



The Chaplain Writes Celebrating Easter

A couple of weeks ago we visited the Syrian Orthodox Monastery in Glane. The Orthodox Church is quite different in its outlook from the Christian churches in the West of Europe. Quite often the Orthodox date to celebrate Easter is different from ours, because the date calculated may be according to the Gregorian or the Julian calendar and hence the dates differ. Last year when I was in Greece after (our) Easter, the Orthodox Church was still in Holy Week, but this year we will celebrate Easter on the same date.

The date on which we celebrate Easter is not important, but what is important is that we do celebrate. Jesus went through his passion and was risen after three days. The circle was round and his mission was completed, and our salvation began – that is, if we are willing to be saved.

We may think “of course, everybody wants to be saved”, and yet we are not honest with ourselves if we say that without giving it more thought. Because as long as we find excuses for our behaviour if it is wrong, we will not be showing our willingness to follow Christ in his footsteps. In Lent we may scrutinize our motives, our way of living and hopefully we will be thorough. Not to put ourselves down, but to find out the truth about ourselves.

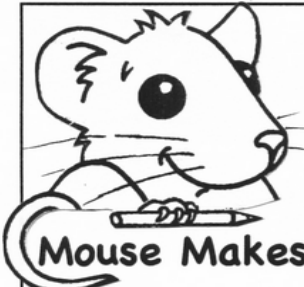
Truth and love are inseparable and if we cannot be honest about how we live our lives, it will be more difficult to find true love. Salvation means that we will be supported in our efforts, and all we need is a sincere prayer to receive that support in order to be saved.

May the remainder of Lent prepare us to fully celebrate Easter.

A happy Easter for you all!

Alja Tollefsen
Chaplain of the East Netherlands






Mouse Makes

Glue onto card, colour, cut out the cross and hang up.

HE IS RISEN

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb. They found the stone rolled away but when they went in they did not find Jesus' body...



Jesus is risen

The angel said;
"Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said."
Matthew 28:6


Jesus is here

Jesus said;
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20

Jesus will come again

Jesus said;
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."
John 14:3

...Suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightening stood beside them and said,
"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"



READ the Resurrection story in **Luke 24** and **John 20** and **21**.
How many people saw the risen Jesus?

JESUS IS ALIVE

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Twente News

Bird Dog

Wanda's dishwasher had given up the ghost so she called in a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque. Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you. But whatever you do, do *not*, under any circumstances, talk to my parrot!" When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest



Book Sale

In line with tradition the book sale spanning two Sundays in March proved to be a highly popular event. With a wide range of literature to browse through and fortified by delicious refreshments, you could say that hunter-gatherers were very well catered for indeed. And of course it

was all for a very good cause. The coffers of the Flower Guild have received a financial injection of no less than €100 – and money is still coming in! Our sincere thanks goes to all who contributed to this fine result by donating and buying books and magazines, arranging the stalls, and providing and serving the refreshments. May many pleasant hours of reading be their reward!

Annual General Meeting

In the AGM held on 30th March our churchwardens Joyce Wigboldus and Everhard Ottens were re-elected for another year, and Jeanet Luiten and Pauline Talstra were re-elected to serve another term on the council. Joyce will also continue to serve as archdeaconry representative. Our treasurer, Caroline Siertsema, stepped down as our second archdeaconry representative and Simone Yallop was elected to this position. Simone is hoping to start her theological training as a lay reader later in the year, at which time she will have to step down as council secretary. With her fund of knowledge and amazing administrative skills, it will be extremely difficult to replace her. So a great challenge is already looming on the horizon!

Link

What could be the link between the above two items? The answer of course is the pots of gaily coloured primulas still decorating some pews during the AGM. These had been presented to the ladies of the congregation by the Flower Guild (and its small assistants for the occasion) in celebration of Mothering Sunday. A lovely tradition that is much enjoyed and appreciated.

