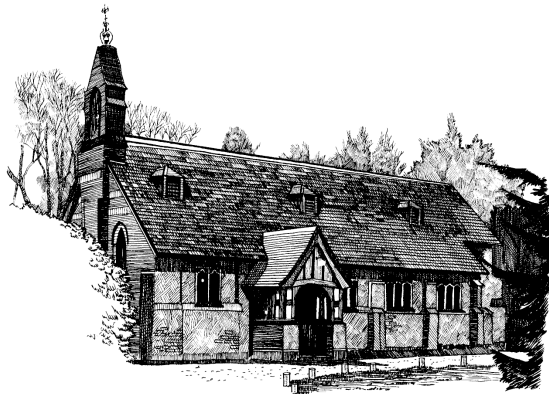


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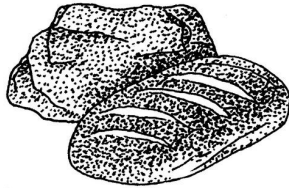
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## *The Chaplain Writes* Lent 2016

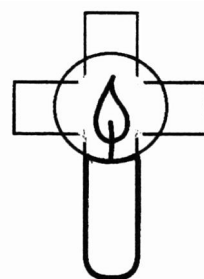
*"Forty days and forty nights thou was fasting in the wild."*

We usually sing this very familiar hymn during Lent and Ash Wednesday. Our intention is to follow Jesus in his fasting with the intention to grow stronger. To follow the example of Jesus' way of life and by giving something up, we are reminded every time we have an urge to eat, that we have dedicated ourselves to a certain task.

Last week someone sent me a video clip of women in Cologne offering roses to refugees. It was in response to the hostilities on New Year's Eve, where a group of male refugees harassed German females. The mens' behavior was unacceptable but it is a bad idea to point the finger at the whole group of refugees. The friendly gesture by German women, who gave flowers and told the refugees they were still welcome, so intensely moved some of the refugees that they cried. It was a very positive response to an act of violence. This clip on YouTube got many likes because it makes us feel more positive. It is a sign of hope that people still intend to work for better relations, for peace. It showed that there is concern about other people's lives as well as the courage to ignore the negativity of those who will make quick, easy judgments.

We may not have an opportunity to hand out flowers to refugees. However, there are many ways to express a willingness to restore peace, both in our own surroundings, with our family members, as well as with neighbors and colleagues. Every time we try to do so we are reminded that Lent is part of our journey as disciples. Our whole life is a journey to learn how to follow Christ, but for forty days, we may want to intensify our efforts.

Alja Tollefsen  
Chaplain





# Twente News

## Facebooking

I've given up social media for the New Year and am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles. Every day, I walk down the street and tell passersby what I've eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before, and what I will do tomorrow. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and me gardening. I also listen to their conversations and tell them I love them. And it works. I already have three people following me—two police officers and a psychiatrist

## Texting

Mom: What do IDK, LY & TTYL mean?  
 Son: I Don't Know, Love You, Talk To You Later.  
 Mom: OK, I will ask your sister.



## Hut Shop

I would like to remind you that there is still quite a selection of jams and marmalades and small gifts in the "Shop" in the Hut. Don't forget to have a browse while drinking your coffee after the service. The money raised is for the church funds. *Thede te Barge.*

## Jams and Chutneys

Joyce Wigboldus, our head coordinator of jam, marmalade and chutney production, has an important request for anyone making preserves for sale at the various church Markets, Fairs, or in the "Hut Shop".

'Please put your initials in small letters on the jar labels as well as the ingredients of whatever marvellous elixir you have placed in the jar.'

This would then make the producer traceable to Joyce. It would also make the products more saleable as it would reassure potential purchasers with allergy problems that the product was safe for them to eat. Thank you all for your co-operation.

## Food Bank Collection Box.

You can find a large, lidded, plastic box on the table by the door in the "Hut" Please put your donations in there. When the box is full it will be taken to the centre in Goor. The Food Bank is pleased to receive the same sorts of donations as those given so generously for the Harvest Festival. That is, packets, tins, boxes, jars and bottles of everyday, non-perishable food, drink and other articles. There will be a list of suggestions on the lid of the box. Please take note of "the use by date" as they would prefer not to have things that are out of date. Let us give generously for the increasing number of people who unfortunately, do need help and are very grateful for it.

Thank you,

*Brenda Pyle Food Bank co-ordinator.*

## Italian Braai (Barbeque)

Venue: Alja's Garden.

Time to start After Coffee time in the hut after morning service.

Organizers: Peter Ribbens and Ferdinand van Dijk.

In due course we will supply you all with more relevant information.

Thank you,

Ferdinand

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### News from your Wardens

We would like to thank all the good friends who helped to make the Christmas Services, as well as the Christmas market, such a great success. The church and porch were beautifully decorated as well as the hut. Though the temperature outside was not quite as frosty as we hoped for, we had a real warm and colourful Christmas atmosphere inside. Our chaplain Alja led us in celebrating both of the wonderful seasonal services, the Nine Lessons and Carols Service and the Christmas Eve Service, which were well attended and enjoyed. Our sales went well thanks to all of the friendly salespersons that helped us make a total profit of almost €700.

On the first Saturday after Epiphany, cleaning up of all the decorations, in the hut, as well as in the chapel took up our time. Yet again, people showed up to help. Within three hours, the whole chapel was once again clean and crisp. Naturally, we had to have coffee and cake to help us through all the hard work. Once again thank you all for a few good days of hard work.

