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The Chaplain Writes

Whilst in Sweden I attended the local church on Sundays. The language used was obviously Swedish and with the Anglican churches each three hours driving away (Stockholm and Gothenburg), I settled for Swedish. The liturgy had so many similarities with our own liturgy that it wasn't difficult to follow, but I'd rather not comment on the sermons, as I wouldn't be able to.

This local church was a Swedish Lutheran Church and as members of the Church of England, we are in full communion with them through the Meissen agreement. 'In full communion' means that we accept each other's theology and regulations. If, my Swedish had been better, I would have been allowed to take a service.

We have a similar agreement with the Old Catholic Church. That is why the Rev Nico Sarot, as an Old Catholic priest can take the service in St Mary's. It is a joy when two different denominations can recognize what they have in common rather than emphasizing the differences. We are Christians first, and more than that, we are Anglicans, Protestants or Catholics.

Another thing that I realized whilst being in this Swedish service is that I wanted to be in church on a Sunday. The sermon wasn't clear, but receiving the sacrament and worshipping God stood out and that should always be our main reason to be in church! We come to receive God's grace and our presence is important to him. We sometimes trip over our own 'likes and dislikes', but it should not disturb our worshipping God. He sees us and we need to look at him!!

I wish us all a fresh start after the summer break in this frame of mind, convinced of God's strengthening grace in all our worship.

Alja Tollefsen
Chaplain of St Mary's





Twente News

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.

A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.

The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.

Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.

Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

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New baby

Alja's granddaughter Indi was born on Sunday 31 July. Alja tells us that all went fine and mother and daughter are doing well. Congratulations!!

Locums

While our Chaplain was away with her daughter, and granddaughter, in Sweden the congregation were looked after by two locums.

First, there was the return of the Rev. Steven Collis, who had come over on his own this time as his wife was back in England looking after the grandchildren. Does anyone notice a theme here?

Simone Yallop, St Mary's reader in training, officiated over Morning Prayer on the inter-locum Sunday. Thank you Simone for a most enjoyable service,

Over the remaining three Sundays of our chaplain's summer/family break the congregation were looked after by the Rev. Andrew Haig. Driving over from Kings Lynn, Andrew and his wife Brigitta, stayed in Alja's house. As an ex-hospital chaplain, Andrew's sermons gave an insight into a world that touches us all at sometime or another. On behalf of the congregation can I offer a big thanks to Steve, Simone and Andrew.

Flower Fund

On the 10 July, a second collection to raise money for the flower fund raised €70:25.

Dream Holiday

Janice Collins and her husband Barry are away in the USA on a trip that has been their dream for a long time and which is finally coming to fruition. Their plan is to drive part of Route 66, the iconic highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles in a hired car. With the freedom this will give them, they will be able to explore the sights along the way. The couple will be away for about a month. I am sure we all wish them well and look forward to hearing about the trip on their return, hopefully as an article in the magazine.

Summer Teas

Early indications are that the Summer Teas were in general, a success. The exception was one Sunday when it poured with rain all day and nearly all the visitors, sensibly, stayed at home. In next month's magazine a full report will be included.

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Castle Fair

The Castle Fair is on course for the 10th September Which means, that by the time you receive your copy of the magazine and then get around to

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reading this page, you will have less than week to volunteer. Although you will have to be quick, do not worry, there is still time, so you will not be left disappointed. Volunteers help to wash-up, guide visitors around the chapel, or even sell everything from teas to tickets. Be assured there are a wide range of jobs to suit your unique talents.

Evensong

Please note that the next Evensong will be held in St Mary's on the 24 September. Although there is unlikely to be a choir and there is less space, it will be held in our chapel. The service will start at five.p.m Please do try to attend this beautiful service.



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

Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. 'Sorry, mum,' he confessed. 'I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer.'

Visit

A bishop visited a primary school in his full Episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crosier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: 'It was great – now I know what a *real* crook looks like!'

Golf

'I play Second World War golf,' one clergyman confessed to another. 'You know – out in 39 and back in 45.'



