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### *The Chaplain Writes*

The Servant Queen

This month we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Queen Elizabeth. She is the Supreme Governor of the Church we belong to, and therefore we commemorate this occasion with gratitude. When I first lived in Britain, after becoming an Anglican, I had to get used to the idea that state and church were so interwoven. Over the years, I have really come to value this.

The separation of State and Church is a good thing when one of the institutions becomes dominant over the other. In the present situation of the Church of England, the two organizations enrich each other. Queen Elizabeth, for British Anglicans, as well as for non-British, plays a role in our life because of her status as Supreme Governor of our Church, but it would be a bit unfortunate if this were the only reason!

Throughout the years, I realize that I have really come to admire her because of her commitment, her sense of vocation and her dedication as a queen, and as governor of the Church of England.

Because of this memorable day, a booklet was produced: *The Servant Queen and the King she serves*. By now, over a million copies have been sold!

Her interest in the well-being of people and her gentleness convince to commemorate her birthday on 12 June with enthusiasm. On that day in the whole of Britain, the parishes will pay tribute and celebrate her birthday, because she is a person, who earns our deepest respect and sympathy.

We will celebrate her life and contribution to the Church she served for so long, in the Eucharist and afterwards with a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the Hut, according to good Anglican tradition!

Alja Tollefsen  
Chaplain of St Mary's





## Twente News *Society Sunday*

June 12th has been designated as Society Sunday. An open and inclusive way to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. As most of you already know, The Queen is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, so we at St Mary's will celebrate too.

After the morning service and coffee, we will have a bring and share lunch. Phillipa will be co-ordinating this

### **Economy**

The wife of a banker asked him why he seemed a bit down. He replied: "I'm a walking economy! My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression."

### **Understand**

Sometimes I think I understand everything - but then I regain consciousness.

### **Life in the Circus**

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motor-home, which was equipped with a

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and is asking everyone to bring something nice to eat for the buffet table. Typical British fare if possible, savoury, salad or sweet. You can contact Phillipa if you wish on 0543 530053.

It will be fun, so come along with your goodies to share.

Queen Elizabeth is an amazing lady, loved and respected by the whole nation.

Happy Birthday our Servant Queen.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### *Special BBC 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Broadcasts*

- 10th June Service from St Paul's Cathedral
- 11th June Trooping the Colour
- 12th June Big Party in the Mall

### *Food Bank*

A reminder that there is a large plastic container in the hut for Food Bank contributions. Your donations of non-perishable food will go to those less fortunate in our community. A list of suggested products is by the box.

### *Evensong*

In the Christian Church, Evensong is a service of evening prayers, psalms, and canticles, conducted according to a set form, especially that of the Anglican Church. Evensong in the Anglican Church is a traditional service for people coming to church to worship in the late afternoon or early evening.

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This year, four Evensong services will be held, two at St Mary's and two at the Bergkerk in Deventer. The main aims are to introduce Evensong services to the congregation and to publicise the presence of the chaplaincy to people living in this region.

The dates and locations are as follows.

25 June, Bergkerk, Deventer

24 September, St. Mary's

22 October, St. Mary's

26 November Deventer, Bergkerk Deventer

(+ in December Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Lebuinus Kerk Deventer, the date has to be decided). The services will start at 16:00 with doors opening at 15:30. If this initiative is to succeed then we all need to offer our support and to show visitors how much we care for our chaplaincy. It will also give us all the opportunity to enjoy this quintessentially traditional Anglican service.

### ***Magazine Contributions***

St Mary's Magazine has been seen to have a valuable role in keeping members of the chaplaincy informed and in touch with each other. In these constrained financial times, financing the magazine is difficult. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy.

### ***Summer Teas***

The St Mary's Chapel Summer Teas will be on the following Sundays:

July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug 14

Volunteers to bake, to serve and to guide in the chapel are still required. If you can help can you please put your name on the list in the hut.



### ***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

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beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied, and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he fits in the cannon."

### ***Sweets***

I gave my four-year-old grand-daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her enormous pile of sweets, I got suspicious and asked if she hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."

### Get a grip

It was said that Archbishop Tench of Dublin, in his later years, had a fear of sudden crippling paralysis. One night at a formal dinner he sat looking more and more forlorn. Finally he confided to the guests around him: 'Well, it's come at last – total lack of feeling in my right leg.' Whereupon the lady sitting next to him said soothingly: 'Not at all, your Grace. It will comfort you to know that during the whole of this meal it has been *my* leg that you have been pinching!'

