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

### Down

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7 "[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan" (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8 "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God" (Revelation 19:1) (6)
- 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)

## Castle Fair Committee

Our first meeting will be held at the beginning of February. We will start organizing the stallholders and tearoom, and would like your suggestions on making it all even more English, as that is the thing that makes us stand out from all the other September autumn fairs. With all of us together, we should be good at that!

So if you think you have the solution to the one or two problems you noticed during our last Fair, do not hesitate to contact us: Count Alfred Solms, Hans Siertsema, Vivian Reinders, Joyce Wigboldus, Jan Willem van Beusekom, Peter Ribbens, Pauline Talstra and Jeanet Luiten.  
*Jeanet Luiten*

## Local Contacts Scheme

If you turn to the inside back cover, you will see that we now have a new contact for the Goor/Markelo area: Cor Bosma. This is welcome news indeed, and our thanks go to him for taking up the gauntlet.

## Message of Thanks

I would like to thank all those who telephoned, visited, and sent cards or heartening messages during my recent illness and stay in hospital. Your support was much appreciated and gave me great comfort and encouragement.

My sincere good wishes to you all at St Mary's,  
*Agnes Lee*



## Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Churchwardens 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 Churchwardens.

"Grandma," he asked, "It's my 18th birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?" Granny looked deeply into Bobby's troubled brown eyes and said, "You daft happorth! Your father, your grandfather and your great-grandfather were all born in December, when the lake is frozen, and you were born in August!"

## Problem Solved?

Joe and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbours' dog is barking like mad in the garden next door.



After tossing and turning for a while, Joe says, "Blow this for a game of marbles!" and storms out of the bedroom. Five minutes later he's back and his wife asks, "So, what did you do?" With a smug grin, her husband replies, "I've brought the dog into *our* garden. Now let's see how they like it!"

## Space Odyssey

A Russian, an American, and a blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in space!" The American said, "We were the first on the moon!" The blonde said, "So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun. You'll burn up!" said the Russian.



To which the blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!"

## Distance

One evening two blondes in Oklahoma are sitting on a bench and talking. One says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away – Florida or the moon? Amused, the other blonde turns to her friend and says, "Hellooo, can you see Florida?"

## Eyes Open

Two blondes walked into a building ... you'd have thought one of them would have noticed.

- Tommy Cooper

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on the oil rigs in their windswept environment. For seafarers the Shipping Forecast is a beacon on the wide and dark ocean which gives warning, information and confidence. One is not alone and knows what to expect.

Lord God, protect mariners and workers on the sea and also be our guide on our voyage on the ocean of life. Give us your support when the going gets rough, when we feel lonely, in distress or in fear of our lives. And finally bring us all to the only safe port.

Everhard Ottens



## More News from Twente

### ANBI/FWO

It is unlikely to have escaped your notice that *St Mary's Magazine* now sports a new logo on the inside front cover. It also appears at the bottom of the service sheets when space allows. This is the logo of the *Algemeen Nut Beogende Instellingen*. And its significance? Over to our Treasurer:

"We are all familiar, I hope, with our FWO (Free Will Offering) Scheme, where your gifts are transferred into the Church bank account. The Church could not exist without these gifts. Thanks to all of you! Fortunately, your generosity is rewarded by the *Belastingdienst*. The Church has been granted the status of an ANBI, whereby your donation can be deducted from income in your annual tax return. The *drempel* is either 60 euros or 1% of your income, with a maximum of 10%.

Hopefully, this information is useful to you and will promote a financially sound *St Mary's*."  
Arthur Cass

who register their children will pay 30 to 35 euros a month, a competitive rate, particularly as the use of the instrument is included.

"We think that there is interest for such an initiative. Only 10 to 12 schools in the Netherlands have a wind instrument class, and most of these are in Limburg and Brabant, provinces with a wind culture. But Twente too has such a culture. Just look around. Smaller places such as Wierden and Enter each have two bands, and Almelo has many more. But the membership is ageing. The first reactions of these bands have been highly positive. Our initiative can provide them with a youthful inflow," explains Annink.