Permission

Extract from an official letter notifying residents of a new boundary road: 'It is hoped to take the new by-pass through the old cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned.'

Egg

What did the egg in the monastery say? 'Out of the frying pan and into the friar.'

Last words

The Seven Last Words of the Church: 'We never did it like that before.'

Where?

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Where will you be on Judgment Day?
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Bible sense

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a

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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 what clergy should wear on their feet**

The Rectory
St. James the Least
My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for sending me the photograph of you having your face painted at your parish's 'Fun Day' - although I can't help feeling that to label an event 'fun' is the most effective way of draining it of all amusement whatsoever. Why on earth can't parishes continue with the traditional title of 'Crowning of the Rose Queen and Fete', equally traditionally grimly enjoyed to the accompaniment of thunder and torrential rain.

However, the one thing that caused me the greatest concern in your photo was the fact that you were wearing sandals. Sandals are *only* to be worn by Franciscan monks (without socks) and holidaymakers on Blackpool promenade (regrettably, generally with socks). I know that you will argue that Jesus wore sandals. This was mainly because reliable pairs of brogues had yet to be invented, but also because He lived in a hot, dry country. We live in a cold, wet one.

The only appropriate colour for footwear for a parish priest is black and the only appropriate material is leather - although I will

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concede that can create difficulties. Wet leather shoes and polished marble sanctuary floors are a potentially lethal combination.

I well remember as a curate when old Canon Griffith entered the Sanctuary, having just got drenched coming from the Rectory. His feet moved across the marble floor some miles per hour faster than the rest of his body. Had he landed face down, the congregation may have assumed he was reverently prostrating himself before the altar. But lying in a supine position, staring in a dazed state at the rafters, only conveyed inappropriate indolence, when he should be at work.

However, do not take the alternative of wearing crepe soles. I suspect your present church will be fully carpeted - it seems to go with your sort of theology - and there will be no problem. But crepe soles and any sort of polished stone floor are a truly disastrous mixture. The slightest movement will make it sound as if you are being followed by a swarm of demented frogs.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Children's understanding of the Bible can have a charm all its own...

A deacon is a mass of inflammable material.

The Pharisees fasted in public but in private they devoured widows' houses.

Today wild beasts are confined to Theological Gardens.

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St. Paul got stoned.

A Republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

Iran is the Bible of the Moslems.

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man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'

Unseen

A small girl greeting her father on his return from a journey by air and learning that he had flown above the clouds, asked if he had seen God. 'Well, no,' said her father, 'you can't see God like that because He doesn't have a body.'

'Oh,' she said, with pity and disappointment, 'only head and legs?'

When your wife asks you to make a grocery list

Beer
Stuff that goes with beer

Random thoughts

What do you call two young married spiders?

Newly webs

Have you heard of the garlic diet?

You don't lose much weight, but from a distance your friends think you look thinner.

God and the Farmer

A farmer purchased an old, run-down, abandoned farm with plans to turn it into a thriving enterprise. The fields were grown over with weeds, the farmhouse was falling apart, and the fences were broken down. During his first day of work, the town preacher stops by to bless the man's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!" A few months later, the preacher stops by again to call on the farmer. Lo and behold, it's a completely different place. The farm house is completely rebuilt and in excellent condition, there is plenty of cattle and other livestock happily munching on feed in well-fenced pens, and the fields are filled with crops planted in neat rows. "Amazing!" the preacher says. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!" "Yes,"
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Hydrangea

I suspect that like me, many of you have noticed how beautiful and showy the hydrangeas, (Hortensia in Dutch), are flowering this year. Great flower heads seem to cover the bushes totally in pink, blue or in the case of the Annabelle, white mop heads.



Have you ever thought, 'Where does the hydrangea come from?' Well, hydrangeas still grow in the natural state in Japan, China,



Korea, and across the Himalayas. The first plants were brought to England in 1800 by the plant collector Joseph Banks and given to Kew Gardens.

