

Poetry and Prose

Born in the Soho district of London as the third of seven children, **William Blake** attended school only long enough to learn reading and writing, and was otherwise educated at home. Serving a seven-year apprenticeship, he became a professional engraver at the age of 21. From a very young age, he claimed to have seen visions, and the Bible was a great source of inspiration throughout his life. Poet, painter, printmaker and visionary, he was and is greatly respected for his expressiveness, creativity and the mystical elements in his work. He produced many illuminated books and was faithfully helped in his work by his wife Catherine Boucher. *The Auguries of Innocence* is a poem full of paradoxes and throws up many intriguing ideas for debate.

Auguries of Innocence

(excepts)

*To see a world in a grain of sand,
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
And eternity in an hour.*

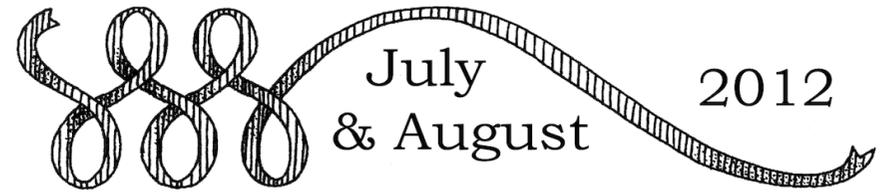
*A robin redbreast in a cage
Puts all heaven in a rage.
A dove-house fill'd with doves and
pigeons
Shudders hell thro' all its regions.
A dog starv'd at his master's gate
Predicts the ruin of the state.*



*A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.
It is right it should be so;
Man was made for joy and woe;
And when this we rightly know,
Thro' the world we safely go.
Joy and woe are woven fine,
A clothing for the soul divine.
Under every grief and pine
Runs a joy with silken
twine.*



By William Blake (1757-1827)



The Chaplain Writes

Summer Reflection

A double issue for July and August. It is the time that many people are away on holiday and we have to slow down.

I have a friend who hardly ever goes on holiday, but he stays home and reads all the books he didn't have time for during the year and saves himself the hassle of getting organized to leave. Because getting away usually involves a lot of planning and preparing. It is actually hard work to get away!

After four months in the Chaplaincy, I can hardly claim that I need a holiday and yet I do. I will go to France for three weeks. Meet family and friends and enjoy a change of scenery.

My daily scenery is beautiful and I do get a lot of energy simply by walking the dog in the woods behind the house. Still, I believe it is good to have a break, because the mind takes on a slower pace, a different direction, as it is diverted by other events than the ordinary. For me it is also a time to think about the year ahead. Certainly this first year I like to reflect on the direction of the chaplaincies. Where are we going? What would we like our communities of faith to be the next year?

We all like to expand our congregations and we need to take stock. What can we do with the talents we have amongst our members? What are the goals we can achieve? But probably more important: what would God like us to achieve?

With all the social events happening, we need to reflect on the fact that, first of all, we are a community of faith. God needs to be central in our life as a Church. Our talents should be used to aim for God's purposes.

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Twente News

St Mary's Summer Teas

This year the Summer Teas will run on Sundays from 8th July to 12th August **except on the 15th July**. Two lists are hanging in the Hut for people to put their names down to help. Each week one or two people will be needed to serve teas and cakes in the Hut, and Jan and Theda

Weather Warning

On a bitterly cold winter's morning a husband and wife in Dublin were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say,



"We're going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so that the snowploughs can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car. A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We're expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow

will also be present. In addition, one or two volunteers will be needed to help visitors in the Chapel. Volunteers are also needed for baking, and the second list is the baking list, where you can sign up for this important contribution. Our teas are a great opportunity to advertise the presence of the Anglican Church in the Twente region ... and a very joyful event!