Do you feel that you would like to take an active part in this happy exercise of fellowship and decorating? Then I would draw your attention to Linda ten Berge, who has been our official flower lady coordinator for a very long time. She has told us that she is ready to be replaced by a younger person so that she can enjoy a well-earned retirement. Among the many things that fall into her sphere of influence are as follows. Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest, Advent and Christmas as well as keeping an eye on the rota to making sure there are always plenty of flowers in church each Sunday. If you also like curling up with a good book, remember there is also an annual book sale to be taken over. So if you want a chance to let your creative talents blossom, do not hesitate to speak to either of us or to our chaplain to enrol.

Your grateful wardens,  
*Jeanet Luiten and Blair Charles.*

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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 of the Churchwardens.

### These portmanteau words are joining our vocabulary in 2016!

**Chairdrobe** (n.): piling clothes on a chair in place of a closet or dresser.

**Epiphant** (n.): an idea that seems like an amazing insight to the conceiver but is in fact pointless, mundane, stupid, or incorrect.

**Internest** (n.): the cocoon of blankets and pillows you gather around yourself while spending long periods of time on the Internet.

**Textpectation** (n.): the anticipation felt when waiting for a response to a text.

**Unkeyboardinated** (adj.): when you're unable to type without repeatedly making mistakes.

**Uh! Say that again**  
A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk." The horse says, "Me neither!"



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### **Three Students**

Three students are leaving their last classes of the day.

The law student is thinking, "I'm tired and thirsty. I must have coffee."

The English student is thinking, "I'm tired and thirsty. I must have a latte."

The medical student is thinking, "I'm tired and thirsty. I must have diabetes."

### **Small Town**

The sheriff of a small town in the Mid-West was also the town's veterinarian. One night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a sheriff or as a vet?" the wife asked.

"Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

### **Newlywed Grace**

A recently married man was walking with his father one day and said: "My new wife's cooking is so bad, we pray AFTER we eat!"

## **What Did I do at Christmas**

*The question, 'What did I do at Christmas' was posed to our multinational congregation of St. Mary's. The results were surprising because of both the number of as well as the variety of wonderful responses.*

Simone Yallop wrote about how she enjoyed a very nice Christmas Eve midnight Eucharist. Christmas Day was a time for the family. This year my two sons and their respective girlfriends came to me for lunch. We exchanged presents and had a lovely time. The Christmas crackers from St. Mary's Christmas market helped decorate the table and added to the fun. Later in the day, I had a couple of long phone calls with my two sisters in England. If you were wondering, the best joke in the crackers was: What did the fish say when he swam into a wall? Dam!

Fred Schonewille tells us about how this Christmas he and his wife Pauline, as usual, spent quite some time in church. This was because, as Pauline is also a member of the Dutch Protestant Church in Deventer, the family attend services in both churches. On Christmas Eve, Fred writes, we went to a service in the Lebuinus Church, organised especially for children, with about 150 children attending with their parents. After that, he went to St. Mary's to sing in the choir, to be a reader and to be a chalice assistant (for the first time). On Christmas Day, they went to the Lebuinus Church again for a choir service in which Pauline and Josephine participated. Afterwards, Fred tells us, they had their Christmas dinner together with his oldest daughter Pien. Later they visited his mother-in-law and Pauline's sisters and brothers with their families in Ermelo. The family also visited the cemetery in Ermelo where their daughter Coosje, stillborn on Christmas Day 2014, is buried. On the next day Pauline, Josephine, Eleonore and Fred had dinner with his mother, brother and sister-in-law, together with Pien, her mother and her family in Deventer. Fred was lucky to find some time for a walk on Nieuw Rande Estate together with his brother-in-law to get some fresh air.

The Bestman family Christmas was one in which John Bestman told us Jolanda and he was very happy to have all their children at home. After visiting the Christmas Eve service, they chose to begin Christmas Day with a brunch. However, before enjoying brunch the dog had to be walked and as you can probably guess, this was not a task done by the children! In the afternoon, they played the Top 2000 game. Guaranteed fun, as the entire family very much

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likes music! The evening meal was perhaps not as fancy as others might expect or even demand for Christmas, but they simply love Raclette Grill! What they enjoy particularly is the time spent together. Afterwards, they watched the Christmas-themed romantic comedy film 'Love Actually'.

Els and Everhard write 'Our Christmas was traditional. Ever since we spent some Christmases with friends in England long ago, we have had traditional English style dinners with our offspring. Our son-in-law in particular has risen to the occasion. For years now, he has made the crackers himself and found ever more paraphernalia to fill them. This year the funny hats were accompanied by fancy bow ties with little-multicoloured lights. There we all sat around the table with all the lights flashing.'

Janice Collins wrote 'I drove home from the Midnight Service along empty streets to be greeted by twinkling Christmas lights, a slumbering household and .... stillness! Slipped into my sleeping bag at the foot of the boys' beds (with five sleeping over until Sunday, floor space was at a premium). I was quietly but firmly awakened by the younger one at an unearthly hour. We crept downstairs, one in search of a caffeine fix, the other determined to raise his level on a Nintendo app. Come the midday, and we were 15, nine adults, six children – a favourable numerical imbalance compensating for shortcomings in energy. Food – a running buffet with an eye to vegetarian and gluten-free requirements; much talking; gifts; much talking; games. Hit of the day “De Weerwolven van Wakkerdam”. Departures went off with a bang: Christmas crackers of course – still an unmissable part of the proceedings as far as the kids are concerned. As those left behind settled into a thriller, I once again slipped upstairs into my sleeping bag– knowing that my reliable human alarm clock would bring in Boxing Day before six the next morning.'

