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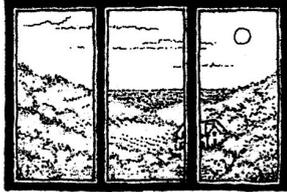


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The Chaplain Writes

The Saints and The Souls

In November, we celebrate two important events. The first Sunday is

dedicated to the Saints and All Souls.

We remember our loved ones who passed away, who were saints in our eyes because we saw them as God has meant them to be. We think of them for their love, their example, their influence on our lives and on how they helped us to grow. We may also remember characteristics that were not as impressive, but we want to overlook them. And that is not a bad thing.

In love, we are more inclined to forgive, to overlook the lesser features and to hope that God will judge them by looking at their virtues rather than at their vices.

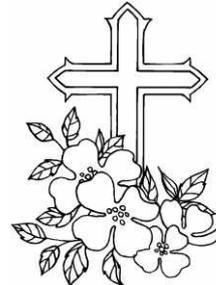
On Remembrance Sunday, we celebrate the bravery of men and women who fought for our freedom. We remember the situations they found themselves in, but here again we remember relatives who suffered from the war, either through the hardships of daily life, as well as through their participation in the actual war.

Today we are confronted with the many refugees, who try to find a more peaceful place where there is no violence. Sometimes leaving behind homes and all they possessed, traveling for days to arrive. Last week the newspapers mentioned a woman, as old as 105 years (!), who took the chance to escape the war, just to underline the terrors of it.

The refugees deserve our understanding and support if we only think how we would have liked our own relatives to be treated in the same circumstances.

We are lucky that we have had no war for such a long time that quite a number of us have no idea what war is about. The news reports do help us to imagine what it must be like and I hope that we will all help to support the refugees. If not, Remembrance Day will become an empty gesture. Let us continue to strive for peace and understanding among the peoples of different countries by setting an example of generosity.

Alja Tollefsen
Chaplain of St Mary's





Forthcoming Dates

Council Meeting 2015	19 November
Nine Lessons and Carols 2015	13 December
Christmas Market	13 December 2015
Social Evening	16 January 2016
Castle Fair	10 September 2016

Moses

Why did Moses wander through the desert for 40 years? Because even back then men wouldn't stop and ask for directions.

Father Murphy

Father Murphy walked into a pub and said to the first man he met, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man replied, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked a second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to

Financial Report

After the Sunday Service on the 18 October, Hans Siertsema, our treasurer, gave a presentation in the hut on the financial state of the chaplaincy. The presentation revealed the actual costs of running the chaplaincy as well as total income. The report is reproduced below.

Anglican Church Twente

Number of Services per year	60
Average attendance per service	46
Total number of congregation members	80

2015 Total budgeted costs: €73,870

Unit cost per service	€1,231
Unit cost per person per service	€27

2015 Total budgeted income: €52,857

Free Will Offerings (FWO) and Collection per person per service	€19
Shortfall between service costs and donations per person per service	€8

Current income up to 10 October

FWO via bank by 40 people (50% congregation)	€24,000
Collection Plate	€8,500
<i>Average donations per service</i>	<i>€184</i>
<i>60% donate on average</i>	<i>€6</i>
<i>40% donate on average</i>	<i>€0.90</i>

St Mary's Magazine Costs per annum

10 issues of 85 magazine cost	€1,550
Unit cost per copy	€1:82

Suggestion is that each family/person receiving

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a copy pays €9 twice a year

Questions and Answers

- Q: Does St Mary's receive any payments or subsidies from the Church of England?
A: No, the chaplaincy is completely self financing.
Q: With our current shortfall, for how long can we carry on?
A: With present savings and income, the chaplaincy can survive for another six years.
Q: What are the total costs of the church per person per year?
A: About €900 per person.

The treasurer's report showed in simple, easy to understand figures the financial status of the chaplaincy. Donations and suggestions on how to boost income are welcomed.

One cost that has not been specifically addressed is the cost of magazine postage. Recipients of the magazine are asked to donate €10 a year to cover the postage. A figure set over 12 years ago and since then postage costs have soared. The average cost of postage now is €1:57 per magazine, meaning the postage costs per year per magazine are now €15:70. Those readers receiving their copy by post are therefore requested to pay €16 per year.

An Impression Of Weldam Castle Fair

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Well, now I have celebrated my 10th anniversary as a volunteer, it might be a good time to look backwards as well as forwards. To look backwards first: I've known Joyce for so many years, it's hardly credible. We met in Amsterdam over 50 years (!) ago and have always remained friends. Since Joyce moved to Deventer at the end of the last century, after she became a member of St. Mary's congregation, she started helping to organise the Annual

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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

heaven?"
O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

Teachers

Teacher asked George: how can you prove the earth is round?
George replied: I can't. Besides, I never said it was.

The teacher of the earth science class was lecturing on map reading.

