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## April 2017

### **The Easter Paradox**

This month - rather later than usual - we remember the events of Good Friday and celebrate the glory of Easter. The injustice and cruelty of the former and the hope and assurance of the latter may help us to make sense of the conflicting and often disturbing events taking place in our world.

On Good Friday the most honest, generous and open person who ever lived was cruelly executed. Around the cross stood His mother, and a few close friends and family. Beyond them, a crowd jeered. The soldiers went about their grim task. Even the sky was dark.

Yet in the gloom there was hope. Jesus forgave those who were killing him: 'they don't know what they're doing'. He asked His best friend to look after his mother. A criminal who was being executed alongside Jesus had a change of heart and asked Him to 'remember me when you come into your kingdom' - and received the most wonderful promise of paradise *today*. Even the Roman centurion, who had stood watching the condemned man die, testified that 'surely this man was a son of God'.

In other words, at the darkest time there was light, a Light which blazed out on Easter morning. Isn't that paradox - the truth that even in the worst moment there are signs of hope - the deep message of Easter? We are made in God's image. We are precious to God. But we are fallen, flawed, lost. Those two truths are right there in the story of Good Friday and Easter. And which one wins? No prizes for guessing.

*Canon David Winter considers Good Friday*





## Twente News

### Eventide Services

As part of the Chaplaincies outreach program, a series of Eventide Service are being held this year in the Sion Abbey, Deventer.

The services, all held at 19:30, will be on:

#### Question

What do you call a snake that is exactly 3.142 metres long?  
A python.

#### What can I eat for Easter?

Can't eat beef  
.....mad cow.  
Can't eat chicken  
..... bird flu.  
Can't eat eggs  
..... Salmonella.  
Can't eat pork  
.....fears that bird flu will infect piggys.  
Can't eat fish  
..... heavy metals in the waters.  
Can't eat fruits and veggies  
..... insecticides and herbicides.  
Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice  
.....nasty carbs .  
Hmhmhmhm!  
I believe that leaves  
.....Chocolate!

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Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> May
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> June
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> September
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> November
Saturday	9th December (Nine Lessons & Carols)

#### *Why are these service been organized?*

Mainly to allow the congregation of St Mary's Chapel to enjoy the beautiful, traditional choral Evensong. Yet, of equal importance, is to use Evensong, a service so grounded in Anglicanism, as a means to make contact with people living in the Chaplaincy catchment area.

#### *Why is it important for us all to support Evensong?*

Evensong gives an extra opportunity for us to get together as well as to meeting new people. It is difficult to use Evensong as a means to tell people how wonderful St Mary's is when few in the congregation are present.

#### *Who to contact for more information?*

If you would like to find out more about the Evensong program speak to Lea, Dina, Ferdinand, Blair, Peter or Fred. All of them were involved in some way in the Evensong service last year.

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

9 April - Palm Sunday  
13 April - Seder Supper (Hunting Lodge)  
14 April - Good Friday Service  
16 April - Easter Sunday  
25 May - Ascension Day Service and Picnic  
2 September - Castle Fair

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### **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 placed by the box.

### **Magazine Payments**

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

Please remember, that with the New Year, we need to ask readers to pay for their 2017 magazine. Last year, nearly two thirds of the magazine costs were covered by reader's payments. This year, it would help the survival of the magazine if contributions covered all the costs.

In addition, for those readers who receive their magazine by post, an annual payment of €20 will cover the postage charges. Thank you.

### **Contributors**

The number of budding writers has dropped drastically this year to....none. Come on folks, memories, stories, holidays, events, anything that you find interesting, please share. The magazine needs your input.



### **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

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### **Preach**

When a minister rehearses his sermon, is he practising what he preaches?

### **Mr. Bones**

The orthopedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and we, his staff, were helping transport many of the items. I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his bony arm across the back of my seat. I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious, and I looked across and called, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office." The other driver leaned out of his window. "I hate to tell you, miss," he said, "but I think it's too late!"

### **Observations**

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point. - Anon

### **Walking**

If walking/cycling is really so good for one's health, the postman would be immortal.

### **What now?**

An engineer, a manager, and a programmer were driving down a steep mountain road. The brakes failed and the car careened out of control. Half way down they managed to stop by running the car against the embankment, narrowly avoiding the cliff's edge.