If there are sufficient applications, pupils will receive lessons for three years. For the project to be cost-effective, 20 pupils are needed at Aalderinkshoek, as well as in Rijssen. According to the teachers, the pinnacle would be if the school could stimulate such enthusiasm among talented pupils that a big band would emerge. "Or if several pupils were to choose music as an examination subject," ponder Annink and Pirenne aloud.

Translated from *De Twentsche Courant Tubantia* (19-1-2011)

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The missionary told the congregation the date, and the man who interrupted told him this story: "On the night of your incident in Africa, it was morning here and I was preparing to go play golf. I was about to putt when I felt the urge to pray for you. In fact, the urging of the Lord was so strong, I called men in this church to meet with me here in the sanctuary to pray for you. Would all of those men who met with me on that day stand up?" The men who had met together to pray that day stood up. The missionary wasn't concerned with who they were, he was too busy counting how many men he saw. There were 26. (Source: *Parish Pump*, February 2012)

This way they were able to survive. The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but one where each individual learns to live with the imperfections of the other and can admire the other person's good qualities.



## Seven Social Sins

In 1925 Mahatma Gandhi wrote an article for the magazine *Young India* in which he listed the seven social sins that, according to him, destroyed society:

1. Politics without principles
2. Wealth without work
3. Pleasure without conscience
4. Knowledge without character
5. Commerce without morality
6. Science without humanity
7. Worship without sacrifice

- Mahatma Gandhi,  
Young India  
(22 October 1925)



### Fable of the Hedgehog

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The hedgehogs, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.



Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others.

### Pius X Seeks to Support Twente Tradition: Special Class for Wind Instruments

*(St Mary's draws its congregation from a wide area, and here is one town and one member that have been in the news recently.)*

**ALMELO** – In the coming school year, the school for secondary education Pius X is starting a class for players of wind instruments. In a time when cultural education in general and music education in particular are facing stormy financial weather, Pius X is embarking on these extra music lessons for talented pupils. First-formers who apply for this initiative of Pius X, the Music School Twente and instrument maker Yamaha will receive on average 2½ hours of music instruction a week. There is only a one-hour music lesson on the normal timetable. "We, the school music teachers, will handle part of this extra instruction, while also hiring in specialist teachers from the music school," explain teachers Victor Pirenne and Ton Annink.



Children in this special class will choose flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or euphonium. Depending on the interest, the choice could be wider. It is intended that the children choose an instrument they have yet to master. If they already play the saxophone for example, they must choose another, new instrument. Wind instruments have been a conscious choice. "Keyboards and guitars can be seen in the music room of any secondary school. Nothing wrong in that; we don't use wind instruments either in regular lessons. It demands a special technique, which is certainly not easy," says Pirenne of the Aalderinkshoek facility of Pius X.

His colleague Ton Annink is setting up a class for wind instrument players at the Rijssen facility of the school. According to provisional calculations, parents

### New Year, New Book

Dr Sjoerd Bonting celebrated the turn of the year in a rather unusual way. On 31 December 2011, he sent off his latest book – with all the i's dotted and the t's crossed – to his publisher. Entitled *Is There Life After Death? A Novel View*, the book will appear late March. No need to place an order at the local bookshop: Dr Bonting is willing to hold a book sale after the nearest service. The price for members will be €15, and a Dutch translation will also be available.

### Things Campanological

If you were at the service on 4 December, you will remember the bell rope that Ferdinand van Dijk was going to carry to a church in Namibia (perhaps puzzling the Customs en route). You will be happy to know it is now being used to "ring to the glory of God" – to quote the Revd Sam Van Leer, who conducted the service on that particular Sunday.

### Spoken Word

On Thursday 19 January, one of our congregation was interviewed in *Kerk Lokaal* on Radio Hofstreek FM by Rita Wibbelink. Jonneke Adolfsen spoke about Anglicanism in general and about our church in particular. Listeners must have got a good picture of St Mary's. The interview can still be heard over the internet (<http://www.hofstreek.nl/hofstreekfm.php>).

### Key Dates

17-19 February	Archdeaonry Pre-Lent Retreat
22 February	Ash Wednesday
1 March	New Chaplain starts her Ministry
7 March	Council Meeting
18 March	Mothering Sunday
1 April	Palm Sunday
5 April	Maundy Thursday
6 April	Good Friday
8 April	Easter Sunday
22 April	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

### Asking Directions

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank "Hello there!" she shouts, "How can I get to the other side?" The second blonde looks up the river, down the river, across the river, and then shouts back, "You ARE on the other side."