Since then, many cultivars have been developed, including varieties to keep in the house over the winter. Sometimes, colours may seem to change or not appear as bright. However, once the plant is established a place in the garden, it will develop and grow very well. Some people

try to encourage plants to produce blue flowers instead of pink or vice versa. There are many 'tales' on how to do this. Be aware that hydrangeas do need careful pruning in the spring.

In the past, hydrangea roots were crushed and then boiled in water. The fluid produced was used to treat kidney disorders or to drive off kidney stones. Too much fluid could be toxic.



I would say, enjoy the flowers while they last and try drying some for winter displays. © Brenda Pyle



*How one man's bad dream awoke a whole civilisation...by
Richard Bewes.*

The most productive nightmare of all time?

1600 years ago, Europe's top scholar was an Italian called Jerome; he loved the works of Cicero. One night he dreamt that he had died, and reached the gates of heaven. The gate-keeper spoke to him: 'Who are you?'

"Christianus sum." replied Jerome. "I'm a Christian."

"No." said the gatekeeper. "You're not a Christian. You're a Ciceronian!" He went on to explain: "You see, here in heaven we judge people by what they were most, when they lived on earth. And you dedicated everything to the classics and the works of Cicero. So we judge you not to be a Christian, but a Ciceronian. You cannot enter."

Jerome woke with a start, and made his resolve. Not only did he begin truly to follow Christ, but he bent his academic ability into translating the Bible into the common language of Europe, Latin. It took him years. His translation became known as the Vulgate version.

That Bible served Europe for a thousand years. With the Bible's message becoming the foundation of European civilisation, its culture became united. Once we take Christianity and the Bible out of Europe - all that we would be left with is a collection of squabbling, heathen tribes. It's time for Europe - like Jerome - to be woken up again.

The Shopper's Prayer

Lord... when the stores call out my name,
help me not to play the game.
Remind me what I have at home,
the 'bargains' I already own!
When 'open open' fills my ears,
replace them with my chequebook fears.
Protect me, Lord, from senseless greed,
For simple things are all I need.

Author unknown

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reverend," says the farmer, "but remember what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"

... and with the Gardiner

God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done.

Definitions:

Boy: Noise with dust on it.

Chickens: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

Dust: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

Mosquito: An insect that makes you like flies better.

Raisin: A grape with a sunburn.

Chemicals: Noxious substances from which modern foods are made.

You ordered it!

Checking the menu, a restaurant customer ordered a bowl of vegetable soup. After a couple of spoonfuls, he saw a circle of wetness right under the bowl on the tablecloth. He called the waitress over and said, "It's all wet down here. The bowl must be cracked."

The waitress said, "You ordered vegetable soup, maybe it has a leek in it."

Forthcoming Services

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| 4th September | Celebrant & Preacher | Revd Alja Tollefsen |
| | Duty Warden | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Intercessor | Everhard Ottens |
| Trinity 15 | Chalice | Joyce Wigboldus |
| | Vivian Reinders | Deuteronomy. 30.15-end |
| | Fred Schonewille | Philemon 1-21 |
| 10.30 am | | |
| Sung Eucharist | Gospel | Luke 14. 25-33 |

Forthcoming Services

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| 11th September | Celebrant & Preacher | Revd Alja Tollefsen |
| | Duty Warden | Blair Charles |
| | Intercessor | Simone Yallop |
| Trinity 16 | Chalice | Count Alfred Solms |
| | John Bestman | Exodus 32. 7-14 |
| | Els Ottens | 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 |
| 10:30 am | | |
| Sung Eucharist | Gospel | Luke 15. 1-10 |

Forthcoming Services

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| 18th September | Celebrant & Preacher | Revd Alja Tollefsen |
| | Duty Warden | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Intercessor | Fred Schonewille |
| Trinity 17 | Chalice | Fred Schonewille |
| | Heleen Rauwerda | Amos 8.4-7 |
| | Brenda Pyle | 1 Tim. 2. 1-7 |
| 10:30 am | | |
| | Gospel | Luke 16. 1-13 |