After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees and minutes the teacher asked,

"Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude...?"

After a confused silence, a voice volunteered, "I guess you'd be eating alone."

In the school, during a mathematics class...

Teacher: If I were to ask you to add 8,137 to 73 and then divide the result by two, what do you think you would get?

Student:
The wrong answer, sir.



Ghostly

There was a new preacher who wanted to rent a house in the country. The only house available was rumoured to be haunted. Since the preacher didn't believe in such things, he rented it. It wasn't long before the ghost made its appearance. The preacher told his friends about the ghost, but they didn't believe him. They told him the only way they would believe was if he would take a picture of the ghost. The preacher went home and called for the ghost. When it appeared, the preacher explained the situation and asked the ghost if it would mind having its picture taken. The ghost agreed. When the picture was developed, the ghost wasn't visible. Feeling very disappointed, the preacher called again for the ghost. When it appeared, the preacher showed it the picture and wanted to know why the ghost wasn't in it. The ghost thought a minute and replied, "Well, I guess the spirit was willing, but the flash was weak."

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Fair. Joyce asked me to join in as a volunteer. And so I did.

I usually arrive in Deventer on the Thursday before. Early Friday morning we leave for Weldam, with a car full of jams, textiles, banners and what not. Work starts in earnest once the stalls are delivered and set up. Over the years, we've developed a sublime technique for fastening the tacks on the skirts around the stalls. Leader of the team is undoubtedly Peter Ribbens. He knows how to speed us up and refine the procedure. But we are not the only people breaking records. Diane is working away at the flowers and the tearoom group led by multitasking Jeanet, is setting up the kitchen. Lub, her husband is checking on electricity, water, and the loos etc. Cor, Louw, Pauline, Dinah Ann and others are general dogs' bodies. Forgive me if I have forgotten someone. After having been part of the team for so many years I know almost all names and it is like meeting old friends. At lunchtime, we all sit down for Jeanet's traditional unsurpassed chicken soup. All tasks are done in a most companionable way, even if it starts raining, as it did this year.

On our arrival on Saturday morning, all the skirts on the stalls were wet and muddy. However, we opened at eleven o'clock, with a beautiful show by Heleen Rauwerda in the rain. She looked regal in her pink outfit with umbrella and an appropriate stylish usage of language. She was certainly effective in stopping people who had been planning a precocious entrance. The people therefore entered the grounds of Weldam in a most disciplined way. The atmosphere, as always, was friendly. People were pleased with the goods they purchased or ate on the premises.

And let's not forget our incomparable Chairman Hans! With his newly acquired megaphone and cigar he was omnipresent and his usual cheerful self, being everywhere where needed! We always wonder how he manages. In the kitchen there was the usual buzzing activity of washer-uppers and Simone of course, looking after her coffee and tea urns.

Having been a helper at the Fair for such a long time, I recognise some of the stallholders and others have become real friends. I do appreciate the efforts of the Committee though in trying to find new people every year with exciting crafts and products to sell. For example, this year there were some lovely new stalls. One, selling wool, was called 'de Wolkelder', another was a tapestry restorer Babai, an acquaintance of Count Alfred's and there was a lady Riek

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Bruggink, with lovely hand-woven shawls.

The quality of baking of the cakes and scones in the tearoom was of unsurpassed excellence. As the weather was not very good, we had little showers every now and then, people tended to linger longer in the tearoom, with the result that sales almost equalled last years. If the weather had been fine, and the number of visitors had been higher, we certainly would have run out of cakes before the end of the day. With fine weather, the shortage of serving staff, which occurred during the afternoon, could have become a problem.

The church stall and jams did also very well. And of course, the music enhanced the whole day. The pipers are essential, so are the Morris dancers and the trio playing in the tearoom. And of course, as always, it was thanks to Count Alfred and Countess Christine's hospitality that we were able to have this Fair again this year! I hope to be able to be a volunteer next year, and I want to say to all St. Mary members, thanks for your fellowship and friendship!



I am writing to convey a big 'thank you' to the St Mary's congregation and participating visitors for their generous donations to the Harvest Thanksgiving. There was an amazing selection of packets, boxes, jars and tins to donate to the local Food banks. The Deputy Director of the local food bank, Mr Hendrickson, was at the Harvest Festival service and the bring-and-share lunch that followed. He took all the donations, suitably boxed up, when he left. The man was amazed and very grateful at the generosity of the congregation to those in need.

The strain on the food bank was great at the moment due to the economic situation and the number of asylum seekers coming into the area. He said the donations will all be put to very good use and will be gratefully received. The Deputy Director hoped to come to a service more often as he had very much enjoyed worshipping and meeting with us. Thank You.

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School

The teacher came up with a good problem. "Suppose," she asked the second-graders, "there were a dozen sheep and six of them jumped over a fence. How many would be left?"