*And ever with Him went,
Of all His wanderings
Comrade, with ragged coat,
Gaunt ribs – poor innocent –
Bleeding foot, burning throat,
The guileless old scape-goat;
For forty nights and days
Followed in Jesus' ways,
Sure guard behind Him kept,
Tears like a lover wept.*

Robert Graves (1895 – 1985)

*From An Anthology of Modern Verse
London: Methuen & Co, 1921*



Robert Graves was born in Wimbledon, a suburb of London, and was known as a poet, lecturer and novelist. He was also a prominent translator of classical Latin and Ancient Greek texts. During his long literary career he published more than 140 works. He published his first volume of poems, Over the Brazier, in 1916 and rapidly gained a reputation as a war poet. He was severely wounded during the Battle of the Somme and his poems of this period reflect his front-line experience of conflict. He became a household name when his books I, Claudius and Claudius the God were adapted into the award-winning thirteen-part television series in 1976.

In the Wilderness

*CHRIST of His gentleness
Thirsting and hungering
Walked in the wilderness;
Soft words of grace He spoke
Unto lost desert-folk
That listened wondering.
He heard the bitterns call
From the ruined palace-wall,
Answered them brotherly.
He held communion
With the she-pelican
Of lonely piety.*

*Basilisk, cockatrice,
Flocked to his homilies,
With mail of dread device,
With monstrous barbed slings,
With eager dragon-eyes;
Great rats on leather wings,
And poor blind broken things,
Foul in their miseries.*



On March 27th a group of children from St Stephanus primary school in Zenderen visited St Mary's Chapel as part of the school's project on religions and denominations (photo courtesy Everhard Ottens).

Summer Teas

Diaries at the ready – the dates for the Summer Teas are now known. They will be held on 13th, 20th and 27th July and 3rd, 10th and 17th August. This important feature of the St Mary's calendar plays a key role in advertising the presence of the Anglican Church in the region, and provides an excellent opportunity to not only meet new people but also get to know one another better. In May the lists will be up in the Hut requesting volunteers for baking, serving in the Hut and welcoming visitors in the chapel. The overall organization is again in the capable hands of Jan and Theda ten Barge – we are truly blessed!



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.

looking dog he had ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work. The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "For goodness sake keep quiet, you stupid, ugly bird!"



To which the parrot squawked, "Get him Spike!"

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

Still ...

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

—Steven Wright

Team Spirit

A kids' baseball game was in progress and the excitement was mounting. So much so that at one point, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative. "Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The little boy nodded "yes". "So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know that when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him an idiot, birdbrain or half-wit. Do you understand all that?" Again the little boy nodded "yes". The man continued, "And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play too,

Chaplaincy Visit to the Syrian Orthodox Monastery of St Ephrem in Glane

On March 4th, a group from Twente, Arnhem and Nijmegen received a warm welcome in the glorious spring sunshine at the Syrian Orthodox Monastery in Glane. The group was given a fascinating presentation about the history of the Syrian Orthodox Church by one of the resident monks.



The Syrian Orthodox Church in Antioch was the first major Christian church beyond Palestine (Acts 11: 26). It was founded by St Peter, St Paul and St Barnabas. In fact, St Peter was recognized as the first Bishop in 37 AD and at the same time was appointed Patriarch of the Syrian Orthodox Church. There are currently around 20,000 Syrian Orthodox Christians in the Netherlands, most of whom live in Twente and Amsterdam. Syrian Orthodox Christians still speak Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.

After the presentation the group was taken on a guided tour of the monastery, the cathedral and the graveyard.

back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also the events which followed simply don't fit.

If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being "accompanied" through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital present-day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: "He came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me", and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is."

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He had not realized he was simply too late. How can you convince people who have already experienced God that he does not exist?

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From the Darkness

O gentle Christ,
ever thanks to thee,
That thou from the
dark hast raised me
free
And from the
coldness of last
night's space
To the gentle light
of this day's grace.

O God of all
creatures, praise to
thee
As to each life thou
hast poured on me,
My wish, my word,
my sense, my man
praise,
My thought, my
deed, my fame, and
my ways.

*Poems of the Western
Highlanders*



Easter Faith

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence. Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!' At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, "He is risen indeed!" It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy.

Why Easter Will Never Go Away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: "You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!"