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| 25th September Dedication Festival 10:30 am Sung Eucharist | Celebrant & Preacher | Revd Alja Tollefsen |
| | Duty Warden | Blair Charles |
| | Intercessor | Everhard Ottens |
| | Chalice | John Bestman |
| | Elizabeth v.d. Heide | 1 Chronicles 29.6-19 |
| | Patrick Saridjan | Ephesians 2.19-22 |
| Gospel | John 2. 13-22 | |

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| 2nd October Harvest Festival 10:30 am Sung Eucharist | Celebrant & Preacher | Revd Alja Tollefsen |
| | Duty Warden | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Intercessor | John Bestman |
| | Chalice | Count Alfred Solms |
| | Dina Boessenkool | Deuteronomy 26.1-11 |
| | Linda ten Berge | Philippians 4. 4-9 |
| Gospel | John 6. 25-35 | |

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| 9th October Trinity 20 10:30 am Sung Eucharist | Celebrant & Preacher | Revd Alja Tollefsen |
| | Duty Warden | Blair Charles |
| | Intercessor | Fred Schonewille |
| | Chalice | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Erica Bonting | 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c |
| | Blair Charles | 2 Timothy 2. 8-15 |
| Gospel | Luke 17. 11-19 | |

*David Winter muses
on the church
calendar...*

**The Way I See It -
THE JOY OF
ORDINARY**

For those who attend to such ecclesiastical details, the Church is now in what it calls the 'Ordinary Season'. It doesn't mean it's going to be bland, boring or predictable in church at the moment (or at any rate, no more than usual), but that following Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, there are no great festivals of the faith to celebrate until we get to Advent, and that's not till the end of November. For a few months, we can forget the high days and holidays and simply concentrate on, well, being 'ordinary'.

Personally, I find that rather encouraging. All my life I've been a person who enjoys the ordinary. Even on holidays which I've enjoyed, I've secretly looked forward to getting home and picking up the familiar routine. The dictionary defines 'ordinary' as 'with no distinctive features, normal, usual'. Well, I think

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Joop Prins

On Wednesday, 6th July 2016, six of us from St Mary's Weldam, gathered with numerous others at the Gereformeerde Kirk (Reformed Church) in Wierden to attend the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Johan Cornelius Prins, Joop to us.

Joop and his gentle, enthusiastic wife Stephanie, who died two years ago, were founder members of St Mary's and were very pleased to be able to attend Anglican Worship. Recently returned from working on an American Missionary Station in Papua New Guinea, they were living in Vroomshoop. They were finding it rather difficult to settle in a small village. Joop had just taken up a post as an English teacher at a local Christian MAVO school. (They are now known as VMBO-TL, one of the types of secondary level education in the Netherlands).

Besides his work at the school, Joop was always very active in his own Gereformeerde Kirk in Vroomshoop and later Wierden. He also worked hard for the VVD political party, (the Dutch Liberal Party). Joop was a founder member of 4th May Committee in Vroomshoop that eventually managed to have a memorial erected for those villagers and resistance members who had lost their lives in the Second World War. The project was of great importance to Joop, for when he was young; his own father had been shot by the Japanese.

It was good to hear the story of Joop's life and his life with Stephanie, told by his brother William. The minister of the Gereformeerde Kirk in Wierden, the Rev. Pieter Dekker spoke very kindly and lovingly of Joop and Stephanie, which was comforting. We shall miss Joop's down to earth but humorous points of view. Joop and Stephanie faithfully worked at the Castle Fair in September. After selling raffle tickets, they would work through piles and piles of washing up.

Thank you so much Joop, with love, Brenda Pyle.

IN MEMORIAM



Earlier this year(last week in April), our chaplain went to Uganda to visit the Luweero Mission. I thought this article was appropriate as it tells readers a bit more about the Anglican Church in that country.