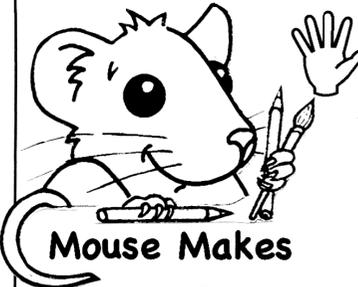
Theda Gort-ten Barge

A Very Special Occasion

On 20th September 1987, during a Service of Holy Communion conducted by the Right Reverend Edward Holland, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe, Weldam Chapel was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resorting to the use of fingers and toes, and perhaps the aid of a friend, it's not all that difficult to calculate that we will be celebrating a very special occasion this coming September: the 25th anniversary of the Dedication of St Mary the Virgin, Weldam. Yet another milestone in our lengthening history!

To keep the record straight, the Anglican Church Twente actually started holding services at Weldam as early as August 1979, but it was not until eight years later, in September 1987, that the Chapel was dedicated to St Mary.



Mouse Makes

It was Jesus who taught us to call God our 'Heavenly Father'. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray he said:
"When you pray, go to your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father who sees what you do in private, will reward you."
READ Matthew 6:9-15



THANK YOU
PRAISE YOU
SORRY
PLEASE

LORD JESUS,
Thank you
that you love me,
Thank you
that you care,
Thank you
that you listen,
Thank you
that your near.
AMEN

FOR FAMILY
FOR FRIENDS
FOR THE WORLD
FOR THE CHURCH

Our Father in heaven:
may your holy name
be honoured;
your Kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have
done, as we forgive the wrongs
that others have done to us.
Do not bring us to hard testing,
but keep us safe from
the evil one.
AMEN

To make a praying hand bookmark, carefully cut out around the hands, fold back along the centre dotted line and glue together. Use the the words on the hands and fingers to help you as you pray.

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Reading between the Lines

As part of his talk at a banquet, a minister told some jokes and a few funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet by observing "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."



Definitions

Minor operation: one performed on someone else.

Monday morning: when we look back wistfully on the good old days – Saturday and Sunday.

Contemporary Problem

A sensitive poem to touch your heartstrings, submitted by ...

*The computer swallowed grandpa.
Yes, honestly it's true!
He pressed "control" and "enter"
And disappeared from view.
It devoured him completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
He must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found "online".
So, if inside your "Inbox",
My grandpa you should see,
Please "Copy, Scan" and "Paste" him
And send him back to me.*

... Blair Charles



June Wedding

We would like to offer our warmest wishes and congratulations to Kimberley Barker and Nelson Kuya, who were married in St Mary's Chapel, Weldam, on 16th June 2012. The lovely service, which was conducted by the Revd Sam Van Leer, was attended by people from no less than five different countries, including nine who had travelled across from England. Nelson's nine-year-old daughter, Chaiane, was the bridesmaid, so it was also a very special occasion for her too. And naturally a red-letter day for Nicole and Marco Zonnebeld, who had negotiated the rocky road of planning alongside the couple ... and all that that entails!

The Chapel in the woods is a beautiful place to embark on a journey, and we wish Kimberley and Nelson every happiness together on their path through life.

Contact Details

Just to draw your attention to one or two changes. First, on the inside front cover you will find a change of address and a telephone number for Jolanda Wessels, our new Representative for Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults. Second, Janice Collins has stepped down as local contact for Hengelo, Rijssen and Delden, and we're very happy to confirm that Jolanda Bestman has agreed to take over this function. Consequently the team remains at full strength and you can find Jolanda's contact details on the inside back cover.



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.

today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so that the snowploughs can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again. The next week they were again having breakfast, when the radio announcer said, "We're expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today.

You must park" Then the electric power went off. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. On which side of the street do I need to park so that the snowploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the wretched car in the garage this time?"



Streetwise

Up from the country and the first time in London, Bob and Mick were walking along a street when Bob looked in one of the shop windows and a sign caught his eye. The sign read, "Suits £5.00 each, shirts £2.00 each, trousers £2.50 per pair."



He quickly said to his pal, Mick, look at the prices! We could buy a whole lot of those and when we get back home we could make a fortune. Now when we go in you stay quiet, okay? Let me do all the talking 'cause if they hear our accents, they might think we're a bit green and try to drive a hard bargain." "Right y'are, I'll leave it to you," said Mick. They go in and Bob said in a posh voice,

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So, then, what are our talents? There may be talents hidden away. Think of Peter, who wasn't the most tactful man and yet he was a wonderful public speaker. The apostles discovered that their fear disappeared when they were called to proclaim the Gospel. They developed a compassion for the people they ministered to.