"None," answered little Norman.

"None? Norman, you don't know your arithmetic."

"Teacher, you don't know your sheep. When one goes, they all go!"

Teacher: Why are you late, Joseph?

Joseph: Because of a sign down the road.

Teacher: What does a sign have to do with your being late?

Joseph: The sign said, "School Ahead, Go Slow!"

Teacher: Students, you have forty minutes to write an essay on a soccer match.

Richard: (After two minutes) Here's my paper, sir.

Teacher: What did you manage to write so quickly?

Richard: Match called off due to rain.

Teacher: What was the greatest accomplishment of the early Romans?

Pupil: Speaking Latin!

Learning

It should not matter how slowly a child learns.

As long as we are encouraging them not to stop.

Robert John Meehan

Dogs

Did you know that having a close relationship with your puppy may not only make you happier and more active, but may also provide direct health benefits?



Studies have shown that petting a dog can have the effect of reducing blood pressure even hours after the initial action, and that pet owners who suffer from serious illnesses (e.g. Heart attacks) survive longer than those who do not own pets. One possible explanation is that heart attack victims are more motivated to recover because they know their dogs depend on them.

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TWO KINGS, ONE DAY, THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH 1485

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The year 2015 was a momentous year for all history loving people in England and royal history at that. Just by chance, an old skeleton was found under a car park in Leicester in 2012, which, after a thorough investigation, appeared to be the last mortal remains of King Richard III. After he had been killed in the Battle of Bosworth, his body disappeared. The story of the find gripped the nation. Finally, after 530 years and with great pomp and circumstance, the fallen king was laid to rest in his tomb in Leicester Cathedral.



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For many years, the site of the battle, near the village of Market Bosworth, has been a tourist attraction. A re-enactment of the battle at the end of August has been the main event. This year, the programme was even grander than usual. The renewed interest in Richard III, whom Shakespeare's play had given a bad reputation, gave rise to new publications in which Richard was in fact exonerated. In the two years of his reign, he was not such a bad king after all. In the final battle, he had proved to be incredibly brave.

Thus, my son and I made our way to Bosworth on 22 August on a hot and sunny day. We encountered a wonderful event, which had brought thousands to the Heritage Centre and site. Around the battle site, were the stalls of the numerous historical organisations and associations selling their wares. Furthermore, there were crafts, books, souvenirs and refreshments on offer and with many people dressed up in historical costumes.

The men folk taking part in the re-enactment had pitched their circular tents in an adjacent field. They were accompanied by their families, many of whom were dressed up as well. I had a chat with a man in a queer hat and asked him who he was. He said that he was

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the Duke of Norfolk and that his fate was to be killed in the latter part of the battle. The whole event was very much a family affair, pleasant and peaceful with people picnicking on the grass.

As an appetizer, the Battle of Tewkesbury of 1471 was performed, complete with cannon, archers and soldiers with battle-axes and pikes and of course knights in armour. The sound of the guns was deafening and there was a great deal of smoke. A woman with a microphone gave a humorous running commentary.

*The **Battle of Tewkesbury**, which took place on 4 May 1471, was one of the decisive battles of the Wars of the Roses. The forces loyal to the House of Lancaster were utterly defeated by those of the rival House of York under their monarch, King Edward IV. The Lancastrian heir to the throne, Edward, Prince of Wales, and many prominent Lancastrian nobles were killed during the battle or were dragged from sanctuary two days later and immediately executed. The Lancastrian king, Henry VI, a prisoner in the Tower of London at the time, died, or he may have been murdered, shortly after the battle. Tewkesbury restored political stability to England until the death of Edward IV in 1483. (Wikipedia)*

Next to come were demonstrations of falconry and jousting. Followed by a very special ceremony, the laying of the roses in which a group of Leicestershire dignitaries stuck white and red roses into a wicker cross in an act of reconciliation. Among the speakers was the author of "The Search for Richard III", Philippa Langley, who recited a poem by Mary Ann Duffy. A clergywoman representing the Diocese of Leicester said a very moving prayer, remembering the dead in the Bosworth battle and in all battles.

The grand finale, with another very humorous running commentary, was most spectacular. There was the deceit of Stanley, the nobles who kept their distance from the battle and Richard's final thrust towards Henry Tudor in a desperate attempt to keep his throne. His death brought a prolonged "Ah" from the spectators who had much sympathy for "their" king, but the inevitable end was that the last Plantagenet king was replaced by the first Tudor king.

Just at that stage, the heavens opened and rain and a rumble of thunder made us all hurry for shelter.

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....and their noses

A dog's nose has many uses beyond just detecting scent. With their only pores located on their paws, dogs cannot sweat - this explains why they always pant in hot weather - but their cold, wet noses do help regulate their body temperature. In addition, the pattern of every dog's nose is as unique as a human fingerprint. Tell that to your puppy the next time he chews up a pair of slippers and stares at you with that innocent 'who me' look.