### Encore!

A singer had given a recital at a prison and so pleased was she with the applause that she gushed: 'Thank you very much for your appreciation. I so hope that I will see you all back here again next year.'

## Letter from St James the Least of All –

*Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...*

### On the struggle for life in a rectory

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Ah, the joys of June! At last I can return to the Rectory without putting on my overcoat before going inside. For the next four months, all windows and doors are left open in order to let the heat *in*. If anyone else tells me how lucky I am to live in a 12-bedroom Queen Anne house, I shall have them excommunicated.

You will soon stop complaining about your one bedroom flat should you ever have to live in a rural rectory; the days of wandering about the house in shirtsleeves will become a distant memory. In my first winter here, I had the central heating on full blast 24 hours a day. The house was almost warm, even if the boilers sounded like the Queen Mary coming into port. But that quarter's gas bill needed a substantial grant from the International Monetary Fund to cover it, so ever since, for six months of the year, I live in the kitchen. Parishioners find it either touching or sad that I sleep with my Labrador. It never occurs to them that I need her for extra heat.

It does mean that evening meetings at the rectory on winter evenings can be un-Christianly satisfying. Watching committee members fighting – with infinite politeness - to get nearest to the one-bar electric fire is highly entertaining. They hold on to their coffee cups less for refreshment, more for a little extra warmth. At least it means that meetings are short.

My predecessor was a model railway enthusiast and so several bedrooms were taken up with a system of such complexity that it made Crewe Junction seem trivial. He also found it helpful to put



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his teenage son in the turret bedroom, where he could play his drums without anyone else in the house being able to hear a thing.

Nowadays, all these extra rooms are filled with cribs and nativity play costumes, Easter gardens and spare choir cassocks. It is remarkable how all these things used to be stored quite satisfactorily in the church vestry until the parish acquired a single priest; now the empty rooms in the rectory have become vital storage space. I so hope my successor has a plethora of children, so that parishioners have to find alternative accommodation for all the detritus vital to church life.

No, dear boy, cherish your centrally heated, dry, draft proof, mice-free, bat-less, modern-plumbed accommodation. It will not be ever thus.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### **Uganda April 2016**

My recent visit to Uganda was extremely helpful for the work of the TOG (Twinning Oversight Group) Luweero I chair. Synod two years ago decided almost unanimously that the link with Luweero should be maintained, but it was true to say that not a lot is happening.

My visit to Uganda was meant to investigate the possibilities of reviving the link and where could we help each other. Uganda and the Diocese of Luweero are not well off financially, but they use their resources and whatever financial support they can get very well.

I was given the opportunity to visit the malaria prevention program in Sekamuli, which was set up by Jay Dennett and his wife, Pam. They lived in Uganda for five years and started the anti-malaria program, involving and educating the local people. I visited one of the model homes, where the malaria prevention team managed to implement solutions to reduce the risk of malaria. The building of a latrine: a hole in the ground covered with a lid, is an improvement.

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### **Talk talk**

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.

### **Crooked politicians**

The editor of a small country newspaper, furious over several government bills that had recently been passed, printed a scathing editorial with an enormous headline:

"HALF THE LEGISLATORS ARE CROOKS."

Many local politicians were outraged and exerted tremendous pressure on him to print a retraction. He finally gave in to the pressure and ran his apology with the headline:

"HALF OF OUR LEGISLATORS ARE NOT CROOKS."

## Music

Music gives soul to  
the universe,  
Wings to the mind,  
Flight to the  
imagination,  
And life to  
everything.

If God is the DJ,  
Then life is the  
dance floor,  
Love is the rhythm,  
And you are the  
music.

You can't overdose  
on music

Music helps me  
escape from the  
reality I live in

The Earth has music  
To those who listen  
*W Shakespeare*

The music is not in  
the notes  
But in the silence in  
between  
*Wolfgang Amadeus  
Mozart*

I see my life in  
terms of music  
*Albert Einstein*

Those who wish to  
sing  
Will always find a  
song  
*Swedish Proverb*

A painter paints  
pictures on canvas  
But musicians paint  
pictures on silence  
*Leopold Stokowski*

## Song of Survival – Part 1



In September, I promised to write something about a women's choir in one of the internment camps on Sumatra. Although this is a long story, I will begin by telling, how I learnt about the history of the remarkable music and the background.