Maureen and Elizabeth van der Heide responded with 'We spent our Christmas day together with our family in Nijverdal. We had a very lovely traditional British and American Christmas Dinner. We all participated in bringing delicious food. Following our lovely meal, we opened some of the beautiful presents given by Father Christmas and listened to the musicians in the family playing Christmas carols.

Carol van Straten wrote, 'On Christmas Day I went to church, ate turkey and drank fruit juice. Then I sang Christmas carols and

#### **Power Outage**

We had a power outage last week and my PC, TV, and games console shut down immediately. It was raining -- therefore I couldn't play golf, so I talked to my husband for a few hours. He seems like a nice person.

#### **Surgery Joke**

Before going in for surgery I thought it would be funny if I posted a note on myself telling the surgeon to be careful. After the surgery I found another note on myself. "Anyone know where my cell phone is?????????"

#### **Surprise Birthday Present**

Benny decided to buy a present for his Uncle Sam's birthday, so with his older brother's help he bought a present, gift wrapped it, and brought it over to his uncle.

His uncle, knowing that Benny's father manufactured apple juice, and seeing a wet spot on the bottom corner of the box, decided to have some fun with Benny by trying to guess what was in the box. "Hmm" said Uncle Sam, dipping his

**I am my mothers  
daughter.  
By Gloria Gatica**

I am my mothers  
daughter, the light that  
shines in her eye.  
And now that light is  
gone, all I do is cry.

I am my mothers  
daughter, from the  
lessons you taught me  
in life.

You were always there  
for me in happiness  
and in strife.

I am my mothers  
daughter, I inherited  
my strengths from  
you.

I know that life's a  
struggle, I know the  
pain you went  
through.

I am my mothers  
daughter, you taught  
me wrong from right.  
You taught me when  
to bend, or when to  
stand up and fight.

I am my mothers  
daughter, we struggled  
just to survive.  
I wouldn't have  
changed a thing, we  
knew what it meant to  
be alive

I am my mothers  
daughter, I truly know  
of unconditional love  
I can even feel it now,  
as you look down on  
us from above.

I am my mothers  
daughter, your

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played my guitar. I wished my family and friends A Happy Christmas by phone.' She went on to explain that her name is Carol because she was born on 23rd of December.

Marco and Nicole, on the other hand, recalled, 'We went to our friend's place, where we had a great Christmas Dinner with her friend, son and daughter. We ate roast turkey, with stuffing, roast lamb, roast potatoes, cauliflower, cheese, caramelised onions, mange tout, asparagus, carrots, sprouts, rice and gravy. We pulled Christmas crackers and drank champagne. There were also many different desserts, but we were all too stuffed by then. Afterwards, we watched "Home Alone One", surely one of the best Christmas films ever.

Pauline Talstra's Australian Christmas Day was both poignant and joyous. She wrote, 'My mother died on 13th December. Her funeral was on 21st December - the anniversary of my father's death!

I knew my Christmas Day would be different! We all knew it - my family of 16 gathered at my sister's home and we'd set the table beautifully and decorated it with the flowers from her coffin... not morbid at all... it looked beautiful. There was a feeling of joy and



happiness, all of us together. Once we were all seated someone called out "Pauline you are the oldest now, you can say grace." I felt a little nervous, but I did it, from the heart, thanking God for everything we have, and for the mother and grandmother we all shared. Then we toasted my mother. I was touched... They had all afforded me the position of head of the family. It was an honour.

Louw Talstra, Pauline's husband also described his Christmas in the Netherlands. 'In general, at Christmas, I was on my own because my wife was in Australia where her mother, sadly, had just passed



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away. I spent part of Christmas day with my son, his wife and my lovely granddaughter of six. I also enjoyed good times with various friends, both before and after Christmas. A considerable amount of time was devoted to musical activities for St. Mary's Chapel. I served a double function, singing in the choir and playing the organ to accompany the singing of the congregation. Both needed extra preparation, which in general, always makes Christmas a very busy and responsible time for me. But I also had some time on my own (the cat was a good companion), where I was able to perform music just for myself or listen to my favourite music, such as a wonderfully energetic performance of Handel's Messiah on TV, which I greatly enjoyed. All in all, Christmas time 2015 was both sad and joyful.'

Jeanet Luiten explained that if she was to be honest how she and husband Lub, did not do anything exciting this Christmas. Apart that is from spending a lot of time in church, preparing things. Most of the rest of the time was spent meeting up with their families, which in Jeanet's case was her siblings and all their children together. I hope other members did do things that are more exciting. I must say though we both loved the way we did spend Christmas and New Years Eve.

Jonneke, writing on behalf of herself and Arjen, wrote, 'First, I would like to say we enjoyed the Christmas Eve Service and thank Victor for enabling the choir to sing so beautifully! Christmas Day we spent in Velp with all our children (3), their partners (3) and our granddaughters (6). We feel so blessed with each other. On Boxing Day, we received Arjen's family in Stokkum. Happy afternoon, good food! And then, on Sunday, tired of all these social activities, we enjoyed doing nothing!'