....and diet

The oldest dog on record was a 29-year old cattle dog named Bluey from Victoria, Australia. While there is no evidence to support that an unusual diets contribute to longer lives in canines. Bluey's regime was certainly noteworthy, in that his owner fed him significant amounts of emu and kangaroo meat. Another famously old dog, 27-year old Brambles from Somerset, England, subsisted on the same vegan diet of rice, lentils and organic vegetables as her owner.

Observations on war

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst.

- *Anon*

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.

- *John F Kennedy*

In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers.

- *Neville*

Chamberlain

All Saints

We can make up our minds whether our lives in this world shall wound like thorns and nettles, or be beautiful and fragrant like the lilies of the field.

- *Fr Andrew SDC*

The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.

- *GK Chesterton*

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On what it takes to be an ordinand

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird, and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf, and did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organize a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious, but then realized he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness, and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious – we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub - and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

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The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

THE SHIPPING FORECAST

"Here is the Shipping Forecast issued by the Met Office on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency at 0505 GMT on Thursday 12 ...

There are warnings of gales in Hebrides, Biscay and Fitzroy.

The general synopsis at midnight: low 100 miles north of Faeroes 994 slow moving and filling. High over southwest Ireland 1023 expected German Bight by 0700 tomorrow".

This is the beginning of the Shipping Forecast, broadcast by BBC Radio 4 four times a day. Next follow three circular clockwise patterns, starting with the Area forecasts for the next 24 hours.

Examples of area forecasts:

- "Humber, Thames.
Southeast veering southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later. Thundery showers. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
- Tyne, Dogger.
Northeast 3 or 4. Occasional rain. Moderate or poor.
- Rockall, Malin, Hebrides.
Southwest gale 8 to storm 10, veering west, severe gale 9 to violent storm 11. Rain, then squally showers. Poor, becoming moderate.
- Southeast Iceland.
North 7 to severe gale 9. Heavy snow showers. Good, becoming poor in showers. Moderate icing".

And most spectacularly, on 10 January 1993, when a record North Atlantic low pressure of 914 mb was recorded:

- "Rockall, Malin, Hebrides, Bailey.
Southwest hurricane force 12 or more".

The sea areas stretch from Viking in the north to Trafalgar off

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And to the faithful,
death the gate of life.
- John Milton

We should spend as
much time in thanking
God for his benefits as
we do in asking him
for them.
- St Vincent de Paul

Death, that final curb
on freedom, has itself
suffered a death blow
through the
resurrection of Jesus. -
Michael Green

The Mighty Pen

A lion, in a Babylon
den,
Was especially partial
to men.
But Daniel said "Look!
"I'm writing a book!"
And prodded him hard
with his pen!
By Nigel Beeton

Moving Beer

Mary was asleep in bed
when her husband,
Patrick, crashed
through the front door
at 3 AM waking her
up.
He staggered through
the hallway and tried to
get up the stairs.
'What are you doing?'
Mary shouted.
Patrick replied, 'I'm
trying to get this gallon
of beer up the stairs.'
'Leave it down there,
Patrick', Mary
bellowed.
'I can't', Patrick replied,
'I've drunk it.'

Forthcoming Services

1st November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
All Saints/All Souls	Chalice	Caroline Siertsema
	Maureen v.d. Heide	Wisdom 3.1-9
	Elisabeth v.d. Heide	Revelation 21.1-6a
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	John 11.32-44

Forthcoming Services

8th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
Remembrance Sunday	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Louw Talstra	Jonah 3. 1-5,10Fred
	Pauline Talstra	Hebrews 9. 24-end
10:30 am Sung	Gospel	Mark 1.14-20

Forthcoming Services

15th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
2nd before Advent	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	Jeanet Luiten	Daniel 12.1-3
	Philippa te West	Hebrews 10.11-25
10:30 am	Gospel	Mark 13.1-8

Forthcoming Services

22nd November	Celebrant &	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
	Chalice	Count Alfred
	Eric Bonting	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Arjen Haffmans	Revelation 1.4b-8
	Gospel	John 18.33-37

Forthcoming Services

29th November	Celebrant &	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	John Bestman	Jeremiah 33. 14-16
1st Sunday after Advent	Brenda Pyle	1 Thessalonians. 3.9-end
	Gospel	Luke 21. 25-36
	10:30 am Sung Eucharist + Healing	

Forthcoming Services

6th December	Celebrant &	Revd. Alja Tollefsen
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	Caroline Siertsema
	Els Ottens	Baruch ch. 5
Advent 2	Vivian Reinders	Philippians 1.3-11
	Gospel	Luke 3.1-6
10:30 am Sung Eucharist		

The Patient's X-Ray

Doctor Khan was giving a lecture to a group of medical students at the city hospital.