About 30 years ago, I met and married Sjoerd. We moved to California, where he worked for NASA. I wanted to join a professional or semi-professional choir. One day I read about the Peninsula Women's Choir, which performed regularly with the

director Penny Hennings. The choir appeared to be one that I would enjoy.

When members of the choir heard that I came from 'Holland,' they asked me if I knew Helen Colijn, who was also from the Netherlands. Helen had arranged for the choir to sing in the movie 'Song of Survival.' Curious about this film, I went to the local library to pick up a copy. I also made an appointment to meet Mrs. Colijn, who lived in Palo Alto, only 20 minutes driving from my house. The movie made a deep impression on me. Not only for the music but also because of the enormous courage and dedication of the women involved in the horrible everyday life in the camp.

Helen Colijn turned out to be a slender, elegant woman, who despite all her years in America was still as Dutch in speech as I am (was). After my first visit, I returned more often to see Helen at her house. Over time, I learned a lot about her life, her time in the Japanese internment camp and the women's choir there. She was, as I still see it, the key person in the story round the Song of Survival movie and music.

Helen was the granddaughter of Hendrik Colijn, who was the Prime Minister of the Netherlands twice, 1925 - 1926 and 1933 - 1939. Helen and her sisters lived with their grandparents in The Hague while she attended high school and university in the Netherlands, as

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did so many children whose parents lived and worked in the Dutch East Indies. Her father, after studying law, was awarded a doctorate in business administration from the TU in Delft. Anton Colijn took his family to the Dutch East Indies where he worked for an oil company.

His wife, Aaltje (“Zus”) Colijn-van der Poll, who had grown up in South Africa as a child, was interned in a British concentration camp at the end of the Boer War. She was a Red



Cross nurse at the time of the Japanese invasion of Tarakan, Borneo. She had the bad luck to be in a concentration camp for a second time when she was

once more interned in January 1942 on Borneo, never to see her husband again.

He was taken a hostage, before trying to escape to Java with his three daughters, Helen, Antoinette, and Alette, who were visiting their parents that summer after having finished their studies in the Netherlands. Their last visit had been three years earlier. Unfortunately, they were captured after the shipwreck of the *Pulau Bras*, bombed by the Japanese on March 9, 1942. Anton was interned in a men’s camp in Palembang and the girls in the adjacent women’s camp. Later Anton was transferred to a camp on Banka’s Island where he died a few days before the liberation in 1945.

The girls and their mother were reunited in Singapore after the war and emigrated to the U.S. in 1946. Helen became an editor of the famous Californian *Sunset* magazine. Antoinette lived nearby in California and worked for a medical book publisher and Alette moved to Washington D.C. as a literature teacher.

In the next magazine, there will be more about the music and the choir of ‘Song of Survival.

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### **Dalai Lama’s Rules**

Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

When you lose, don’t lose the lesson.

Follow the three R’s:

1. Respect self
2. Respect for others
3. Responsibility for all your actions

Don’t let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

When you realize you have made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

Open your arms to change, but don’t let go of your values.

Remember that sometimes silence is the best answer.

In disputes with loved ones, deal only with the current situation.

Don’t bring up the past.

Share your knowledge. It’s a way to achieve immortality.

Be gentle with the Earth

Once a year, go someplace you have never been before

Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</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>Chalice</b>	<b>John Bestman</b>
<b>Trinity 3</b>	Els Ottens	2 Samuel 11.26 -12.10, 13-15
	John Bestman	Galatians 2. 15-end
<b>10.30am</b>		
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 7. 36 – 8.3

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</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>Chalice</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
<b>Trinity 4</b>	Heleen Rauwerd	Isaiah 65. 1-9
	Arjen Haffman	Galatians 3. 23-end
<b>10:30 am</b>		
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 8. 26-39

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
<b>Trinity 5</b>	Elizabeth v.d. Heide	1 Kings 19. 15-16, 19-end
	Fred Schonewille	Galatians 5. 1, 13-25
<b>10:30 am</b>		
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 9. 51-end