*This year the Church in Uganda celebrates a milestone in the development of theological education in Africa....
by Daniel Button, Secretary (UCU Partners UK)*

Ugandan theological college celebrates 100 years

This year marks the Centenary of one of the oldest and most well-known Anglican Training Centres in East Africa, the Bishop Tucker Theological College. It was founded in 1913 in Mukono, Uganda, but its roots go back even earlier, to the ministerial training begun by Bishop Alfred Tucker (CMS) at Namirembe (Kampala) in 1903.

This was only a few years after the first Christian Martyrs were burned on a pyre by order of the Bugandan King Mwanga II, setting off a period of extraordinary Christian growth, and celebrated to this day every 3rd of June. Perhaps less well-known is that in 1997, Bishop Tucker College was transformed into Uganda Christian University (UCU), which has since grown exponentially to encompass over 11,000 students spread across four campuses, with six faculties, and more than 40 graduate and undergraduate programmes from Diploma to PhD.

Yet in the midst of all this, the Bishop Tucker School remains at the centre of the University, both physically and spiritually, continuing to faithfully serve the Church of Uganda as it has done for 100 years – even through the tumultuous period of post-colonial independence and the difficult reign of Idi Amin. The motto of Bishop Tucker College – ‘called to serve’ – has never changed, and well reflects the sacrificial service of both missionary and Ugandan personnel who together have worked, trained, and ministered throughout East Africa. While that motto continues, the emergence of a prestigious Christian University has entailed a new and broader vision, to transform the whole nation through Christian service in every vocation, from law, to medicine, to mass media. UCU’s vision is to be a centre of excellence in the heart of Africa, and already it is ranked amongst the top 100 universities in the whole of Africa. BTTC has come a long way!

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everyday, ordinary, normal, usual life still includes plenty of ‘distinctive features’ – surprises, too.

To me an impressive feature of the biblical gospels is how normal and ordinary most of it seems. Yes, there are those mighty acts of power which we call miracles, but the setting of them is about as ‘ordinary’ as you could get: a cattle-shed, a lakeside, a fishing boat, a garden, a little girl’s bedroom, a wedding party.

It’s in the rich raw world of the ordinary that God does wonderful things, just as it’s in the routine of daily life that kind words are spoken, the sick healed, the sad comforted. I’m sometimes more aware of God in these ‘ordinary’ settings than in the extraordinary splendour of a great cathedral. Long live the ‘ordinary’!

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Gardening

Why did the gardener quit?
Because his celery wasn't high enough.



Church Signs

- 1) The best vitamin for a Christian is B1
- 2) Under same management for over 2000 years
- 3) Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back
- 4) Soul food served here
- 5) You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving
- 6) Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive
- 7) Reputation is what people think about you. Character is what people know you are
- 8) Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case!
- 9) Come early for a good Back seat
- 10) Seven days without prayer makes one weak
- 11) No Jesus - no peace, Know Jesus - know peace!
- 12) Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due

Song of Survival – part 3

In June 1980, Antoinette Colijn started a chain of events by donating her collection of music manuscripts to the Stanford University in California.

In content and appearance, these manuscripts were far removed from the usual musical scores. They were choral arrangements of orchestral and piano pieces to be sung by Antoinette, her sisters and 30 other Dutch, British and Australian women imprisoned by the Japanese on Sumatra.

Looking at the tiny hand-pencilled notes, musicians at Stanford wondered how the Brahms 'Waltz' or the 'Largo' of Dvorak's New World Symphony would sound when sung again.

Heleen Colijn suggested that there was a women's choir in Palo Alto: 'The Peninsula Women's Choir.' The choir accepted and started to study 'vocal orchestra' music and then performed it in concerts, introduced by Heleen Colijn as a camp survivor. Concertgoers were deeply moved by the music and by the story of the women in the prison camp and urged that ways be found to present the music and story to wider audiences. Two years after these initial concerts, a documentary film company received production grants from the national endowment for the humanities, from the NOS, the Dutch Broadcasting Cooperation, and other sources to make the movie 'Song of Survival'.