Pointing to the x-ray, he explained: "As you can see, this patient limps because his right fibula and tibia are radically arched." The doctor looked up at the assembled students, and asked Sidney "Now what would you do in a case like this?" Sidney piped up: "I suppose I would limp too."

The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins.
- *T Canterbury*

Smile: something that adds to your face value.
- *Anon*

Prayer is the contemplation of the facts of life from the highest point of view.
- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

If people want a sense of purpose they should get it from the archbishops and not from politicians. - *Harold Macmillan*

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the south coast of Spain. The UK may no longer be ruling the waves but its coverage of the airflows over the waves is comprehensive.

The words are evocative and are part of Britain's cultural heritage. Mention the Shipping Forecast and most people will be able to reel off a short list of sea areas – Dogger, Fisher, German Bight ...

Celebrity guests on 'Desert Island Discs' have been known to ask for a recording of it to take with them to their island; stranded so far away, the words will magically remind them of Britain and of home.

In Barry Hines' novel 'A Kestrel for a Knave', there is a school scene where Mr Crossley is taking the register. After the name 'Fisher', main character Billy Casper shouts out: 'German Bight', causing the teacher to make a mistake.

In October 1859, the steam clipper *Royal Charter* wrecked in a strong storm off Anglesey; 450 people lost their lives. Due to this loss, Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy introduced a warning service for shipping in February 1861, using telegraph communications. This remained the United Kingdom's Met Office primary responsibility for some time afterwards. In 1911, the Met Office had begun issuing marine weather forecasts which included gale and storm warnings via radio transmission for areas around Great Britain. This service was discontinued during and following World War I, between 1914 and June 1921, and again during World War II between 1939 and 1945.

As a matter of interest, at the turn of the century, sea area Finisterre in north-western Spain, was renamed Fitzroy, to honour the Vice-Admiral.

Today, although most ships have onboard technology to provide the Forecast's information, they still use it to check their data.

Next come the Coastal Stations, from Tiree to Malin Head in Ulster. Examples:

- "Tiree automatic:
West-northwest 5. Precipitation within sight. 16 miles. 1001 rising.
- Leuchars:
West-southwest 3. 20 miles. 997 rising slowly.
- Greenwich Light Vessel Automatic:
South 5. 32 miles. 1006 falling slowly".

Finally we move to the Inshore Waters of Great Britain and

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Northern Ireland, from Cape Wrath to Shetland Isles. Examples:

- “Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney
Southeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times. Occasionally slight in Moray Firth at first, otherwise, moderate, occasionally rough later. Mainly fair. Good.
- Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
Southerly or south easterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, then veering westerly 5 or 6 later. Moderate or rough in west, slight or moderate in east. Rain for a time, showers later. Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.
- St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel
Southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at times, veering west 5 or 6 later. Moderate or rough. Occasional rain. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lit. Peter Collyer – Rain Later, Good – Illustrating the Shipping Forecast - Thomas Reed Publications – 2002

Mark Power – The Shipping Forecast – Zelda Cheatle Press -1997

Charlie Connelly – Attention all shipping – A Journey Round the Shipping Forecast – Time Warner Audiobooks – read by Alex Jennings – 2005

Wikipedia and the Met Office website

The Shipping Forecast in music, a.o.:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a-_Rdtbnw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqW2QnESZw>

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Birth of the Internet

An old, bearded shepherd with a crooked staff walked up to a stone pulpit and said, "And lo, it came to pass that the trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far, from town to town, with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony

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New Drink?

A guy walks into a bar and approaches the barman, 'Can I have a pint of Less, please?'

'I'm sorry sir, 'the barman replies, looking slightly puzzled, 'I've not come across that one before. Is it a spirit?' 'I've no idea, 'replies the guy, 'The thing is, I went to see my doctor last week and he told me that I should drink less.'

Short Jokes

The loud-mouthed tourist in Dublin had been complaining a great deal about the food. "Here," he said to the waitress, holding out a piece of meat for inspection, "do you call that pig?" "Which end of the fork, sir?" the waitress asked sweetly.

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

The Juggler

A driver was pulled over by a police officer for speeding. As the officer was writing the ticket, she noticed several machetes in the car.

"What are those for?" she asked suspiciously. "I'm a juggler," the man replied. "I use those in my act." "Well, show me," the officer demanded. So he got out the machetes and started juggling them, first three, then more, finally seven at one time, overhand, underhand, behind the back, putting on a dazzling show and amazing the officer. Another car passed by. The driver did a double take, and said, "Crikey! I've got to give up drinking! Look at the test they're giving now."



Teacher: How can you prevent diseases caused by biting insects?

Suzie: Don't bite any!