Holiday time may be a time to discover our hidden talents, our strength to contribute. Maybe it is a time to consider a change and to develop new skills. It definitely is a time to recharge our batteries and to ask God to inspire us to work for Him and his communities of faith.



Alja Tollefsen



The Rabbi and the Soap Maker

A rabbi and a soap maker went for a walk together. The soap maker said, "What good is religion? Look at all the trouble and misery in the world. Still there, even after years — thousands of years — of teaching about goodness and truth and peace. Still there after all the prayers and sermons and teachings. If religion is good and true, why should this be?" The rabbi said nothing. They continued walking until the rabbi noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the rabbi said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!" The soap maker protested, "But, Rabbi, soap cannot do any good unless it is used!" "Exactly," replied the rabbi.

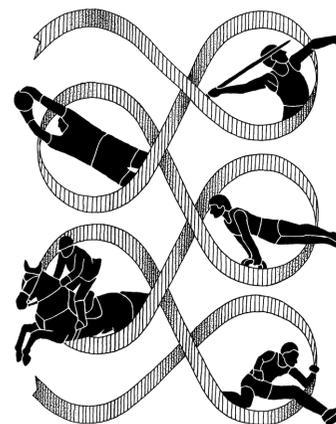
(With thanks to the Lebuinus Kompas Nieuwsbrief juni 2012 for signposting this tale)

his sister that he will indeed leave his homeland to serve as a missionary, but first he must take part in the Games for "God has made me for China, but he has also made me fast. When I run, I feel his pleasure; to run is to honour him." We hear the hymn verse "Run the straight race through God's good grace" as Eric reads from Isaiah that those who wait on the Lord will run and not be weary.

There are snippets of Gilbert and Sullivan and other melodies in the film, but it is Vangelis' powerful music that truly expresses the drama and discipline of the two athletes, training and running to their highest endeavour to be an example and inspiration to the world. As we watch the Olympics during these two months, we shall see sportswomen and men giving of their best. We shall even hear Vangelis' music ringing out as the Olympic flame is carried through the land to London.

St Paul knew something of the discipline and dedication of athletes training in Corinth. In his first letter to the church there, he likens the Christian to an athlete in the race of life as God calls each of us to that sacrifice and offering. In his day the victor in the games was rewarded with a crown of wild olive. In our day it is a gold or silver or bronze medal. For St Paul the prize is the trophy of immortal life, a wreath that never fades. As we are called to take part in that race, we may even hear Vangelis' stirring music spurring us on to give of our best.

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Football

... I've lost count of the times I've played in that fixture. Each one was a memorable occasion ...

— Trevor Steven

We were a little outnumbered there— it was two against two.

— Frank McClintock

We are not as bad a team as people give us credit for!

— Mark Barham



Motor Sport

... and Edson Arantes di Nascimento, commonly known to us a Pele, hands the award to Damon Hill, commonly known to us as, er ... Damon Hill.

— Murray Walker

Happy listening!
(Source Private Eye: Colemanballs)



On-Air Gaffes

Athletics

There's Nascimento, the pacemaker from Brazil, running a sensible race, and sharing out the work with his compatriot from Argentina ...

– *Brendan Foster*

It must be an amazing feeling to win the Marathon over that distance.

– *Claire Baldrey*

... and that bronze medal is worth its weight in gold.

– *David Coleman*

Cricket

We didn't have metaphors in our day. We didn't beat about the bush.

– *Fred Trueman*

Rugby

As Phil De Glanville said, each game is unique – and this one is no different to any other.

– *John Sleightholme*

God in Music

“In sweet music is such art”: Chariots of Fire

This month Great Britain will be hosting the Olympic Games, and London will be welcoming participants from all over the world who come to give of their best in their particular sport. There are always memorable achievements at each Olympic Games, and many of us will remember special moments of triumph – perhaps Steve Redgrave in 2000, Daley Thompson in 1984, Mary Peters in 1972, the first Paralympics in 1960, and Jesse Owens in 1936. Further back in time, in 1924 in Paris there were two remarkable victories: Harold Abrahams in the 100 metres and Eric Liddell in the 400 metres.