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>John Bestman</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Count Alfred</b>
	Dina Boessenkool	Habakkuk 2.1-4
<b>Thomas the Apostle</b>	Linda ten Berge	Ephesians. 2. 19- end
	<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel John 20. 24-29

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Alja Tollefsen</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Luiten</b>
	Erica Bonting	Jeanet Deuteronomy 30.9-14
<b>Trinity 7</b>	Blair Charles	Colossians 1.1-14
	<b>10:30 am Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel Luke 10. 25-37

*Forthcoming Services*

<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Dina Boessenkool</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>n/a</b>
	Arjen Haffmans	Genesis 18. 1-10a
<b>Trinity 8</b>	Heleen Rauwerda	Colossians 1. 15-28
	<b>10:30 am Morning Prayer</b>	Gospel Luke 10.38-end

## Children

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what is the name of Jesus' father?"

A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime.

She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer.

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

3-year-old Reese:

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## Who is who – Wim Veltman

On a sunny afternoon in May, I visited Wim Veltman in the beautiful farmhouse of his friend Anneke, in Markelo. I had come to know Wim over the years as a devoted and unwavering Christian. He trained for three years with the pastoral care ministry I was giving to several church members, among them the Chesmonds, Stephanie Prins, and Malcolm McBride. Wim also participated in a discussion group called 'The Doubters,' which we held monthly in our house for some years.

Over tea and strawberries, while we sat in the garden, Wim gave me some details about his life. Born in 1921 in Amsterdam, where he grew up and where he attended primary and secondary school (Hervormd Lyceum). Afterwards, he went on to Delft where he started mining, and later, mechanical engineering.

During Wim's time at the Hervormd Lyceum, he came in touch with the S.C.M. (N.C.S.V.; Ned. Christen. Studenten Vereniging.) His parents sent him to the Eglise Wallonne Sunday school, as a way to help him learn to speak French better. One of the things Wim remembers well is participating in a *tableau vivant* (a silent and motionless group of people arranged to represent a scene or incident) at Christmas. He regrets very much that this kind of entertainment is no longer common.

He also visited camps of the NCSV as a teenager. At the camps, he made many friends with whom he has remained in touch throughout his life. It was a time of forming international collaboration on technical issues during his studies because everyone could see that they were stronger together than as separate disciplines. Consequently, contacts were made with a student's organization in England that was equivalent to the NCSV.

During a visit by Wim to friends in England, he was taken to a weekend conference of old SCM-members. One of the English girls wanted to take a photograph of the whole group. Her name was Liz, and she has been a teacher. And now she was a nurse. As she was not tall, she had to stand on a table to take the picture. Wim took a photo of her wobbling on the small table. Just after taking her picture, she complained to Wim that he should have asked her first. When Wim met her in The Hague, later, she told

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Wim she had showed it to her mother and she liked it very much.

In the early fifties, Liz came to The Hague, to work for half a year as a nurse in Bronovo and they met again. She stayed on and they became engaged. They married before Wim even started his first job. Still not having a house after the wedding, they continued to live in their own rooms for a while. That was until a friend offered them two rooms in his house, a living room downstairs and a bedroom in the attic.

After working six years at Kabelfabriek Delft and for two years at TNO (Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Applied Scientific Research) Wim deciding he had been in The Hague long enough, took up a job at Hengelo Signaal. The work there suited him better than what he has been doing in Delft. Liz, who had initially been a member of the Union Church in England, had later on become an Anglican. Wim and Liz found a warm place in the Dutch Reformed Church in Hengelo. One of his bosses thought that Wim was the right person to be the churchwarden they were looking for in the Bethlehem Kerk, close by. In those days, you did not necessarily go to a church just because it was in your neighbourhood. People also chose to go a church because of the parson who was preaching, for instance, the Revd. Miskotte was a very well-liked preacher.

One day Wim and Liz heard about the being held Anglican services in the Weldam Chapel. They divided their church visits between the two churches. That was quite easy because, at the time, there was only a service every other week in the Weldam Chapel. Wim was an elder in the Bethlehem Kerk as well as being on the PCC at Weldam Chapel.

After Liz died, Wim decided to attend the Weldam Chapel weekly because of the warmth, friendship, and compassion he felt there. I asked him what he liked best about our church now. Wim answered: 'to be there with kindred spirits, accepting each other for what they are, always being welcome.' He regrets that he can no longer be active in the church and that his chapel visits are now limited, due to his age. He is always happy to be there and hopes to do so for a long time.