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Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had, at the top price, without ever moving from his tent. But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

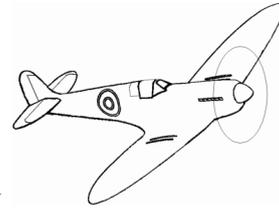
And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums, that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only if you bought Brother Gates' drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay," he said, "we need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "Whoopee!" said Abraham. "No, YAHOO!" said Dot Com.....and that is how it all began.

Author Unknown

Commemoration Service for the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain September 20 2015

Coming home from church that Sunday, September 20th, I turned on my television to see if there was any news. Luckily, the BBC1 had just started showing the Commemoration Service at Westminster Abbey in London.



It was a beautiful service, fully focused on the Royal Air Forces sacrifice and the miracle God bestowed on the British nation and the peoples of Europe. For the outcome of the battle changed the course of history for the better.

In the sermon, the event was related to the call to Moses from the 'burning bush' to go and do what was impossible by man; but God promised to be with him.

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Every British citizen and beyond were involved in participating in a national day of prayer in support of this crucial battle for dominance in the air above Britain. In the middle of the battle, the Germans became confused on the strength of the RAF. They took the wrong decision to withdraw. We all know the story of God's grace for Victory!

Parallel to this battle, and all the preparations leading up to it, training, aircraft production, intelligence, strategy development and battle plans, there was another war going on. In heavenly places in the spirit world, God had prepared and set apart a special task force of spiritual war intercessors. These intercessors had been specially trained to stand in the gap and fight in the heavenly host with the angels of God.

The host of the Lord opposed all the powers of darkness sent out by Satan to maintain the upper hand. But for some supernatural reason they did succeed. Who were the spiritual army members in this spiritual battle? It was for sure the prayer team of Rees Howells, an anointed man of God. Rees Howells and his team had many prayer assignments during decisive battles. For example, the battles for Moscow, for Stalingrad, Leningrad, North Africa, the landings in Italy and of course, D Day.

In my development as an intercessor that was the call on my life from my youth, I happened to read the life story of Rees Howell in a book by Norman Grub. Incidentally, the book is still in print. The Lord used Rees's life story for me as a tool - not to copy him but to learn the basics and count the costs.

Fortunately, my partner Riet read the book as well. She needed it most because it is a difficult path of faith to stay in line with the Lord and with each other. But over many hurdles, we still made it. However, we cannot imagine how we would have managed without the wisdom and revelations from the book through the Holy Spirit.

Why does this 75th year commemoration mean so much to me? The answer is that five years ago I was involved in the 70th year's commemoration in England, together with Riet and Avril. I mentioned Avril and her son in my previous article. We were in an empty village because the pastor was against our celebrations. Avril had set up a little exhibition on the theme worth the schoolchildren in a corner of the church. The pastor disapproval was I suspect mainly because it had not been his initiative. He even told us it had nothing to do with faith!

Nevertheless, the four of us had a simple commemoration service. I gave a summary of the battle of Britain as described in Norman Grub's book. The little service had the same awareness of the blessings I felt on the Sunday commemorating the 75th anniversary, but without the Royal pomp. That is however not the relevant thing. We praised the Lord and were glad.

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A policeman spots a woman driving and knitting at the same time. Driving up beside her, he shouts out the window... "Pull over!"

"No," she shouts back, "a pair of socks!"

On My Way To A Lecture

The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman.

"What are you doing out here at 2 A.M.?" said the officer.

"I'm going to a lecture," the man said.

"And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked.

"My wife," said the man.

The Money's Good

A plumber attended to a leaking tap at the neurosurgeon's house. After a two-minute job, he demanded \$150.

The neurosurgeon exclaimed, "I don't even charge that amount and I am a brain surgeon."

The plumber replied, "I agree. You are right! I too, didn't either, when I was a surgeon. That's why I switched to plumbing!"



Diabetes

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. No it isn't pink and sexy. No, it doesn't involve football players and cute T-shirts or catch phrases. It is about being grateful that you or your loved ones wake up in the morning.

It is about the 3am in the morning blood sugar checks, the low blood sugars, the needles. Its the smell of insulin on your hands after changing a pumps site or filling a syringe. Its the depressed feeling that you are a pin cushion. That is the DIABETIC life. People live it everyday.

Worried Patient

Patient: Doctor, when I press my leg it hurts. Then when I press my chest it hurts, when I press my head it hurts, and when I press my stomach it hurts. I'm worried doc, what's wrong with me?

Doctor: Easy; straightforward, you have a sore finger!

John Dear

Contributed by Pauline Talstra

"John Dear is the embodiment of a peacemaker," Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote a few years ago when he nominated John for the Nobel Peace Prize. "He has led by example through his actions and in his writings and in numerous sermons, speeches and demonstrations. He believes that peace is not something static, but rather to make peace is to be engaged, mind, body and spirit. His teaching is to love yourself, to love your neighbour, your enemy, and to love the world and to understand the profound responsibility in doing all of these. He is a man who has the courage of his convictions and who speaks out and acts against war, the manufacture of weapons and any situation where a human being might be at risk through violence. For evil to prevail requires only that good people sit on the sidelines and do nothing. John Dear is compelling all of us to stand up and take responsibility for the suffering of humanity so often caused through selfishness and greed."