The story of these two men is the subject of this month's film released in 1981, *Chariots of Fire*. The title comes from Blake's poem *Jerusalem* where the poet says that he will not rest until he has built God's kingdom in the midst of human lives. We hear the hymn of that great endeavour being sung at the end of the film, but it is the opening credits that captured the hearts when the film was first shown. We see the athletes in training for the 1924 Olympics. They are running in slow motion to the electronic synthesizer and piano of the music of Vangelis. The relentless beat sounds out, and then we hear a triumphant, exultant melody as we feel the exhilaration of the British team running against the wind at the edge of the sea.

In that year the Olympic Games officially adopted the motto *Citius, Altius, Fortius* – Faster, Higher, Stronger. That desire to achieve and give of their best is seen in the drama of two lives, Harold Abrahams played by Ben Cross and Eric Liddell played by Ian Charleson. The first runs to overcome anti-Jewish prejudice, the second for the glory of God. Eric tells

Key Dates

8th July to 12th August (except 15th July) 15th July	Summer Teas (Sundays) Wladimirkoor will be singing at the service on this day Castle Fair 25th Anniversary of Service of Dedication: St Mary the Virgin
8th September 2012 20th September 2012	

Mea Culpa

Somehow Latin adds a touch of distinction. Still, be that as it may, my apologies for the error in the June issue of magazine: the date of the Castle Fair is of course Saturday, 8th September ... and hopefully it is writ large in your diary!



“Hello my good man. I’ll take 50 suits at £5.00 each, 100 shirts at £2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at £2.50 each. I’ll back up my truck ready to load them on.”
The owner of the shop said quietly, “You’re new around here, aren’t you?”
“Well yes,” said a surprised Bob.
“What gave it away?”
“This is a dry-cleaners,” came the reply.

Thoughtful

A husband and wife were taking a stroll through the town one warm summer's evening. As they walked past a new restaurant that had just opened its doors, she said, “Did you smell that food? Incredible!” Being in a good mood he thought he'd treat her ... so they turned round and strolled past it again.

Inate Sensitivity

The room was crowded with expectant mothers and their partners. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe and was telling the men how to give the necessary help and assurance to their partners at this stage of the pregnancy. She said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. Just pace yourself, make plenty of rest stops, and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path." She looked at the men in the room, "Gentlemen, remember – you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both." The room suddenly got very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments, a man at the back of the room slowly raised

St James the Least of All

On Why Our Church is Safe from Vandals

My dear Nephew Darren,

I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in 13 alternative renditions of "Shine Jesus, shine" and other such artistic gems.



It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying "Thieves will be forgiven", although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. You must have been greatly relieved to find that your collection of numbers from train spotting was untouched. They must have been so overjoyed to discover your tins of night-time cocoa that they overlooked it in their excitement.

Last year, we also had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the 400-year-old oak door to get in. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't

It will be noticed that the red diagonal arms of the flag have white bands on each side; one side having a broad white band and the other side a narrow one. The broad white band should be to the top of the flag on the side nearest the pole. In heraldry white is called silver; red, crimson; blue, azure. A diagonal cross is called a saltire; the background the field. So the correct descriptions of the flags are: St George's – a crimson cross on a silver field; St Andrew's – a silver saltire on an azure field; St Patrick's – a crimson saltire on a silver field.

We are grateful to Joy Romeijn for this contribution that answers some of the questions about the national flag prompted by the recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations. "This information is taken from my brother's Boy Scouts Tests book, which was published in 1939. Consequently, the facts may be a little out-of-date, but the main information remains the same."



Archdeaconry News

A service of choral evensong was held in the Old Catholic Cathedral, Utrecht, on Saturday 19th May, marking the retirement of the Ven. John de Wit, who had served not only as Chaplain of Holy Trinity Utrecht for the past eight years, but also as Archdeacon of North West Europe in recent years. The beautiful service was led by the Revd Canon Dr Robert Innes from Brussels and the sermon was given by Bishop Geoffrey Rowell.