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"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

### **Home Alone**

Mummy, where were you when I was born?  
In the hospital.  
And daddy?  
At work.  
That's great. So nobody was home when I arrived.

### **Zzzzzz!**

Daddy reads some bedtime stories to make little Jonny fall asleep.  
Half an hour later mommy opens quietly the door and asks:  
"And, is he asleep?"  
Little Jonny answers:  
"Yes, finally."

### **Logic 1**

Mother: Eat your bread.  
Child: I don't like bread. Why do I have to eat the bread.  
Mother: So you become big and strong.  
Child: Why do I have to become big and strong?  
Mother: So you can provide the daily bread to your family.  
Child: But I don't like bread!

### **Logic 2**

"What's the name of your new dog?"  
"I don't know. He won't tell."



### Observations on our Christian pilgrimage...

Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.

- A Gordon

Evangelism never seemed to be an 'issue' in the New Testament. That is to say, one does not find the apostles urging, exhorting, scolding, planning and organising for evangelistic programmes.... evangelism happened! Issuing effortlessly from the community of believers as light from the sun, it was automatic, spontaneous, continuous, contagious.

- R Halverson

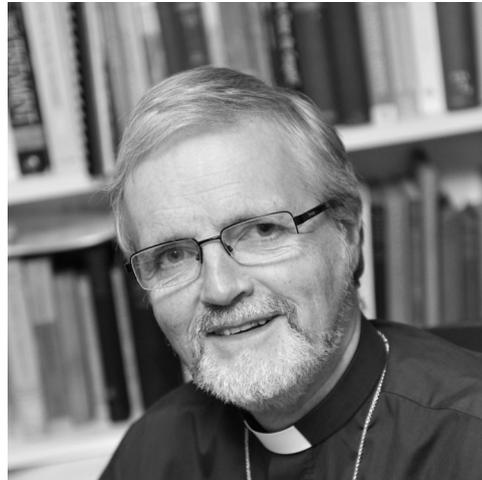
When we invent our own ideas of God, we simply create Him in our own image.

- Kenneth Prior

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*The Rt Rev Robert Paterson, Bishop of Sodor and Man, has been Chair of the Central Readers' Council since April 2009. The following is taken from an article which he wrote for the current issue of the Reader magazine.*

### Celebrating 150 years of Reader Ministry



It is 150 years since the Reader Movement began in the Church of England. It was born out of a need to connect the proclamation of the Word with an increasingly secular world, a world in which the Church had lost direct contact with millions.

The founding archbishops and bishops realised that people were becoming biblically-illiterate and that there was a need to bring the Bible back into the home and the workplace. They founded a ministry to bring the voice of God back into the conversation.

What was so important in this episcopal initiative in 1866, as with the founding of the Mothers' Union nine years later and the Church Army 16 years later, is that they were all lay initiatives in mission. All, of course, were encouraged and supported by the ordained, but proud to be overwhelmingly lay. That emphasis on lay-ness was not a form of anti-clericalism, but founded on a concept of teamwork in which lay and ordained would work together to pray for and bring in God's kingdom.

Present leaders of the Reader movement use the example of the past to point to the future. The past matters and informs the future: we cannot do anything about the past but we can help to be 'prophets of a future not our own', in the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero's famous prayer-poem:

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*We cannot do everything.*

*And there is a sense of liberation in realising*

*that this enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete but it's a beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference  
between the master-builder and worker.*

*We are workers, not master-builders.*

*We are ministers, not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a future not our own.*

I've made the point often that one aspect of Eucharistic liturgy in the last 45 years has undermined a decent theology of the Church as the body of Christ. It seemed like a good idea at the time to preface sharing the Peace at the Eucharist by saying, 'We are the body of Christ ...' (Saint Paul's own words); but what it did to Anglicans was to give us the idea, subliminally, that the body of Christ exists only when we are together enjoying one another's company in church.

Whereas, if the image of the body that the Apostle uses three times (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4) means anything, it must teach us that we remain the body of Christ even when we are dispersed: one is shopping, another in the office, one looking for a job, another is teaching, and so on.