John Dear has spent over three decades speaking to people around the world about the Gospel of Jesus, the way of nonviolence and the call to make peace. A Catholic priest, he has served as the director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace organization in the United States, and after September 11, 2001, as one of the Red Cross coordinators of chaplains at the Family Assistance Center, and counselled thousands of relatives and rescue workers. He has worked in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and community centres; travelled in warzones around the world, including Iraq, Palestine, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, India, and Colombia; lived in El Salvador, Guatemala and Northern Ireland; been arrested over 75 times in acts of civil disobedience against war; and spent eight months in prison for a Ploughshares disarmament action. In the 1990s, he arranged for Mother Teresa to speak to various governors to stop the death penalty. He has two Master's Degrees in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in California, and he has taught theology at Fordham University.

John Dear has been featured in the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, the Sun, America, Sojourners, Commonweal, National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and elsewhere. For many years, he wrote a weekly blog for the National Catholic Reporter, and is featured regularly on the national radio show "Democracy Now!" and the Huffington Post.

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He is the subject of the DVD documentary, "The Narrow Path" (with music by Joan Baez and Jackson Browne) and is profiled in John Dear On Peace, by Patti Normile (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2009).

His thirty books, have been translated into ten languages. He has edited books about Daniel Berrigan, Mohandas Gandhi, Mairead Maguire, Henri Nouwen, Richard McSorley and Horace McKenna. John Dear is on the staff of Pace e Bene and www.campaignnonviolence.org. A former Jesuit, he was ordained in 1993 and is now a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Monterey, California.

The message of Advent? – history is going somewhere!

'And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger...' (Luke 2:7)

'They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.' (Matthew 24:30)

What a contrast between the humble birth of Jesus in Bethlehem – and his eventual return! No one knows when that day will be, but it will be earth-shaking. In the meantime, Advent reminds us of the last of six great saving actions of God in Jesus Christ.

The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem was to inaugurate our salvation. The Death of Jesus at Calvary established it – forever. The Resurrection of Jesus at Easter confirmed it. The Ascension of Jesus to heaven celebrated it. The Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost drove it worldwide. And sixthly will come the Return of Jesus at the world's end – to consummate and complete it.

The message of Advent reminds us that history is not circular or locked into an unending stalemate. Neither can we ever accept a notion of successive incarnations, for the Bible is clear that *man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment* (Hebrews 9:27).

The Bible has had many pre-runs of that final 'Day of the Lord.' Noah's flood, the overthrow of wicked Babylon; these and other



A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace.
Milan Kundera

I am I because my little dog knows me.
Gertrude Stein

Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, filling an emptiness we don't even know we have.
Thom Jones

Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.
George Eliot

Long and Short of the Problem

Adam, an elderly man, was seated in the doctor's waiting room. When he was called in to see the doctor, Adam slowly got up, and, grasping his cane and hunching over, slowly made his way into the examining room.

After only a few minutes, Adam

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emerged from the room, walking completely upright. Paul, another patient who had watched him hobble into the room all hunched over, stared in amazement. 'That must be a miracle doctor in there,' he exclaimed. 'What treatment did he give you? What's his secret?'

Adam stared at Paul and said, 'Well, the doctor looked me up and down, analysed the situation, and gave me a cane that was four inches longer than the one I had

Crossed Lines

A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor queries. "No you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"

Golf

Man: My doctor has advised me to give up golf.
Friend: Why? Did he examine your heart?
Man: No, he had a look at my score card.

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upheavals were but pointers to the final 'Day of our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Corinthians 1:8), when all wrongs will be stopped, and the Lord shall reign with justice.

For the Bible is clear that world history is leading to a *Conclusion*, to the new heaven and the new earth. That will be inaugurated when 'He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.' Christ's return will usher in the final triumph, bringing about the dismantling of the whole apparatus of Evil that has so harassed us across the centuries.

The Cross and Resurrection secured the victory over evil. Christ's return will make it final! Believers echo Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 - 'And so we will be with the Lord for ever.' If we have a *strong view of the future, we can be sure it will energise us in the present!*

In the meantime, Advent is coming round once again. It's time to celebrate the first of God's six mighty acts that secured our salvation – and look forward to the future.

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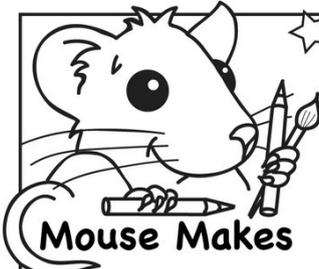
When they talk about austerity now...