How did they know this? Because of experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person: Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue his good name. So did they pretend they had seen him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately, but not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the "swoon" theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb and escaped. The disciples nursed him

The tour included the marble catacombs under the altar of the new cathedral, which was built in 1994, where the remains of past Patriarchs in Europe are buried. The cathedral and its extensive social facilities are visited regularly for services and funerals by Syrian Orthodox Christians from Sweden, Germany and the whole of Holland.

You can read more about the monastery and the history of the Syrian Orthodox Church on their website www.morephrem.com.

Debbie Kenyon-Jackson

Crossing of Paths

On 4th March a group of people from the congregations of Arnhem-Nijmegen and Twente visited the Syrian Orthodox monastery of St Ephrem in Glane near Enschede. I was very interested to go on this visit because I had first visited a Syrian Orthodox monastery many years ago. It was in 1981 while I was on a two-month business trip in Turkey. The people that my colleague and I were working with took us one weekend to visit the Syrian Orthodox monastery of Deyrulzafaran, which is about 5 km outside the town of Mardin in the south-east of Turkey close to the border with Syria.

During our visit to the monastery in Glane this year the monk who was giving the guided tour showed us some maps and explained to us where the Syrian Orthodox church originated and why they had come to Europe and founded a monastery in Glane. During his talk the monk pointed several times to the area close to the monastery where I had been in the east of Turkey. The monastery of Deyrulzafaran used to be the official seat of the patriarch of Syrian Orthodox church.

Later in the visit I told the monk about where I had been in 1981 and he told me that he had studied there until 1980. He laughed and said we just missed seeing each other there! That was a nice coincidence at the end of our very interesting visit to the monastery at Glane.

Simone Yallop

it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a bonehead or a moron, is it?" The little boy shook his head "no".



"Right," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother!"

Boom Boom

Joe and Mick found three hand grenades and decided to take them to the police station. But Mick thought for a moment and then said, "What if one explodes before we get there?" "No worries," replied Joe. "We'll just lie and say we only found two!"



Question and Answer

A married couple are sitting quietly in bed together, reading.

Then the wife suddenly turns to her husband and says,



“What would you do if I died?

Would you get married again?”

“Definitely not!” replies the husband.

“Why not?” she presses. “Don’t you like being married?”

“Of course I do,” comes the reply.

“Then why wouldn’t you remarry?”

“Okay, okay, I’d get married again.”

“You would?” counters the wife, with a hurt look. Husband tries to suppress a groan and return to his book, but to no

The Pilgrimage of Life

*Saturday 20th
September to Friday
26th September 2014*



This is a week for those who wish to reflect on life itself as a pilgrim journey; one that walks ever-deeper into the heart of the divine. From where are you coming? To where are you going? And who might be the sojourn passers on your way? Join us for this week of community and reflection on Iona – a time for walking, shared worship, thinking, the re-evaluation of life and, if we're lucky, some times of stillness. We will explore the spiritual life as informed by Celtic Christianity but with an openness to insights from other faiths and personal experience. In addition to books mentioned below, we recommend that you might wish to read Adomnan of Iona's *The Life of St Columba* (Penguin Classics) and possibly Alexander Carmichael's folk collection, the *Carmina Gadelica* (Floris Books).

The week will be led by the Hebridean-raised writer, scholar and broadcaster Alastair McIntosh, whose books, *Soil and Soul* (2001) and *Island Spirituality* (2013) are recommended background reading. Alastair, a Quaker who lives in Govan in Glasgow, is best known for his environmental and social advocacy work. A fellow or visiting professor at various universities, his work has been described by Professor Timothy Gorringer as "without doubt one of the most creative pieces of British liberation theology ever written", by George Monbiot as "world changing" and by Sr Miriam MacGillis of Genesis Farm as "a recovery of the mythological underpinnings and the feminine force of a people's soul".

The week will be co-led by one of Alastair's mentors, Catherine MacKinven, a retired English teacher who

St Mary's and Finance

The 2014 budget shows a deficit, albeit it a modest one. However, in the coming years we are most likely to need more income for a variety of reasons.

We are blessed with a steady influx of new people in our church. Hence, we are optimistic and hope that people can be encouraged to participate in the Free Will Offerings scheme.