Shaken by their narrow escape from death, the manager said, 'So, we need to organise a committee, have meetings, exchange ideas, and develop a solution.' The engineer disagreed: 'We haven't time. I have my trusty pen knife here and will take apart the brake

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## **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 perils of letting the laity read the lessons**

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It was good to see you last Sunday morning on your own home ground. The Service was interesting – although I have yet to recover from that period of frightful liturgical debauchery you call 'passing the peace'. Why should I welcome total strangers grabbing my hand and smiling deep into my eyes? One lady would simply not let go – I had to shake her off.

As for the reading of the lessons, I was astonished that you allow members of the congregation (in shirtsleeves, too) to bring their own Bible to the front. It lacks any degree of solemnity and decorum. There should be a lectern Bible, preferably about four feet square in dimensions. And where was a suitable lectern? I admit that having a substantial brass eagle in your church would be like placing Nelson's Column in a Scout tent, but surely something suitable in wood could be found.

We have quite gone with the fashion here at St James the Least of All, and now have members of the

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laity – even women! – taking our Bible readings. The decision may have been a mistake. Our lectern stands at 6 feet; Miss Peckham stands at five feet. When she is reading, as far as the congregation can see, we have God's Word being proclaimed by a straw hat bearing imitation fruit.

The Major's reading at last Sunday's Evensong was Numbers 22, and his adoption of different voices for the narrator, Balaam and Balak was acceptable, if a little theatrical. But his use of a fourth voice for the ass turned the occasion into pantomime – a point picked up by our choirboys. When the ass asked: 'was I ever wont to do so unto thee', the boys chorused 'Oh yes you did'. (Surely it should have been "Oh yes thou didst").

Mrs Smeed's rendition of the genealogy at the start of Saint Matthew's gospel clearly takes her back to the schoolroom. She sounded as if she is holding a roll call – and if Shealtiel were by any chance missing, she would demand a good explanation.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



### Holy Days

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur; Muslims have their holidays. EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists," he said, "have no recognized holidays. It's an unfair discrimination."

'Nonsense,' said the friend, 'there is always April first....'



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system, isolate the problem and correct it.'

The programmer objected:

'Nonsense! We must all push the car back up the hill and see if it happens again.'

#### Twitter

A man walked into a church and approached the minister. "I need help. I think I'm addicted to Twitter." The minister looked at him and said gently, "I'm so sorry, I don't follow you

#### Some miscellaneous observations on life...

Why do people who know the least, always know it the loudest? - Anon

No nation can be destroyed while it possesses a good home life. - J G Holland

Bibles that are falling apart are usually owned by people who aren't.

**Some  
miscellaneous  
observations  
on our  
Christian  
walk....**

The trouble is, we won't let God help us. - *George MacDonald*

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position. - *Anon*

Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible. - *Anon*

Exercise daily - walk with the Lord. - *Anon*

Prayer is more than meditation. In meditation the source of strength is one's self. When one prays he goes to a source of strength greater than his own. - *Madame de Stael*



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**BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2017**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The Menedékház Foundation, Budapest,  
Hungary

The Menedékház, founded in 2005 on the outskirts of Budapest, helps homeless families with children reintegrate into the workplace and society at large. The name says it all: Menedékház, or shelter, originally referred to a temporary refuge in a forest or on a mountaintop placed there for those in need of cover during storms and at nightfall.

Last year my wife, Helen, was privileged to visit the Foundation. As she stood at the front door a family of six arrived who owned no more than a little cardboard suitcase. "Is this a prison?", asked the 4-year old. Later in the day Helen came across the same family who had been admitted and were now crowded into a single bedroom, enjoying some hot soup provided by the project.



At the Menedékház a professional staff of social workers serves some 160 people, many of whom do not meet the criteria of other established social assistance programmes. Some clients find their way to the shelter from impoverished villages in the countryside. Other clients are residents of Budapest who may have suddenly lost a job or been evicted from housing.

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Still others make their way to the Menedékház from alternative shelters now abruptly unavailable to them for bureaucratic reasons.

The Menedékház is housed in aging Soviet-era military barracks. They provide minimal amenities and little privacy for the families served. It is a roof over the head – sometimes not much more -- a place for families to catch their breath while parents seek employment and children try to continue their schooling during the crisis the family is facing. A significant proportion of clients are of Roma family background. The Menedékház has also from time to time provided shelter to refugees and migrants.