This year we have marked the 70th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day, memorable days of celebration as the Second World War came to an end. What some of us are now remembering, however, is what followed. It was certainly no instant transfer from the arduous years of war to the joys of peace. Indeed, for many ordinary people in Britain the immediate post-war years were times of acute struggle. It was lovely to welcome back the men and women who had served in the Forces, but – speaking as a teenager at the time – the fruits of victory were hard to identify (though we did get our first bananas!).

Our cities were pockmarked with ugly bomb-sites. There was still rationing of food, clothes and 'luxuries'. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, could promise no immediate relief – he was dubbed 'Austerity Cripps'. Fuel was often in short supply, and we had a couple of very cold winters. If this was what it was like to be the winners, how must it have been for the losers? We learnt later the answer: no worse, and in some cases a bit better!

When politicians speak now of 'austerity', we children of the post-war age are tempted to reply: 'You don't know what austerity is'.

Parish Pump Editor: David Winter remembers the end of the Second World War...



Mouse Makes

THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets foretold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people. The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's** candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.

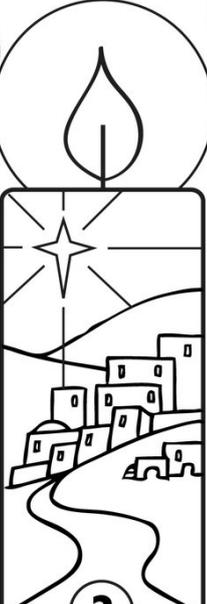
ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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THE PROPHECY CANDLE

Isaiah 9:2-7



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THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

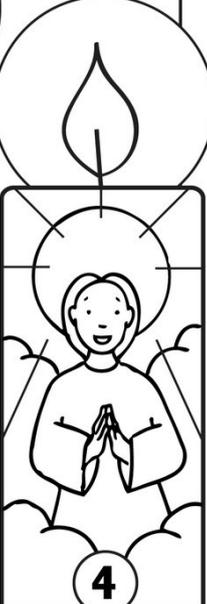
Micah 5:2-4



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THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE

Luke 2:15-20



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THE ANGEL'S CANDLE

Luke 2:8-14

☆ Colour in one candle each Sunday in ADVENT and countdown to Christmas ☆

Poetry and Prose

*All Saints' Day and
Remembrance Day in
November naturally turn
our thoughts to death and
what lies beyond...*



The Blessed Dead

They lie at rest, our
blessed dead;
The dews drop cool
above their head,
They knew not when
fleet summer fled.

Together all, yet each
alone;
Each laid at rest beneath
his own
Smooth turf or white
allotted stone.

When shall our slumber
sink so deep,
And eyes that wept and
eyes that weep
Weep not in the
sufficient sleep?

God be with you, our
great and small,
Our loves, our best-
beloved of all,
Our own beyond the salt
sea-wall

*By Christina Rossetti
1830 -94*

The Songs of the Sinless

*Hear the sad songs of the sinless
Call across the crystal sea,
Calling out for peace and safety
Calling out to you and me.
Can you hear their voices singing
Even from their ocean grave?
"We are lost but others follow
Others that you have to save!"*

*"For we left our homes and country
Driven out by war and strife.
Driven out by men of evil
Men who cared not for our life.
So we left the land our fathers
Strove to make a better place;
As we fled our ancient homeland
Tears of sorrow stained our face."*

*"All our worldly goods forsaken
Only hope - to that we clung.
Even that was taken from us
Now our final song is sung.
Shall our hopes for a bright future
Sink beneath the ocean blue?
Let our torch of hope and triumph
Pass instead from us to you!"*

By Nigel Beeton



Mission Statement

Founded in 1979, the Anglican Church Twente belongs to the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. The Church of England forms a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of more than 80 million people

The Anglican Church Twente, based at St Mary's Chapel, Weldam provides a Christian ministry in the East Netherlands. Most of the congregation live in the towns and villages of the East Netherlands and across the border in Germany. Some come from further afield.

The Anglican Church Twente holds a service every Sunday at 10:30 am in English. The church offers Holy Communion to all baptized Christians, Sunday School to nurture and educate children in the Christian faith, and a warm welcome to people of all nationalities.

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

- † Offer Christian worship by the rites of the Church of England in the English language.
- † Provide pastoral care to all who are in need of such help.
- † Promote a lively fellowship among those who attend the services.
- † Support outreach in Christian ministry wherever there is a need.

Stewardship

We are a self-supporting church and raise all income from our giving and stewardship. As God has blessed us, we thank Him by giving accordingly.

A Prayer for St Mary's

*Almighty and everlasting God
Creator and ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayer for the St Mary's family.
Strengthen our faith,
Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son,
And grant that we may show the power of your love,
To all among whom we live.
Inspire us in our worship and witness,
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your Holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever,
Amen.*



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