We Anglicans are reluctant to talk about money and will certainly not interfere with people's giving. On the other hand, we may have failed to make sufficiently clear in what way people can contribute.

The *Sunday collections* take part for all to see and they account for about 30% of our income. Not everyone may know about the *Free Will Offerings (FWO)*, in the form of regular payments made into the Church bank account. FWO+donations make up 70% of our income. We hope that our members will take part in both.

With some hesitation we would like to ask our present FWO contributors to consider paying 5% more (tithes payers not included). Those not yet in the FWO are encouraged to enter it.

Apart from our regular contributions, there are the proceeds of the Castle Fair, the Summer Teas and the Christmas Market. Our treasurers see these sums as a most welcome bonus, but we must never count on fixed proceeds as these are dependent, among other things, on the weather.

Chaplain and Wardens

This bread is my body I freely give
This cup is my blood which soon will be shed

They eat and they drink not really knowing
Or understanding what lies ahead.

A new covenant that night has been made
Where God Himself gives His life for us all

The Life divine in exchange is given
To free mankind from the curse of the fall.

Two thousand years on we come to partake
Of His life poured out to cover our sin
We eat and we drink the bread and the wine
With thankful hearts in remembrance of Him.

By Megan Carter



“Don’t be afraid of tomorrow, for God has already been there.”

– Author Unknown

Sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles ... it takes away today's peace.
Contributed by Adriaan Broere

The Upper Room

They meet together in the upper room
Gathering together in one accord,
He fetches a towel and washes their feet
And Judas slips out to betray His Lord.

The bread and wine are there on the table
He takes up the bread and breaks it in two
The cup is passed round, each drinking from it
These symbols He says are given for you.



Bishop would want to tell me anything in that respect; they are both good Anglicans and know their Articles!

The big question then of course becomes: which books are contained in the Bible and which translation of the text one may trust. Article 6 answers which books the Church of England considers as true Bible books. The question on which translation to trust gave a further impulse (already started by Erasmus) to research the Hebrew and Greek, the languages the Bible is written in, and this research eventually led to the King James Version and all modern translations.

In more recent times Article 6 also supports our continued search for knowledge and understanding also of the history of the Jews, and of their culture, realising how different that was from our modern world. On me the article and all that following research has the effect that the more I know in what different circumstances and cultures the Bible books and Gospel were written, the more I realise how universal the stories are, how universal the Gospel truly is.

I think there is a lot more to be said and studied about the 39 Articles but I hope that as a first start, I have made clear why I think there should have been a Jubilee. Well, we have a new chance for a jubilee in 2021, when the Thirty-Nine Articles will have been incorporated in print in the *Book of Common Prayer* for 450 years!

Sources used (also see part 1):

<http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/book-of-common-prayer/articles-of-religion.aspx>
<http://www.holycomforter.net/39articles.html> (in modern English)
<http://www.ccel.org/creeds/heidelberg-cat.html>
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was born and raised in Argyll and currently lives at Loch Eil near Fort William. Cath gained much of her knowledge of the Gaelic language and its culture from her aunt who was born in 1888. She has studied at the Gaelic College on Skye, follows a deep interest in Gaelic poetry, song, folklore and spirituality, and is currently studying on the BA course at the Highland Theological College exploring the "community of faith and scholarship". During the week Cath will offer brief introductions to the Gaelic language for those who wish to explore this backdrop to the culture.

Everhard Ottens received the above information in preparation for the theme week in September. Full details of the recommended reading are as follows:

(1) *Adomnan of Iona: Life of St Columba, Penguin Classics, ISBN 978-0-14-044462-9, paperback, Amazon price £9.59, Kindle ebook \$12.09*

(2) *Alexander Carmichael: Carmina Gadelica Forgotten Books, ISBN 978-160506172 6, paperback, Amazon price £10.47*

(3) *Alastair McIntosh: Soil and Soul, Aurum Press, ISBN 978-1854109422, paperback, Amazon price £6.99, Kindle ebook \$8.47*

(4) *Alastair McIntosh: Island Spirituality, The Islands Book Trust, ISBN 978-1907443459, Amazon price £6.22*

To make the most of the week in Iona, an opportunity for a group discussion (open to all interested members of the congregation) is being considered.