Noelle Wang spent her Christmas alone. It was a very quiet day spent meditating and reflecting, with the result that she felt refreshed. She asked for this comment by Herman Finkers to be added. *'Let us pray for those who have difficult lives and times, but pray especially for those who make life hard....'*

Ben Dieduksman on the other hand, packed his car and drove to the ferry. He sailed overnight from Newcastle to Ijmuiden, arriving back home in Hengelo around midday and gave Riet a big Christmas hug!!

Diane Wesselink was late in answering as she had been on holiday. Her Christmas Day was spent at home with her parents.

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wisdom has been  
instilled in me  
I wish that you were  
still here, but now you  
are truly free

I am my mothers  
daughter, your loving  
heart, your fiery rage  
your resilience  
inspires me, and your  
memories will remain

I am my mothers  
daughter, and through  
me you will live  
eternally

I will share your love  
through my children  
and the generations for  
all eternity

I am my mothers  
daughter, but your  
death has left me  
feeling alone  
I will never see your  
pretty face again or  
hear your sweet voice  
on my phone

I am my mothers  
daughter, and I know  
you don't want me to  
be sad  
you would want me to  
reflect on all the love  
and all the good times  
that we had

I am my mothers  
daughter, I'll stay  
strong, because I'm  
relied upon

I am the matriarch  
now, I have your  
legacy to carry on.

I love you mom

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finger on the wet spot and taking a quick taste, "I'm going to guess it's a case of apple juice." "No" said Benny jumping up and down clearly enjoying the game. "Not apple juice?" Said Uncle Sam clearly surprised. After another quick taste and a brief pause he guessed again "is it apple cider?" "No," said Benny practically squealing in excitement "TTS A PUPPY!"

#### **Pillow**

I had a dream I was eating a giant marshmallow, when I woke up my pillow was missing!

#### **Giving up for Lent**

At the end of the vicar's pre-Lent sermon he suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar

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## **Twente News Continued**

### **Lent Course**

The title of the Lent Course this year is:

'Take this Bread'

The Chaplain the Revd. Alja Tollefsen and Simone Yallop will lead the course, which will focus on the eucharist and what it means.

The Lent Course will begin on the 13 February and finish on the 12 March. If required, the course may run an extra week and finish on the 19 March.

### **St Mary's Magazine, Past, Present, Future?**

There has been a magazine keeping the congregation of St Mary's Chapel informed and amused for nearly twenty-eight years. A lady called Nettie Foeken, who some old timers may remember, brought out the ANT Church News in 1988. There were three editions per year. The acronym incidentally stood for Arnhem, Nijmegen, and Twente. The magazine served as a valuable link between the joint chaplaincy of Arnhem and Nijmegen and that of Twente. In 1990, founding members of the Twente Chaplaincy, Paul Chesmond and his wife Joyce, took over producing the ANT as a monthly church magazine.

Thirteen years later, Paul and Joyce decided to step down from producing the magazine. Blair Charles, the writer of this article and his wife Marilyn Charles took over running the magazine. Eighteen months later, Arnhem and Nijmegen decided to produce their own monthly magazine. In the hope of maintaining links between the chapels in the East Netherland Group of Chaplaincies, the ANT continued as a twice-yearly magazine.

The first edition of the monthly St Mary's Magazine came out in January 2005, monthly except for Easter and Christmas when an edition of the ANT magazine was issued. This arrangement continued up to April 2007, after which at the request of Arnhem and Nijmegen, production of the ANT was stopped. St Mary's Magazine continued with ten issues per year.

The next major change came in May 2010 when the Charles team stepped down in. Janice Collins kindly and bravely stepped in to take up the task of producing St Mary's Magazine on her own



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through to May 2015. With other commitments pressing, she decided to step down.

The present situation is the magazine continues in production, although now with a five-person team as shown on the back cover, working on preparing and production. The magazine re-launched with an aim of encouraging the congregation to participate more fully in producing their magazine to help people get to know each other better. So far, the reaction has been most positive.

How long the magazine continues in production is the reason for this article. In 2008, St Mary's PCC agreed to pay for the magazine. It was seen as a useful means of keeping the congregation 'informed, amused and together.' Costs have continued to rise with the print cost per magazine now standing at over €1 per copy. Ninety magazines printed ten times a year costs over €900 per year. In the present financial situation, this is too heavy a burden for the church funds.

If everyone who receives a copy of the magazine pays just €15 per year, we could safeguard the magazine for the next few years. Please pay the money into the Chapel bank account, describing the payment with MAGAZINE. This will help the treasurer to identify the payment is for the magazine. Postage costs have also more than doubled. As a result, all the readers who receive a copy by post will be asked in a separate letter to pay postage costs.

Without financial support, the magazine will most likely cease in its present form. It could be replaced by an online version, or it could become just a basic newsheet. The practice of providing a free copy to guests will of course have to end. It is feared that many may not find a digital magazine or newsheet of much use.



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addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.

#### **In a sack**

Seen in a church magazine: 'Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them if possible.'

#### **Blessing**

One Sunday when my grand-daughter was about two years old, her daddy and mummy made their Communion at my local church, and took her with them for a blessing. Arriving back in our pew she said in a loud voice: 'Granny, the man has said his prayers on my head, and he has a lovely dress on.'

#### **Wages**

Advert for a new minister: 'Wages not high, but retirement benefits out of this world.'