Currently the Acting Archdeacon is the Bishop's Chaplain and Commissary, the Revd Canon Meurig Williams, who is based in Crawley, West Sussex, England.

 Cure for headaches: take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

 Take a lime, mix it with tequila, chill and drink! All your pains go away!

 Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.

 Leftover wine????

No Answer to This
"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."
– Dept of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

Helpful Hints

 To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.

 Buy instant mashed potato mix. Keeps in the cupboard for up to a year.

 When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking tin, use a bit of dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.

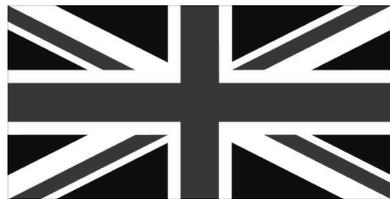
 Go to the bakery! They'll even decorate it for you!

 Wrap celery in aluminium foil when putting it in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

 Celery? Never heard of it!

The Composition and History of, and How to Fly, the Union Jack

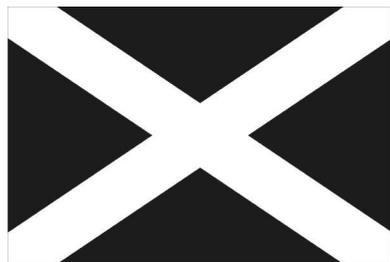
The Union Jack is the national flag of the United Kingdom and the British Empire, and is made up of the old national flags of the former three kingdoms.



In 1606 King James I combined the flags of England, which was a white flag with the red cross of St George, and Scotland, which was a blue flag with the white diagonal cross of St Andrew. Thus the English and Scottish flags were blended to form the

first British Union Flag.

In 1801 a red diagonal cross with a white border, representing the white flag with the red cross of St Patrick of Ireland, was added to the



flag, making the Union Jack of Great Britain and Ireland as we know it today.



Scouts must understand the right and the wrong way of flying the Union Jack. If it is flown upside down, it is a signal of distress.

even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into – although, as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented *the End of Civilisation as We Know It*. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises and a few even speculated about the possibility of having tactical nuclear weapons and strategically placed land mines about the place. Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Sandi V www.wacky.wits.com

My wife said: "Watcha doin' today?"
I said: "Nothing."
She said: You did that yesterday.
I said: "I wasn't finished."

his hand. "Yes," said the instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye doesn't it?

Identity Crisis

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing vigorous preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

– Contributed by Blair Charles

Last Wishes

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote,

 "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

– Contributed by Blair Charles

Generation Gap

As we SilverSurfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11-year-old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."



I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless enquired, "What's that? In case I need to fix it again." Eric grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before? Just write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So I wrote down ... ID10T. And to think I used to like Eric!

Back to Church Sunday (30th September 2012)

It seems a personal invitation to go to church is a powerful thing! Latest figures reveal that more than 150,000 people have come back to church since the very first *Back to Church Sunday* in 2004.

National surveys indicate that there are many reasons why people stop attending church. In fact, the top two reasons are that they feel they are "too busy" or they feel the burden of family and home responsibilities. Although these are very real reasons, they are probably the top two reasons why you need to be in church. Many people are nervous about visiting a church, but on *Back to Church Sunday* you won't be alone – other visitors will be there too and the church will be excited to have you visit.

In a speech to diocesan and denominational *Back to Church Sunday* champions at Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, said: "We have been in danger of forgetting just how much we still have in the "bank", just how much [...] wish there is for connections to be made in the minds and hearts of a lot of people. What *Back to Church Sunday* has [...] demonstrated is that you don't have to dig too far to find that desire for connection."

He added that *Back to Church Sunday* is "part of a proper bit of forward thinking which builds on an intelligent analysis of what is genuinely there in communities ... for the sake of the Gospel".

The Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Revd Paul Bayes, said: "*Back to Church Sunday* is simple. It's about inviting someone you know to something you love. There are at least three million people waiting for a friend to invite them."

Source: Extracted from articles in *Parish Pump*

the gentlemen!), began to arrive from all directions, bearing plates of delicious sandwiches, cakes and canapés, as well as liquid refreshments. Pride of place went to a magnificent cake iced by a steady hand in the design and colours of the Union Jack.