In this poignant film, survivors of the camp tell about their three and a half years of captivity and how the vocal orchestra music uplifted their spirits. Men and women who were children in the camp talk about growing up behind barbed wire. The film climaxes with a vocal orchestra concert presented by the contemporary chorus, attended by nine of the original singers. Five years after the vocal orchestra manuscript was given to Stanford, the music created in a remote prison camp on Sumatra forty years ago can now, through 'Song of Survival' be heard across the world.

In 1997 another movie was made, Paradise Road, with Glenn Close and Cate Blanchett starring. Names and places have gotten other names, but the story is the same, based on the testimony of Betty Jeffrey, a camp survivor, as written in her 1954 book 'White Coolies.' The 1965 book 'Song of Survival' by Helen Colijn), another camp survivor, is not listed in the film's credits as being a source for this film, although Colijn is thanked for her help in the credits. There are records made too; one of those, sung by the

Dutch choir Malle Babbe, is still available.

Margaret Dryburgh, the Presbyterian missionary of Singapore, who arranged the songs for the choir, died on the 23rd of April 1945 after being transported to another camp in Belalau at the age of fifty-five years, due to malnutrition and fever.

Norah Chambers, who conducted of the choir, survived the war, as did her husband. They went back to Malaya, and then settled in Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, where Norah conducted the church choir. In the chapel of her church is a handmade wooden cross with the inscription "In memory of those women who died in prison camps in Sumatra whose graves will never be found."

The captives hymn, with words and music from Margaret Dryburgh, was sung every Sunday in the camp.

The Captives' Hymn

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| Father, in captivity We would lift our prayers to thee, Keep us ever in thy love, Grant that daily we may prove Those who place their trust in thee, More than conquerors may be. Give us patience to endure, Keep our hearts serene and pure, Grant us courage, charity, Greater faith, humility, Readiness to own thy will, Be we free or captive still. For our country, we would pray, In this hour be thou her stay, Pride and selfishness forgive, Teach her by thy law to live, By Thy grace may all men see That true greatness comes from thee. | For our loved ones we would pray, Be their guardian night and day, From all dangers keep them free, Banish all anxiety, May they trust us to thy care, Know that thou our pains doth share. May the day of freedom dawn, Peace and justice be reborn. Grant that nations loving thee O'er the world may brothers be, Cleansed by suffering, know rebirth, See thy kingdom come on earth. |
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Tales From the Bookstore

A woman stopped by our customer-service desk and asked me for a copy of the book that has Jesus in it. After much back-and-forth, I determined that she wanted the Bible.

After searching for a particular book on dinosaurs in the science section without luck, a customer looked to me for help. She showed me a piece of paper with the title written on it: Thesaurus.

Noise

One night, a vicar stumbled into the police stations with a black eye. He explained he had heard a noise in his churchyard and gone to investigate. The next thing he knew, he'd been hit in the eye and knocked out cold. An officer was sent to investigate and he returned some time later, also with a black eye. "Did you get hit by the same person?" his Inspector asked him. "No," he said. "But I stepped on the same rake."

The Time Traveller

When a patient came to the clinic where I work for an MRI, he was put into the machine by an attractive, young technician.

Sometime later, when the examination was over, he was helped out of the machine by a far older woman. The patient remarked, "How long was I in there for?"

Too Much Information

The waitress was refilling cups of coffee when she stopped at the table next to ours.

"Regular?" she asked her customer.

"Yes, thank you," said the man. "Due to a steady diet of fruit."

How Did You Know The War Was Over?

My 90-year-old dad was giving a talk at our local library about his World War II experiences. During the question-and-answer period, he was asked, "How did you know the war was over?"

He replied, "When they stopped shooting at me."

Churches take stock of their trees

No one knows just how many trees the Church of England has on its land. It does have some 10,000 churchyards, and many provide the only 'green lung' within a community, as well as rare habitats for a wide range of biodiversity.

In any case, the Church is responsible for a vast number of trees, which, like churches, need managing. The great age of many churchyards, and the long-term protection they have offered, means many of these trees are 'veterans', and hold particular importance ecologically and culturally.