### Diagnosis

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead pushes on her left shoulder with her finger and screams, then she pushes her elbow and screams even more. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream. The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead, are you?" "Well, no," she admits, "I'm actually a blonde." "I thought so," says the doctor, "Your finger is broken." *The world would be a duller place without them!*

## Carnival Spirit

'Tis the night after Carnival, when all through the house, not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse. Suddenly a man and his wife are rudely awakened by a loud pounding on the door. The man drags himself out of his warm bed and goes to the door, where a merry reveller, rather unsteady on his feet, is standing in the pouring rain. He asks the husband if he would give him a push. "Not a chance," says the husband. "It's three o'clock in the morning and raining cats and dogs!" He slams the door and returns to his warm bed. "Who was that?" asks his wife. "Just some guy who's been out celebrating too freely and is now asking for a push," he answers.



"And did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not. It's pitch dark and it's bucketing down!" "Well, you have a short memory,"

## St James the Least of All On how to survive a residential conference

My dear Nephew Darren,

I am glad you enjoyed your conference, but please do not be deluded into thinking that conferences are there to teach you anything. Conferences exist to provide another entry on your CV, to give you time off while flattering yourself that you are working, and to make the person leading it feel that their life is not wholly pointless.

As it happened, I was also invited to the same one, the one entitled *Learning How to Say "No"*. But I refused to attend, thereby proving that I didn't need it anyway.

There are certain useful points you need to learn for conferences. First, about half the attendees will have been together only the previous week attending another conference in another part of the country. They will be eager, enthusiastic and overflowing with management platitudes. Avoid them at all costs. Should one of them say to you, "Expect the unexpected", you have my permission to strangle them. They won't have expected that!



Secondly, when you are all asked to go through that ghastly process of introducing yourselves to everyone else, make it up. I think the last time I was obliged to do this, I became a butcher specializing in exporting offal to Saudi Arabia. All your clerical colleagues will then panic that they have turned up for the wrong course and the leader will make sure that you are not asked another single question throughout the event.

## When Prompted to Pray ...

(A missionary told this true story while visiting his home church in Michigan.)

While serving at a small field hospital in Africa, every two weeks I travelled by bicycle through the jungle to a nearby city for supplies. This was a journey of two days and required camping overnight at the halfway point.

On one of these journeys, I arrived in the city where I planned to collect money from a bank, purchase medicine and supplies, and then begin my two-day journey back to the field hospital. Upon arrival in the city, I observed two men fighting, one of whom had been seriously injured. I treated him for his injuries and at the same time talked to him about the Lord. I then travelled two days, camping overnight, and arrived home without incident.

Two weeks later I repeated my journey. Upon arriving in the city, I was approached by the young man I had treated. He told me that he had known I carried money and medicines. He said, "Some friends and I followed you into the jungle, knowing you would camp overnight. We planned to kill you and take your money and drugs. But just as we were about to move into your camp, we saw that you were surrounded by 26 armed guards."

At this I laughed and said that I was certainly all alone in that jungle campsite. The young man pressed the point, however, and said, "No sir, I was not the only person to see the guards. My five friends also saw them, and we all counted them. It was because of those guards that we were afraid and left you alone."

At this point in the sermon, one of the men in the congregation jumped to his feet and asked if he could tell him the exact day this happened.

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"If a school bus carrying 50 children drove over a cliff, that would be a tragedy."

"I'm afraid not," explains the great man patiently. "That's what we would call a great loss."

The room goes silent.

No other children volunteer. The president searches the room: "Isn't there anyone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?"

Finally, at the back of the room, little Johnny raises his hand. In a quiet voice, he says:

"If a plane carrying you and the rest of the government exploded in mid-air, that would be a tragedy."

"Fantastic!" exclaims the president. "That's right. And can you tell me why that would be a tragedy?"

"Well," replies Johnny, "It has to be a tragedy, because it certainly wouldn't be a great loss and it probably wouldn't be an accident either!"

## Codename

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your email?

A: Rename the mail folder *Instruction Manual*.