In the quiet of the Chapel, eyes were drawn to a truly beautiful flower arrangement – in red, white and blue – a witness to the gifts of Brenda Pyle. It was Trinity Sunday and the prayers and the sermon delivered by our Chaplain, Alja, gave us much to ponder.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen. (Post-Communion Prayer)

The British National Anthem was sung in honour of this special day and the service closed with a powerful rendering of *Jerusalem* (no coincidence that the last page of this issue is dedicated to William Blake).

We then wended our way to the Hut (still drizzling!) to enjoy a very British Celebration in a very international environment. We could definitely feel at one with those raising their glasses at street parties the length and breadth of the UK and throughout the Commonwealth.



Our thanks and appreciation go to all who contributed in whatever way, shape or cake to this joyous celebration, and in particular to Philippa te West, tireless arch-instigator of this right royal event.

The Diamond Jubilee Prayer

God of time and eternity,
Whose son reigns as servant, not master;
We give you thanks and praise
That you have blessed this nation, the realms and territories with Elizabeth,
Our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
Grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
As she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God,
And in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
And those of the Commonwealth,
Now and all the days of her life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





**THE QUEEN'S
DIAMOND JUBILEE
1952 - 2012**

*(Scanned from the
bookmark we
received from
Philippa as a
memento of the
occasion)*

Knowing God is
your single greatest
privilege as a
Christian.
– Sinclair Ferguson

God-like character
is both the fruit of
the Spirit as he
works within us and
the result of our
personal efforts.
We are both totally
dependent upon his
working within us
and totally responsi-
ble for our own
character
development.
– Jerry Bridges

A Very British Celebration

Awaking early on Sunday, 3rd June 2012, you could have been forgiven for pulling the warm covers rapidly over your head and going back to sleep. The weather was *not* welcoming. Damp, drizzly, windy, cold – and worse was to come. And across the North Sea too, it was the same. But nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the hardy souls who had spent the night camped out along London's Embankment to claim a first-class view of the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant later that day. Over 1,000 ships took

part in the flotilla and, braving the elements, millions of people lined the banks of the river to pay tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth II.

At Weldam, Theda and Jan ten Barge had been up with the birds, decking out the Hut and arranging the tables for a celebration fit for a queen. And then people, clad in a stunning array of festive hats and accessories to mark the occasion (both the ladies and



8th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
Fifth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Simone Yallop	Ezekiel 2:1-5
	Second Reading Els Ottens	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
	Gospel	Mark 6:1-13
10:30 am Sung Eucharist		

15th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Arjen Haffmans	Amos 7:7-15
	Second Reading Hans Siertsema	Ephesians 1:3-14
	Gospel	Mark 6:14-29
10:30 am Sung Eucharist		
<i>(Visit Wladimirkoor)</i>		

22nd July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Dr S. Bonting
	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Philippa te West
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Linda ten Berge	Jeremiah 23:1-6
	Second Reading Caroline Siertsema	Ephesians 2:11-22
	Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
10:30 am Sung Eucharist		

29th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	First Reading Janice Collins	2 Kings: 4:42-44
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Blair Charles	Ephesians 3:14-21
	Gospel	John 6:1-21

5th August	Led by the Churchwardens	Joyce Wigboldus and Everhard Ottens
	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Everhard Ottens
	First Reading Philippa te West	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
10:30 am Morning Prayer	Second Reading Agnes Lee	Ephesians 4:1-16
	Gospel	John 6:24-35

12th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
	First Reading Maureen vd Heide	1 Kings 19:4-8
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Elizabeth vd Heide	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
	Gospel	John 6:35, 41-51

19th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
	First Reading Jeanet Luiten	Proverbs 9:1-6
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Victor Pirenne	Ephesians 5:15-20
	Gospel	John 6:51-58

26th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Intercessor	Janice Collins
	First Reading Agnes Lee	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Vivian Reinders	Ephesians 6:10-20
	Gospel	John 6:56-69

2nd September	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	First Reading Linda ten Berge	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Arjen Haffmans	James 1:17-27
	Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23