#### **Ladies**

Notice in a church hall where a sale of second-hand clothes was in progress: 'Ladies may have a fit upstairs'.

#### **Don't die**

The vicar announced: 'I am sure that you will not wish to overwork our visiting priest while I am on holiday, and will keep funerals to a minimum.'

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>John Bestman</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	Louw Talstra	Isaiah 58.1-12
<b>20:00 Eucharist</b>	Everhard Ottens	2 Corinthians. 5: 20b-6:10
	Gospel	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
<b>Lent 1</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Caroline Siertsema</b>
	Jeanet Luiten	Deuteronomy 26.1-11
<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Simone Yallop	Romans. 10. 8b-13
	Gospel	Luke 4.1-13

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
<b>Lent 2</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	Erica Bonting	Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18
<b>10:30 am Sung</b>	Hans Siertsema	Philippians 3.17-4.1
	Gospel	Luke 13.31-35

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp;</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	Blair Charles	Isaiah 55. 1-9
<b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>		1 Corinthians 10. 1-13
	Gospel	Luke 13. 1-9

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp;</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	Els Ottens	Exodus 2. 1-10
<b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Vivian Reinders	2 Corinthians 1. 3-7
	Gospel	John 19.25b-27

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp;</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Preacher</b>	
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Caroline Siertsema</b>
<b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Jeanet Luiten	Isaiah 43. 16-21
	Dina Boessenkool	Philippians 3. 4b-14
	Gospel	John 12. 1-8

### Judgement?

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"'

*February brings us Lent, a time to take stock of our spiritual lives, to pray and to seek God. With that in mind...*

Effective prayer is a quartet – the Father, the Son, the Spirit, and the Christian.

*J Blanchard*

The Bible is a letter God has sent to us; prayer is a letter we send to him. -  
*Matthew Henry*

Between the humble and contrite heart and the majesty of heaven

## DIOCESE IN EUROPE

THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



The Bishop in Europe:  
The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2016

#### Rationale

My last two appeals have been for aid for migrants coming into Italy and Greece. They related to work in our own diocese. This appeal, by contrast, is for the education of Palestinian children in the Holy Land. It relates to our neighbouring diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Education is of vital importance in attempts to secure a peaceful future for the Middle East. Education makes it easier for youngsters to stay in their home countries rather than embarking on the refugee trail. And tangible help for Middle Eastern Christians expresses our solidarity with a community whose numbers have fallen from 20% to 2% of the land's total population in the last 60 years.

#### The appeal

So this year's appeal supports the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School in Ramallah in the West Bank. It will help the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem in the distribution of bursaries to needy students at the school

#### The Arab Evangelical Episcopal School in Ramallah

The school is situated in the fertile area of Ramallah, 10 miles north of Jerusalem. It is coeducational with around 650 children from kindergarten to twelfth grade. The school believes that fulfilling its Christian mission comes through serving the Palestinian community, Muslim and Christian regardless of religion, race, gender, and socio-economic status. It aims to develop the "whole person" of the student. It seeks to educate young Palestinians to become active citizens who will participate in developing a humanistic and democratic society, enhancing the religious and national heritage in Palestine, and promoting mutual understanding and tolerance. As a Christian private school, it has much to offer to

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the whole community and is considered one of the best schools in the area.

In spite of difficult political and economic conditions, the school has maintained its academic and humanitarian mission. Academically the school fulfils the highest standards in the Standard High School Examinations. It supports students with special needs, learning disabilities, behavioural disturbances and social and psychological problems. It fosters activities which enhance students' character, such as dance, drama and the arts. In sports the school's teams win many of the sports' tournaments offered by the Ministry of Education. Three members of its girls' football team were selected for the Palestinian national girls team.

Tuition fees for students average at around \$2,000 per annum, depending on grade. The families of many students do not have such means and so rely on bursaries. Our appeal will assist the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, under whose supervision the school operates, to provide bursaries for needy students at the school.

#### **Funding Mechanism**

As usual, you can give money to this appeal through your church treasurer, who will forward money to the diocesan office.

We are channelling funds through Friends of the Holy Land. [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk). FHL is a joint Anglican-Roman Catholic organisation founded in 2009 to raise awareness of the situation of Christians in Israel/Palestine. Its patrons include the Archbishop of Canterbury and the RC Archbishop of Westminster. FHL will pass the money you give to the Jerusalem diocese for the benefit of the school.

Please do consider how you can support my appeal. I wish you a holy and spiritually fulfilling Lent.

With every blessing

*+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe*

there are no barriers.  
The only password  
is prayer.

*H Ballou*

It is not the number  
of books you read,  
nor the variety of  
sermons you hear,  
nor the amount of  
religious  
conversation in  
which you mix, but  
it is the frequency  
and earnestness with  
which you meditate  
on these things, till  
the truth in them  
becomes your own  
and part of your  
being, that ensures  
your growth.

*F W Robertson*

***February is also the  
month of love...***

Marriage is more  
than finding the  
right person; it is  
being the right  
person.