Key Dates

13th April	Stabat Mater Concert in the Chapel
17th April	Maundy Thursday
18th April	Good Friday
20th April	Easter Sunday
29th May	Ascension Day
July-August	Summer Teas
6th September	Castle Fair



avail.
"Would you live in our house?"
continues the wife.
"Sure," says her spouse. "It's a great house."
"Would you sleep with her in our bed?"
"Where else would we sleep?"
"Would you let her drive my car?" asks the wife.
"Probably, it is almost new," answers her practical partner.
"Would you replace my pictures with hers?"
"That would seem the proper thing to do."
"Would you give her my jewellery?"
"No, I'm sure she'd want her own."
"Would you take her golfing with you?"
"Yes, those are always good times."
"Would she use my clubs?"
"Oh no, she's left-handed"



Kinship

An American millionaire was admitted to hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store some blood in case the need arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so the call went out. Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly became a blood donor for the American. After the surgery, the American sent the Scotsman, as a token of appreciation for donating his blood, a new BMW, some diamonds and a Rolex watch.



A couple of days later the American had to go through corrective surgery

St James the Least of All

On Why a Church Should Always Resist Change

My dear Nephew Darren,

I am not the least surprised you have got yourself into trouble; innovation is never to be encouraged. New ideas tend to cause revolutions. The move from incandescent light-bulbs to energy-saving ones may ultimately change the Church of England.



Change is something everyone claims to be in favour of – provided it has no measurable effect on their own lives. I remember as a young curate once suggesting that at the Harvest Supper tables might be enlarged so that eight people could sit together rather than the traditional six, thus helping more people get to know one another. The response would have been similar if I had suggested we travel to London to murder the Prime Minister. I was firmly told that tables for six had been perfectly adequate for parishioners in Queen Victoria's day. For the rest of my curacy, I was regarded as a revolutionary – to be watched carefully.

So on your last visit to our Church, to suggest that our 11am Matins be moved to 10.30am in order to encourage those who wanted to have more of the day free to themselves certainly lobbed a hand grenade among the post-service coffee cups. The only person who was mildly in favour was Colonel Wainwright, who quickly realized that it would give him an extra half-hour at the gin and tonics before lunch.

Should you ever feel that people lack imagination, you should watch them in action when they find reasons for resisting an unwelcome suggestion. One said that the time couldn't be moved, since it would then be too

I find this surprisingly mild for a new church that has yet to prove and establish itself; it expresses perfectly the will to accept and accommodate the diversity of human beings. I like this article for its own mildness and flexibility, allowing us to worship in the way that suits our own congregation.

Together with Article 24 that states:

"It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the Primitive Church, to have publick Prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments in a tongue not understood of the people"

I see this as important because together they give strong support for those who want to have the service in the language of the country they are citizens of – for example, those who reason that we should have the liturgy in Dutch. Now you may or may not agree with that point of view, but it could be supported by the 39 Articles.

About Article 6:

"The HOLY Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation."

This is a firm Protestant statement and principle; Luther called it "sola scriptura" (by Scripture alone). I used to find this article rather restrictive but now, as I study the Bible more and more, I find it liberating since it guarantees me the right to form my own experience of faith. No one, neither my chaplain nor even the Bishop of Canterbury (see also Article 20) can tell me what to accept in faith, unless I can personally read and check it in the Bible for myself. Mind, I am not saying that either my chaplain or the

don't forget the gold – to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, friend, it's just a bend, not the end!"

When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems He has faith in *your* abilities.

A blind person asked St Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"



When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them.

Ten Thoughts for Today

Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble; it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout the journey.



So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.

All things in life are temporary. If they're going well, enjoy them ... they will not last forever. If they're going badly, don't worry ... they can't last long either.

Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond,

A Forgotten Jubilee (part 2)

By Grada Schadee



This article first appeared in the March 2014 issue of The Anglican Sphere, a publication of St Mary's Church Rotterdam. It has been submitted by Carla Koomen, with the kind permission of the author.