#### *The 2017 Lent Appeal Project*

Whilst the Menedékház has washrooms and toilets, they are in poor repair and highly communal, offering little privacy or sense of security to families already traumatised. Built decades ago for military recruits, the facilities are today wholly inadequate and run-down, with peeling paint, cracked flooring and tiles, and little ventilation.



Accordingly, this year's Lent Appeal Project at the Menedékház in Hungary aims to fund the comprehensive renovation of the family washrooms, providing individual cabins or cubicles for family groups to change, wash, and shower.

We estimate the cost of renovation to be in the range of ten to fifteen thousand pounds sterling. The proposed renovation will include....

- Three large bathroom areas, one on each floor of the building
- Ten to twelve cabins or cubicles in each washroom with doors and locks for individual and family use
- One or more baby-changing and washing stations

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Where there's smoke, there's dinner.

Which came first, the chicken or the various things that taste like chicken?

At the rate things are changing, anyone nostalgic for the "good old days" is yearning for last week.

How amazing it is that we have so few tears these days when there is so much to weep about! - *Isaac Ababio*

Wars to end wars are an illusion. Wars, more than any other form of human activity, create the conditions which breed more war. - *John Foster Dulles*

Four freedoms: The first is freedom of speech and expression – everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in

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First Sunday of the month - Church money for sale in the Hut

Forthcoming Services

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Rev. Sam van Leer</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>John Bestman</b>
	Victor Pirenne Brenda Pyle Gospel	Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14 Romans 8. 6 - 11 John 4. 1-45
<b>Lent 5 &amp; AGM</b>		
<b>10:30 Sung</b>		

Forthcoming Services

	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Officiant and Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Geoffrey Allen</b>
		<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
		<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
		<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Elizabeth v.d. Heide Heleen Rauwerda Gospel	Isaiah 50. 4-9 Philippians 2. 5-11 Matthew 21.1-1 Matthew 4.1-11
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>			

Forthcoming Services

	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Officiant</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
		<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Good Friday Stations of the Cross</b>		
<b>20:00</b>			

<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b>  <b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Geoffrey Allen</b>	
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>	
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>	
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>	
		Patrick Saridjan	Jeremiah 31. 1-6
		John Bestman	Acts 10.34-43
		Gospel	Matthew 28. 1-1

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. David Mumford</b>	
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>	
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jan de Beij</b>	
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>	
		Linda ten Berge	Acts 2 14A-22-32
		Hans Siertsema	1 Peter 1-3-9
		Gospel	John 20 19 to end

<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. David Mumford</b>	
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>	
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>	
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>	
		Fred Schonewille	Acts 2 14A 36-41
		Lea Meijnen	1 Peter 1 17-23
		Gospel	Luke 24 13-35

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his own way,  
everywhere in the  
world. The third is  
freedom from  
want...  
everywhere in the  
world. The fourth  
is freedom from  
fear... anywhere in  
the world. -  
*Franklin D  
Roosevelt*

People who fly  
into a rage always  
make a bad  
landing. -  
*Will Rogers*

The world will  
never starve for  
want of wonders;  
but only for want  
of wonder. -  
*G K Chesterton*

Material  
abundance  
without character  
is the surest way  
to destruction. -  
*Thomas Jefferson*

People will not  
care what you  
know until they  
know that you  
care. - *Anon*

Charity gives itself  
rich;  
Covetousness  
hoards itself poor.  
- *Anon*

Egotism is obesity  
of the head. -  
*Anon*

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- Sinks
- Toilets
- Tile flooring
- New walls
- Ventilation
- Showers
- Upgraded electricity
- Upgraded plumbing
- Windows

Sometimes it is the smallest things in life that count the most. With this project, we hope to improve the lives of those served by the Menedékház. Washing-up and toileting facilities may not seem exciting in the grand scheme of things but they are essential and much appreciated among those who are vulnerable or otherwise just getting by.

Learn more about the Menedékház and their services to the homeless online at [www.menedekhaz.hu](http://www.menedekhaz.hu)

Please do consider how you can support my appeal. I wish you a holy and spiritually fulfilling Lent. As usual, you can give money to this appeal through your church treasurer, who will forward money to the diocesan office.

With every blessing,

*+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe*



### **O'er each Continent and Island**

A while ago I heard a lovely programme on the radio. In short, the presenter recalled his grandmother telling him that Spring moves north at walking pace, and so he decided to test this out. He left Bournemouth as the first daffodils began to bloom and walked north in the hope that he would enjoy daffodils all the way to John

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O'Groats.