*Anon*



Love is practical or  
it is not love at all. -

*P W Heward*

## **Archdeaconry Mission Day**

On 7th November 2015 an Archdeaconry Mission Day was held at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht. The title of the day was “GO ahead: The Seven Disciplines of Growing Churches” and was organized by the Mission Working Party for the Archdeaconry of North-West Europe. There were about 20 people present comprising clergy and laity from chaplaincies in Belgium and the Netherlands. The day began with a beautiful service of Morning Prayer, from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, led by Rev. David Phillips, chaplain of Holy Trinity Utrecht. After coffee and a round of introductions the workshops began. The aim was to explore a report (GS 1917) from the General Synod of the Church of England about mission, evangelism and church growth. The report identifies seven disciplines essential for church growth: (1) Prayerful discernment and listening; (2) Apologetics (defending and commending the Christian faith); (3) Evangelism (the initial proclamation of the faith); (4) Catechesis (teaching and learning faith); (5) Ecclesial formation (growing the community of the church); (6) Planting and forming new ecclesial communities (fresh expressions of church); (7) Incarnational mission (following the pattern of Jesus). During the Mission Day there were workshops on each of these seven disciplines. Everyone attended the session on the first discipline. There were then three sessions, each with two concurrent workshops. The participants had to choose which of these workshops they wanted to attend.

### ***Prayerful discernment and listening***

The first session on ‘prayerful discernment and listening’ began with a talk given by the Archdeacon Rev. Canon Meurig Williams and was followed by a discussion led by Rev. Stephen Murray. The General Synod report says that this first discipline in growing churches is the foundation for all of the others. The transmission of the Christian faith is a divine as well as a human activity, which is only possible in the life of the Spirit. The Church is called to abide deeply in Christ as the foundation and source of her life through prayer, worship and the sacraments. Contemplation is the wellspring of evangelism. This deep abiding in Christ needs to be accompanied by a careful attention to what God is doing already in each different place, community and context and out of that listening to discern carefully the best and most helpful place to begin. In his talk the Archdeacon reminded us of the need to draw afresh on the sources of our faith and the depths of our Christian tradition. He encouraged us to immerse ourselves in scripture and to look at the times immediately following the New Testament, when the faith was lived intensely and the church was growing. The Archdeacon called to mind the prayer of humble access that “we may evermore dwell in him and he in us” and said that reform, renewal and evangelism cannot bypass the Lord’s Supper. The Archdeacon spoke of the need to be aware of the language and words we use. Words change over the years and can sometimes be misunderstood. In our modern culture of 24/7 rolling news everything is explicit. This is different in the worship of the church. We meet and experience God in many ways: in symbol, in metaphor, in poetry, in the use of space, in colour, in sound and in silence, in gesture

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and in music. These are ways of transporting people to experiencing God more clearly and more dearly. Art can be a tool of evangelism that goes beyond language. For example, an art exhibition held a few years ago in London, called “Seeing Salvation”, changed the lives of many people. The Archdeacon concluded by giving an example of a place where he had seen prayerful discernment and listening working in practice. He told us about Llanfair Penrhys, in the Rhondda Valley, in Wales. There the church is alive because in 1992 they first listened to what was needed in this deprived and battered community. Now when people say they are going to church they may be going to the launderette, the crèche for working mothers, the coffee bar, the ‘nearly new’ clothing shop or they may be going to worship. The needs were provided for and now they have a thriving church community.

### ***Evangelism (the initial proclamation of the faith)***

The second session was a choice between two workshops. One was on ‘Apologetics’ and was led by Rev. Andrew Gready, from The Hague. The other, which I attended, was on ‘Evangelism’ and was led by Rev. Sunny Hallanan, an Episcopal priest from Waterloo. The General Synod report says that the discipline of evangelism (or the initial proclamation of the faith) is the habit and practice of sowing the seed of the gospel in the lives of those who have not yet heard its life-giving message. It goes on to say that the Scriptures are clear that some are gifted as evangelists. However Christian disciples are called to bear witness, to be ready to give account for the hope which is in us. One of the major challenges for a church in mission is the equipping of all of its members to bear witness to their faith in the home, the workplace and the wider community. Rev. Sunny Hallanan, introduced the workshop by saying that evangelism is about good news. Our world is full of bad news. How do we offer good news to people? During the discussion Sunny recommended, as a resource, a book called ‘Take this bread’ written by Sara Miles. It is a true story of a woman who, raised as an atheist, one day wandered into a church, ate a piece of bread and took a sip of wine. A routine Sunday activity for many people - except up to that moment she had led a secular life, indifferent to religion. It was her first communion and it changed everything. Eating Jesus, as she puts it, led her against all her expectations to a faith and work that she had never imagined. I was impressed by the story and I have proposed to use this book for our Lent course at St. Mary’s this year. By the time you read this the Lent course will be underway so some of you will now be familiar with the book.

### ***Catechesis (teaching and learning faith)***

After a short break for lunch the third session, was again a choice between two workshops. One was on ‘Ecclesial formation’ led by Rev. Stephen Murray (Ghent) the Area Dean of Belgium and Luxembourg. The other, which I attended, was on ‘Catechesis’ led by Rev. Sam Van Leer (Groningen), the Area Dean of the Netherlands. The General Synod report says that the discipline of catechesis is that of teaching and learning faith and especially teaching the faith to those preparing for baptism (and confirmation) and those who have been recently baptized as they grow

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into mature discipleship. Catechesis of adults and children and young people is absolutely critical to the growth of the church. It is the discipline through which new disciples are formed and take their place in the life and witness of the Christian community. In this workshop we began by looking at a passage of scripture (Acts 8:30-31), where Phillip asks the official 'Do you understand what you are reading' and he replies 'How can I understand unless someone teaches me?' We answered some questions on the passage and then Sam spoke about Catechesis and how our faith is a life-long process of learning. There are four stages of faith development: (1) experienced faith, characteristic of babyhood and infancy, (2) affiliative faith, characteristic of childhood, (3) searching faith, as the search to think it out for oneself is undertaken, and lastly (4) owned faith. Sam gave us several handouts including a comparison of the various courses that are available such as Alpha, Christianity Explored, Emmaus and several others. There was not enough time to cover all the material but we were able to look at some questions for group discussion, which included 'From whom do you first learn about the Christian faith and how?', 'What does the habit of teaching and learning the faith look like in the context of your chaplaincy?' and 'What is needed to deepen and extend the work of catechesis?' These are all good questions to think about.