In part 1 of this article I wrote that I still consider the 39 Articles as helpful and essential in issues facing us today. So it is time to share which at least some of those Articles are and with which issues they can still help us – at least in the way I look at the Articles and the issues.

The Articles were divided, in compliance with the command of Queen Elizabeth I, into four sections: Articles 1–8, "The Catholic Faith"; Articles 9–18, "Personal Religion"; Articles 19–31, "Corporate Religion"; and Articles 32–39, "Miscellaneous".

That last category has me in helpless giggles, and I find it rather typical of the Anglican faith. You will not find such vagueness in the 129 questions of the Heidelberg catechism, nor in the Canons of the Dordtse Synod. But to have some miscellaneous titbits thrown in at the last moment in such an important statement of what you are as a young, new church seems almost frivolous. And it is especially surprising because in that section you find Article 34, one of the Articles I still consider relevant:

"It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one and utterly like; for at all times they have been divers and may be changed according to the diversities of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word."

early for the local bus – omitting to mention that none of our congregation travel to church by bus and that the service doesn't run on Sundays anyway. Another pointed out that it would confuse those who didn't attend church – not explaining why if they never attended, it mattered what time the service was. A third rather touchingly mentioned that it wouldn't give the rector time to enjoy his breakfast after the rigours of the 8am service.

Your suggestion did, however, serve one useful purpose; it brought our congregation together in united opposition. They may not necessarily always know what they are for, but they certainly know what they are against. For that, I thank you.

Your loving uncle
Eustace

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Good for the Soul

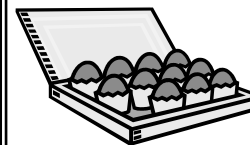
The Thanksgiving confessions from your editors in the November issue inspired me to make my own: Last year, an extreme couponer

(*collector of discount coupons*) had a cart half full of the fried onions you put on green-bean casserole. She took every last one off the shelf! I followed her around, and as soon as she stepped away from her cart, I grabbed two cans!


– *Denise Thompson, Antioch, Illinois*
(*Source: Country Living; contributed by Linda ten Berge*)




once again. His doctor quickly telephoned the Scotsman, who was more than happy to donate his blood again. After the second operation, the American sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of chocolates.

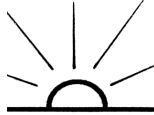


The Scotsman was rather disappointed that the American did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the American and said, "I thought you would show your generosity again, and would give me another car and some valuable gifts, not just a card and a box of chocolates. To this the American replied, "Aye laddie, but now I have Scottish blood in ma veins"

	13th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Palm Sunday	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
		Intercessor	Janice Collins
		Chalice	Everhard Ottens Caroline Siertsema
Sunday School: Jolanda Wessels			
10:30 am Sung Eucharist			
Arjen Haffmans, Blair Charles and other readers Text for Palm Sunday t.b.a.			

	17th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
		Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
		Intercessor	Simone Yallop
	Maundy Thursday	Chalice	Simone Yallop
		Vivian Reinders	(1) Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14
		Dina Boessenkool	(2) 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
		Gospel	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
Washing of Feet 20.00 hrs			

	16th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
	Good Friday	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
		Intercessor	NA
		Chalice	NA
20.00 hrs			
Good Friday Liturgy			

	20th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
		Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Easter Day	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
		Chalice	Everhard Ottens Count Alfred Solms
		Victor Pirenne	(1) Jeremiah 31: 1-6
		Brenda Pyle	(2) Colossians 3: 1-4
		Gospel	John 20: 1-18
10:30 am Sung Eucharist			

	27th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
		Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
	Easter 2	Intercessor	Everhard Ottens
	Sunday School: Caroline Siertsema	Chalice	Caroline Siertsema
		Elizabeth v.d. Heide	(1) Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
		Maureen v.d. Heide	(2) 1 Peter 1: 3-9
		Gospel	John 20: 19 to end
10:30 am Sung Eucharist			

	4th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Alja Tollefsen
		Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
	Easter 3	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
	Sunday School: Carol van Straten	Chalice	Janice Collins Joyce Wigboldus
		Hans Siertsema	(1) Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
		Simone Yallop	(2) 1 Peter 1: 17-23
		Gospel	Luke 24: 13-35
10:30 am Sung Eucharist			