Some may hold the secret to fighting threats such as ash dieback, or diseases affecting chestnuts, elms and oaks, suggests David Shreeve, Environmental Adviser to the Archbishops' Council. "If you've a variety of elm for example, which has not been affected by disease, perhaps there is something special about them that make them resistant," he explains. "Churchyards may be the Noah's Ark for trees."

If you have trees to manage, you may wish to attend one of two churchyard trees conferences held this autumn. They are aimed at archdeacons, clergy, churchwardens, DAC Secretaries and Diocesan Environment Officers, friends groups, tree officers and all those involved in the care of churchyard trees. They will be held in Liverpool Cathedral on 6 October 2016 and St John's Waterloo on 2 Nov 2016.



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UCU Partners was formed in 2008 to support the work of the university from the UK, and on 1st June held an historic event to celebrate and give thanks for 100 Years of God's Faithfulness. This brought together people who have served at BTTC / UCU from 1962 to the present, as well as family descendants of the earliest pioneers. Celebrations continue in Uganda on 5th July, including various events to end of the year, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Dr John Senyonyi. If you would like to learn more about UCU or join the work of UCU Partners in facilitating partnership links in the UK, we welcome you.



LET DOWN BY HIS FRIENDS

In the Bible there are many accounts of Jesus healing people. You can read about one in Mark's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 3 - 12. I like this one because it is about friends.

The four men made a tremendous effort to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. When they reached the house where Jesus was it was surrounded by lots of people; they could have given up and gone home. But they didn't. What did they do?

At that time houses had flat roofs and a stairway outside the house that led up to the roof. The four men broke through the roof and lowered their friend down on his bed. Imagine all the faces looking up and wondering what was going on as the dust, earth and lumps of wood fell down! Then the Bible says "When Jesus saw their faith..."

The all important change came from faith - not from the faith of the man but from the faith of his friends. One man's life changed forever because of four good friends and one Best Friend, Jesus.

OVER & UNDER?

The answers to all of these are either OVER or UNDER...

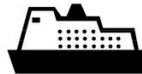
1. When a car passes another vehicle.
2. In London, they call it the Tube.
3. A thick winter garment you wear outside.
4. Dungarees, or worn to do a dirty job.
5. One way to throw a ball.
6. Another name for a funeral director.
7. When someone falls off a boat.
8. Knickers, vests etc.



(Answers at the bottom of the page)



On a school trip to France, the teachers were reminding the children about behaving properly. 'And,' said the headmaster, 'what do you do if one of the children falls overboard?' 'Shout for help, sir,' said one boy. 'Good. And what do you do if one of the teachers falls overboard?' 'Which one, sir?'



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- Answers: 1. overtaking 2. Underground
 3. overcoat 4. overalls 5. underarm 6. undertaker 7. overboard
 8. underclothes

Poetry and Prose

*Nigel Beeton writes:
Sometimes you can't help
but overhear what people
say on mobile phones!
Some folk make no
attempt to keep the
deepest conversation
private. I was waiting to
cross a pelican crossing.
As I gazed morosely at
the red man and at the
passing traffic, a woman
standing next to me
suddenly declared, "I'll
never forgive her!"
Happily, the green man
came on before I had to
hear more, but of course
the cogs were turning:*

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Forgive?

*"I can't forgive!" I hear them say,
And then I start to think
If they think that from day to day
Their lives may one day sink.*

*For hatred like a cancer grows
Extending harm with time
And hotter than an ember glows
As crime is built on crime.*

*Some people say "Revenge is sweet!"
It leaves you feeling good...
Until your foe returns the 'treat',
As well you knew they would.*

*A vortex of increasing hate
The Devil casts his spell.
So must it be the feuder's fate
To spiral into hell?*

*A heavy heart, weighed down, like lead
Raw hate, its burden sore.
O hear the words our Saviour said -
Hear Him, and hate no more!*

*His lonely voice is heard to cry,
"O Father, please forgive!"
O hear His voice, He'll tell you why
To seize the chance to live!*

By Nigel Beeton

Mission Statement

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

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

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

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

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

Stewardship

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

A Prayer for St Mary's

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



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