Depending upon how fast you walk, quite steadily in this case, his grandmother was more or less right! Spring moves north at the rate of 16 miles per day plus an extra day for each 100ft above sea level. What a delightful notion – enjoying daffodils all the way from Bournemouth to John O'Groats!

One of my favourite hymns is 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended'. There is not space here to quote the hymn, but it expresses the sentiment that, as the world turns, 'o'er each continent and island', there is always someone somewhere beginning the day with a hymn of praise; there is always someone somewhere saying their midday prayers; there is always someone somewhere saying Compline.

As with the daffodils, there is a wave of prayer and praise which, in theory anyway, one could follow around the world.

So often today regular worship can be neglected. There is always something more urgent to do; busy lives mean that Sunday is the only day for a bit of family time or indeed the only day to catch up with household chores. Giving time for worship is difficult and I fully understand and appreciate that.

But worship is never-the-less important. It is the one thing we can offer to God that is of our very self. Sometimes at church we say 'All things come from you O God and of your own do we give you.' The blessings we have, even the gifts and talents we offer others, come from God. What we can offer God from deep within ourselves is worship. Furthermore, scripture reminds of the duty of worship. 'Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name... Come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendour' (1 Chron 16.29). However, if you have not managed to say your prayers yet today, don't worry too much. Someone in the world will be saying them for you. And if you have not seen any daffodils yet, don't worry. Someone else will have done and you know they are coming, albeit at walking pace.

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How do Court  
Recorders keep  
straight faces??  
The following are  
from a book called  
Disorder in the  
American Courts  
and are things  
people actually  
said in court,...  
word for word,  
taken down and  
published by court  
reporters that had  
the torment of  
staying calm while  
the exchanges  
were taking place.

Attorney: What  
was the first thing  
your husband said  
to you that  
morning?

Witness: He said,  
'Where am I,  
Cathy?'

Attorney: And why  
did that upset  
you?

Witness: My name  
is Susan!

Attorney: What is  
your date of birth?

Witness: July  
18th.

Attorney: What  
year?

Witness: Every  
year.





**Great Truths that little Children have Learned:**

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your three year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

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**Chocolate and the divine go back a long way...**

One of the more earthly pleasures of celebrating Easter is the sheer amount of chocolate around. But chocolate was part of other religions long before Christianity.

According to ancient Mayan legend, some 3,000 years ago, cacao, or the cocoa tree, which grows in the tropical rainforests of South America, was a bridge between heaven and earth. The Mayan used the beans for a drink called *xocolatl*, which means 'bitter juice' which means it wasn't hot chocolate as we know it. Even so, by 400 BC they had exported the beans to Costa Rica.

The Aztecs in Central America agreed that cacao must have had a divine origin. They believed that their god Quetzalcoatl had come down from heaven on the beam of the morning star, bearing a cacao tree as a gift for human beings, and that whoever drank the hot foaming drink was given divine wisdom.

Aztec priests were given cacao beans at children's coming-of-age ceremonies. When Aztec couples married, they exchanged cacao beans instead of rings.

Christopher Columbus arrived in the New World in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, to find that a slave could be bought for 100 beans. But Columbus never really 'got it' about cacao beans, and when he returned to Portugal, he threw them away as useless.

Meanwhile, back in Central America, the Aztec emperor Montezuma drank chocolate from a cup of solid gold before retiring to his harem. Chocolate was thought to have aphrodisiac properties.

It was also considered good for various ailments. The Spanish explorer Hernan Cortes called it 'a drink that builds up resistance and fights fatigue'. A Spanish missionary in Peru in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century

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recommended it as 'good for the stomach'.

Spain and Europe began to fall in love with the cacao bean. In 1624 the Spanish monks were warned that chocolate was an 'inflamer of passions', and certainly the legendary lover Casanova praised it as very useful in his seductions. Congregations even began drinking it during church services. When the Bishop of Chiapas threatened to excommunicate his flock for doing so, the entire congregation simply moved down the road to another church, where the friars also liked chocolate.

Chocolate became a favoured drink at fashionable occasions in Britain. In 1630, the day after the coronation of Charles II, Samuel Pepys wrote in his diary that as he had celebrated the event with too much wine, so he had taken some chocolate the following morning, 'to settle my stomach'.