***Planting and forming new ecclesial communities (fresh expressions of church)***

The fourth session was also a choice between two workshops. One was on 'Incarnational mission' led by Jeremy Heuslein, the Outreach Worker at Holy Trinity Brussels. The other, which I attended, was on 'Fresh expressions of church' led by Nathan Joss, a Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme (CEMES) intern at Holy Trinity Brussels. The General Synod report says the discipline of planting and forming new ecclesial (i.e. church) communities is rooted in the earliest days of the New Testament Church. This has slowly been recovered in the Church of England through the church planting movement, Mission-Shaped church and the development of fresh expressions of church. In the UK the growth in fresh expressions of church over the last decade has been remarkable. The fresh expressions website ([www.freshexpressions.org.uk](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk)) explains that a fresh expression of church is a new gathering or network that engages mainly with people who have never been to church. There is no single model, but the emphasis is on starting something which is appropriate to its context. Over 3,000 of these new forms of church now exist in almost every denomination in the UK. Fresh expressions of church serve those outside church; listen to people and enter their context; make discipleship a priority, journeying with people to Jesus; and they form a church. At Synod we heard that fresh expressions of church are missional, contextual, formational and ecclesial. In the workshop Nathan explained that we need to think about context. What do the people need in order to hear the message? We need to meet people where they are. Nathan spoke about a number of examples of fresh expressions including 'Messy Church', which is very popular in the UK. This is a form of church for children and

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adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It meets at a time and place that suits people who do not already belong to church. It includes a creative time with some kind of craft to explore the biblical theme; it has a celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and it includes a meal together. This workshop gave me a better idea of what a fresh expression of church is all about.

### **Conclusion**

The last session gave the opportunity for participants to talk about what they had gained from the workshops and how they might be able to use this in their own situations. The Archdeaconry Mission Day finished after a time of prayer together before everyone began their journey home.

Simone Yallop

### **Some hints about prayer this Lent**



Prayer is instinctive for human beings, even those who don't regard themselves as religious. You are standing at a bus stop in the wind and the rain, thinking 'I do hope the bus will come soon'. It's an inner yearning. It defies logic: either the bus is coming or it isn't. But we all do it. It's instinctive and it's the raw material of prayer. Hoping for something better is basic. Like all instincts, it needs to be trained.

To whom do we pray? What you pray and the way you do it will be shaped by your view of God. Christian prayers are fashioned by what we know of Jesus and what He taught about prayer.

We pray by invitation. Again and again, Jesus encouraged his companions to pray. A couple of his parables on the subject have been misinterpreted as instructions to persuade a resistant God to do what we want. Have a look at Luke 18, verses 1-8, about a widow whose perseverance finally persuaded an unwilling judge to rule in her favour. The lesson is that God is *not* like that! Similarly, an unwelcome neighbour who persistently calls for help in the middle of the night gets what he wants (Luke 11.5-13). The lesson? If tenacious lobbying can overcome human unwillingness, *how much more* our gracious God will heed his children's cry.

Pushing at an open door. Jesus is already praying for us. So when we start to pray, we step on to an already moving staircase. Sometimes prayer seems tougher than it need be. Jesus invited us to be linked to him, in the way an inexperienced bullock is yoked to a mature ox. Have a look at Matthew 11, 28-29, which concludes "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light". When Marion Bartoli unexpectedly won the 2013 Women's Wimbledon final, she said "I believe if you put all your heart and effort into everything you are doing, then God is there to help you."

Is your prayer on the right lines? Try adding "for Christ's sake" at the end. "Please let my marrow win the Gardening Club competition"? No. "Not my will but yours" is the key. So when praying, don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

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## **The Social Chaplaincy - Pub Quiz Night**

Thirty-five people from all over the Achterhoek gathered out in the countryside. The venue was De Schöppe, a sumptuously converted agricultural building, generously provided by Jonneke Adolfsen and Arjen Haffmans. The reason for this gathering was to partake in a Pub Quiz and the date, the 16 January. Oh, and the other common factor was that all these people were connected in some way or another with St Mary's Chapel and they were all intent on having a wonderful Social Evening.

Joyce Wigboldus, ably assisted by Blair Charles, was in charge of organizing the evening. The theme of the Social Evening was a British Pub Quiz, which was where Blair Charles entered the picture. A former team member of the Punch Drunks, the victorious champion team from the Pub Quiz circuit of South West Cumbria, England, he came well qualified to organize a Pub Quiz.

Joyce meanwhile led the willing helpers in arranging everything else. People trooping into the building, after oohing and aahing at the beautiful building, delivered a wondrous array of food and refreshments to the catering corner. Catering was strictly on a bring and share basis. Well, not strictly as some people, for various reasons were unable to bring food. They were still invited to share. And so the evening began with a wonderful meal. Our Chaplain, the Revd Alja Tollefsen naturally led us in the Grace.