That's the essence of what we mean by lay-ness (and in a very true sense it includes clergy): we are literally the laos, the people of God, dispersed and active as His disciples in the world. To be a Reader is to emphasise the fact that your primary ministry is not in holy buildings with coloured-glass windows and pointed arches, but being a disciple, a member of the dispersed people of God, bringing Him into the conversation.

*Concluded next month.*

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Job cursed the day he was born. Most babies can't even speak till they are at least 18 months old.

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When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them.

- Matthew Henry

#### **Miscellaneous observations on life...**

Silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

A father is a banker provided by nature.

- French proverb

The child had every toy his father wanted.

- Robert C. Whitten

Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

It is better to go straight than to move in the best of circles.

The measure of your real wealth is how much people would still value you, if you lost all your money.

The nice thing about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, somebody else always does

#### **Duh**

Q: What starts with E, ends with E, and has only 1 letter in it?

A: Envelope.

### **Incentive**

An elderly man was on the operating table awaiting surgery to be performed by his son, a renowned surgeon. Just before they would put him under, he asked to speak to his son: "Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."

### **God is watching**

The local minister sees that every morning, some apples on his tree are missing. He makes a sign:

God sees everything.

The next morning, somebody writes under it: Yes, but he's not a snitch.

### **Aussie Humour**

Q. Why are koalas not proper bears?

A. They do not meet the koalafications.

The kangaroo mother got incredibly itchy around her belly. She opened her pouch and yelled into it: "How often have I told you not to eat the crunchy cookies in bed!"

In one of the pictures a woman is seen standing in front of the latrine.

The program aims to improve the hygiene by installing boreholes using the water under the surface and pumping it up. The local people are instructed to set the kitchen as a separate area where animals (pigs, chicken, dogs, and goats) are allowed in. Latrines are built and stagnant water covered to prevent the mosquitoes from laying their eggs.



Over the years, we have donated bicycles, which is an excellent way of transport, because a car is actually too expensive. These bikes have been given to lay preachers to enable them to cycle from one parish to the next and save time.

I have visited health centers where they provide immunizations and information about healthy living. A maternity ward with a leaking roof is still running, and they are convinced that financial help to repair the roof will be arranged at some point.

It is a lovely country with a lot of potential and within the TOG Luweero, we will try to revive the link we have as Archdeaconry. Alja Tollefsen

### **A kitchen in Uganda**





## THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

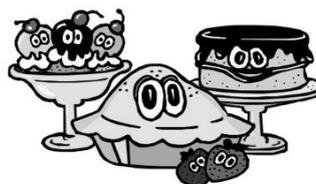
St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

## MONSTER MUNCHIES

75 g (3 oz) margarine  
3 normal size Mars Bars  
(thinly sliced)  
3 large tea cups Rice Crispies  
100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake  
covering (melted)



Grease and line a swiss roll tin. In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

Cover with the melted chocolate and leave to set. Cut into 24 bars when cold – or cut into less



bars if you are feeding a very greedy monster!

How does a monster count to 17?



On it's fingers.

## Poetry and Prose

### Biblical Limericks

Not all limericks have to be funny or smutty, they can also carry a serious message in a simple format.

### Calvary

'Twas at Golgotha,  
Calvary's hill,  
That Jesus accomplished  
God's will.  
There He died long ago,  
So His love I would  
know;  
It's the "place of the  
skull", holy still.

### Balaam's Donkey

A prophet called Balaam  
one day  
Took his donkey away  
from its hay.  
When Balaam said "Go!"  
The donkey said "No!"  
"There's an Angel of  
God in the way!"  
*by Nigel Beeton*

### Noah

When Noah took the  
pairs to the Ark,  
Conditions on board were  
quite stark.  
When he sent out a dove,  
Who brought a sign from  
above,  
He knew he had to find  
somewhere to park!!

## June Morning

*Dawn on the lake  
The world is still  
Water like a mirror  
Land and water blur  
Bold bright colours in the morning light*

*Steam rises from the still surface  
In wisps and swirls  
Soon to evaporate in the warming air  
Birds and I stir  
Ready to face a new day*

*Above a chorus  
Joins my world  
A flock of Canadian geese  
A squadron of at least  
Twenty-five land off the point  
Squawking and trumpeting  
Their arrival*

*Tea on the porch  
Soaking it in  
The wonder of God's creation  
Oops, time for work  
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## 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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