By the 18<sup>th</sup> century chocolate was so popular in Europe that the Swedish naturalist Linnaeus renamed the cocoa plant *Theobroma* – food of the gods.

Although chocolate was originally only for the wealthy, devout Quakers such as Joseph Fry, Joseph Terry, Isaac Rowntree and John Cadbury had a dream that chocolate could replace gin as a drink for the working classes. Their determination to make this possible was driven by their Christian zeal, and they in part succeeded.

Then in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was discovered that chocolate could be made into solid bars! With this discovery, Easter eggs were on the way. Both Fry's and Cadbury's launched them in the 1870s, and the rest is history.

These days, Fair Trade chocolate is the thing to look out for – it guarantees a fair price to the cocoa farmers who make it possible for us to go on enjoying this heavenly stuff.

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### **Great Truths that Adults have Learned:**

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

### **Great Truths about Growing Old**

- 1) Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else

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you can do while you're down there.

4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician. (not really-my grandma Sarah was beautiful till the end)

7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

#### **The Four Stages of Life:**

1) You believe in Santa Claus.

2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.

3) You are Santa Claus.

4) You look like Santa Claus.

All Contributed by  
Erica Bonting



## **Exploring the Strange Journeys that words take**

Ever wondered why we pass news on 'through the grapevine', or why it is a shock to 'let the cat out of the bag'? The origin of hundreds of everyday words and phrases can be found in a vast and fascinating guide called 'The Etymologicon'.

Here you can discover many of 'the strange back alleys and extraordinary and ridiculous journeys that words take,' to quote the compiler, Mark Forsyth.

Hence, 'through the grapevine' began as the 'grapevine telegraph', a phrase used in the US Civil War, which described the unofficial, word-of-mouth network used by Confederate soldiers while drinking wine, or by slaves while picking grapes from vines.

'Let the cat out of the bag' dates back to medieval markets in Britain, where piglets were sold in bags (a pig in a poke). But a common con was to switch the valuable piglet for a worthless cat or dog: hence buyers were either 'sold a pup' or, when they discovered the ruse, 'let the cat out of the bag'.

To give someone the 'cold shoulder' came from the sort of mutton leftovers given to unwelcome house-guests. A 'hoax' grew from hocus-pocus, a Protestant taunt of the rite of consecration used in the Roman Mass: *Hoc est corpus meum* (This is my body).

'Winging it' comes from actors learning their lines in the wings; 'in a nutshell' comes from Pliny, the Roman writer who claimed there was a copy of The Iliad so small it could fit in a nutshell. 'Average' comes from an old French term *avarie*, meaning 'damage done to a ship'. Vessels were often co-owned, and when repairs were done, the owners were expected to pay an equal share, or the average.



## EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

## EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

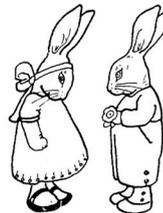
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 U T D U O L C D U B

bird blossom bud  
 bunny chick cloud crocus  
 daffodil duck egg flower  
 garden grass hare lamb lily  
 spring tulip



**How do baby hens dance?**  
 Chick to chick.

**Why does the chicken go to the theatre?**  
 For hentertainment.



**Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?**  
 Bunny and Clyde!

## *There is a green hill far away*

Cecil Frances Alexander was born in 1818 in Dublin, the second daughter of Major John Humphreys and his wife Elizabeth. At the age of fifteen she moved to Strabane, West Tyrone, in what is now Northern Ireland. It was at this time she began writing verse, being strongly influenced by Dr Walter Hook, Dean of Chichester.



By the 1840s she was established as a hymn writer with her compositions included in the Church of Ireland hymnbooks. Cecil's book, *Hymns for Little Children*, reached its 69th edition before the end of the 19th century



Many of her hymns, for example, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'There is a Green Hill far Away' and the Christmas Carol, 'Once in Royal David's City', are known by Christians all over the world.



In 1850, Cecil met and married a clergyman, William Alexander, who would later become Bishop of Derry and Archbishop of Armagh. He was six years her junior, which caused great family concern! She was a tireless visitor to the poor and sick, as well as using her money for charities such as the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. She died on the 2nd October 1895 and is buried in the City Cemetery, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

*There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where our dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.*

*We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.*

*He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.*

*There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven and let us in.*

*O dearly, dearly has he loved!  
And we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.*  
*By Cecil Frances Alexander*



## 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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