## Word Play

Elections are approaching rapidly and the polls are predicting dire results for those currently in power. It seems a charm offensive is called for. The president sets off to visit a particularly difficult constituency and, accompanied by a gaggle of photographers, decides to visit a primary school. One class is in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings. The teacher asks the president if he would like to lead the discussion on the word *tragedy*.



So the illustrious leader asks the class for an example of a tragedy. A small boy stands up and offers: "If my best friend, who lives on a farm, is playing in the field and a tractor runs him over, that would be a tragedy." "No," says the president, "that would be an accident." A little girl raises her hand:

## Annual General Meeting

The date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for 22 April 2012. At the AGM the church officers for the coming year are elected. To be able to vote at the AGM you need to be on the Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to have your name added, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Simone Yallop, for an application form. To join the Electoral Roll, you have to be at least 16 years old; to be a resident of the parish or have habitually attended worship in the church in the previous six months; to be a baptized Christian who belongs (or previously belonged) to a church that affirms belief in the Holy Trinity. More details about the AGM itself will be given nearer the time in the March issue of the magazine.

*Simone Yallop*

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## Coffee & Chat Morning

We are having a coffee & chat morning followed by a light lunch on:

**Wednesday 29 February 2012  
at 11.00am  
Venue: "The Hut"**

If you feel like some good company in a friendly and cosy environment, please feel welcome to come along.  
(Transport can be arranged.)

### Contacts:

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Caroline Siertsema (0543 521821)  
Jeanet Luiten (+0049 256 79395750)  
*or your local contact representative (listed in magazine)*

Both outcomes are satisfying.

Thirdly, do realize that when you are asked to divide into small discussion groups, it means that the conference leader has run out of ideas about what to do next. Do not, at all costs, volunteer to be chairman. It only means that when you have to report back – and if the leaders use the word "plenary", then by all means contemplate strangling them also – you will be involved in sticking sheets of paper on to walls, which will then rip off the wallpaper when you try to remove them.

You will also have the embarrassment of finding that every felt tip pen you try to use will be empty, and what you thought were the conclusions your group had arrived at will be volubly contradicted by all the other members.

No, if you are ever obliged to attend another course, take a good book, enough claret to cover every evening away, and develop a debilitating illness that, while enabling you to attend every meal, obliges you to retreat to your room for the rest of the day. You will leave having learned as much on whatever the topic was as your colleagues, but will return refreshed and eager to make the next booking.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace  
©The Revd Dr Gary Bowness

## Reflection

**We do not need to be very old to look back on life and see that things that we thought were disasters worked out to our good ... we can see a guiding and directing hand in it.**  
– *William Barclay*

says his wife. "Don't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! Remember, you should love ALL your neighbours. Feeling a bit sheepish, the man gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?" "Yes," comes the answer. "Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband. "Oh, yes please!" comes a voice. "But where are you?" shouts the husband. "Over here on the swing under the tree," comes the chirpy reply.

## Forgiveness

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

<b>5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen</b>
<b>Third Sunday Before Lent (Proper 1)</b>	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Caroline Siertsema</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Caroline Siertsema</b>
	First Reading Philippa te West	Isaiah 40:21-31
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Arthur Cass	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
	Gospel	Mark 1:29-39

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Dr S. Bonting</b>
<b>LEN</b> 	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Locum Chaplain</b>
	First Reading Joyce Wigboldus	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Second Reading t.b.a.	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
	<b>20:00 hrs Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Sam Van Leer</b>
<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Janice Collins</b>
	First Reading Maureen v.d. Heide	Proverbs 8:1, 22-31
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Elizabeth v.d. Heide	Colossians 1:15-20
	Gospel	John 1:1-14

<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen</b>
<b>Lent 1</b>	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	First Reading Jeanet Luiten	Genesis 9:8-17
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Mary Cass	1 Peter 3:18-22
	Gospel	Mark 1:9-15

<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Alja Tollefsen</b>
<b>Next Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Caroline Siertsema</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	First Reading Caroline Siertsema	2 Kings 2:1-12
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Second Reading Jeanet Luiten	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
	Gospel	Mark 9:2-9

<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Alja Tollefsen</b>
<b>Lent 2</b>	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	Janice Collins	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Arthur Cass	Romans 4:13-25
	Gospel	Mark 8:31-38