And so the evening began. Joyce organized everyone into teams of four and the members were tasked with inventing team names. A fabulous prize was on offer for the best name. Joyce and Blair appointed themselves as quizmasters because they had set the questions and, therefore, knew all the answers. Marilyn Charles, who had also seen all the answers, acted as scorer.

The teams were The Standing Committee, Count Basies, Sandringham, Saints and Sinners, Fearsome Four, Alja's Angels, The Shamrocks and The Odd Fellows. After answering questions on General Knowledge followed by Music and Literature a break was called for dessert. While Louw Talstra, St Mary's organist, played the Grand piano in the corner, everyone else lustily sang a selection of traditional English songs. Easy enough as the words were projected onto a screen above the piano.

The quiz resumed with questions on History followed by Science and Religion. Scores were added up and a clear winning team emerged, The Odd Fellows. Just coming in the second position were the members of the Saints and Sinners. After lengthy consultation, Joyce, Marilyn, and Blair agreed that the best name was The Standing Committee. All members of the winning teams were awarded T-Shirts emblazoned with a picture of St Mary's Chapel and the words, 'St Mary's Masterminds.'

The evening ended with a quick cleanup and another sing-along, this time with Jonneke Adolfsen on the piano. Sung out and happy, everyone headed for home.

Not as easy as it sounds because the first blizzard of the winter chose that night to sweep across the Achterhoek while cars were loaded and people tried to find the road. The following day at church there was a degree of swapping stories on two themes. 'Wow, didn't we have a great evening?' and 'Wow, what time did you get home?'



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*Jonneke receiving flowers from Joyce as a Big Thank You*



### HYMNS

When you come to church you hear hymns. Hymns are songs of praise to God. Some are very old and some, like the ones you may sing at school, are new.

Have you ever wondered who wrote the hymns we sing? For example, one hymn writer was Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of the Bishop of Londonderry. She wrote a book called 'Hymns for Little Children' which was dedicated to her godchildren. The book was published in 1848 and contained hymns that we know well today; 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

It is said that she wrote the last hymn because of the view from the Bishop's palace. The house looked out over the city walls to the green hills in the distance.

So the words  
we sing  
today come  
from the view  
that Mrs  
Alexander  
had from her  
window.



### HYMN TITLES

All the following hymn titles have some words missing – can you fill in the blanks. All the hymns are from Mission Praise and the answers are below.

1. While \_\_\_ watched
2. Lead us, \_\_\_ \_\_\_, lead us.
3. Away in a \_\_\_
4. Forty days and \_\_\_ \_\_\_
5. Hark! The \_\_\_ \_\_\_ sing
6. \_\_\_ has broken
7. \_\_\_ night, \_\_\_ night
8. There is a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ far away
9. We plough the \_\_\_ and scatter
10. Amazing \_\_\_

#### Didn't your teacher say your singing was heavenly?

Well, she did say it was like nothing on earth.



- Answers:** 1. While shepherds watched  
 2. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
 3. Away in a manger 4. Forty days and forty nights 5. Hark, the herald angels sing 6. Morning has broken 7. Silent night, holy night 8. There is a green hill far away 9. We plough the fields and scatter 10. Amazing Grace.

### *Psalm van de Vluchteling*

Hoe eenzaam ben ik, in een land van vreemden,  
een werelddeel, waar ik niet welkom ben.  
Door velen niet gezien, of weggekeken;  
ogen vol argwaan, of juist afgewend.  
Geen mens groet mij op straat, ik ben een niemand:  
ik hoor hier niet, dus heb ik ook geen naam.  
Zij spreken niet mijn taal, verstaan mij niet;  
hun oren zijn gesloten voor mijn stem.  
Het lot, dat mij hier bracht, wordt niet begrepen  
en mijn verhaal daarvan  
wordt niet geloofd.  
Zo slijt ik nu mijn jaren  
zonder toekomst,  
en loodzwaar slepen zich  
de dagen voort.  
Nog steeds word ik  
gemarteld, nu door  
heimwee  
en angst om wat mijn  
ouders wordt gedaan.  
Verlangend naar mijn  
broeders en mijn zusters,  
nu overal ter wereld  
opgejaagd.  
Is er dan niemand meer,  
die mij wil kennen,  
geen oog dat mij wil zien,  
geen oor dat hoort?  
Is er geen hand meer, die  
mij vast wil houden?  
Ik vluchtte voor de dood:  
is dit dan leven?

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van der Linden



### *Psalm of the Refugee*

How lonely I am in a country of strangers,  
a part of the world where I am not welcome.  
Not seen by most of the people or frozen out;  
Eyes full of distrust or just turned away.  
Nobody greets me in the streets, I am nothing:  
I don't belong here so I don't have a name.  
They don't speak my language, don't understand  
me;  
their ears are deaf to my voice.  
The fate that brought me here is not understood,  
and my story about it is not believed.  
I live out my years without a future  
and my days are dragging on heavy as lead.  
I am still tortured, but now by homesickness  
and fear because of what can happen to my  
parents.  
Longing for my brothers and sisters  
Now hunted all over the world.  
Is there nobody left who wants to know me?  
No eye that looks at me, no ear that listens to  
me?  
No hand to hold my hand?  
I fled death, but is this life?



## 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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