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Ascension to Pentecost

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with *Thy Kingdom Come*, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.' (Colossians 4: 2-4).

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ Your light and glory have blazed forth. Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends The life of your Son and your love for all.

> Strengthen me as a witness to that love As I pledge to pray for them, For your name's sake. Amen.'





Seize the day

Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts.

Windy

Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No', the Baptist pastor said, 'It's Thursday.' The Anglican vicar agreed: 'So am I! Let's go and get a pint.'

Nine

I was meeting a friend in a restaurant and as I went in, I noticed two pretty girls looking carefully at me. 'Nine,' I heard (Continued on page 5)

Evensong

As part of the Chaplaincies outreach program, a series of Evensong are being held this year in the Sion Abbey, Deventer. This month there will an Evensong service held at 19:30 on Sunday 21st May. Come one, come all, and enjoy a moving,

spiritual, evening in a beautiful setting with wonderful music while showing your support to all for the Chaplaincy.

Forthcoming Dates

25 May - Ascension Day Service, Plant Sale and Picnic28 May - Plant Sale2 September - Castle Fair

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.

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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.

Plant Sale

The much awaited Annual Plant Sale is scheduled for after the Ascension Day Service and on the Sunday after Ascension. If you have extra plants, seedlings, or cuttings that you can donate to the sale, now is the time to pot them up and get them ready. On the other hand, if any of our readers are eager to flex their green fingers, then Ascension Day is the time to come and buy wonderful plants at very reasonable prices. Not only will your gardens benefit, but the money raised will help the Flower Guild meet the many floral demands of St Mary's Chapel.

Ascension Day Picnic

The Ascension Day Picnic, once a shining star in the

social calendar of St Mary's has lately been somewhat lacking in full support. The Revd. Canon Richard Capper will be our locum that weekend, so let us all make an effort to come to the picnic and make him feel welcome. Lists are going up in the Hut for people to put down what they will be bringing to the Bring and Share picnic. This will help prevent a glut of some

foodstuffs and a shortage of others.



Intercessions

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the Churchwardens.

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one whisper as I
passed. Feeling
pleased with
myself, I
swaggered over to
my buddy and told
him a girl had just
rated me a nine
out of ten. 'I don't
want to ruin it for
you,' he said, 'but
when I walked in,
they were speaking
German.'

Gentleman!!

Lady patient to the Doctor inside his examination room "Doctor can you please call my husband inside, I am not feeling comfortable. Doctor - "Trust me lady, I am a Doctor and I am a Gentleman. Lady patient - "No that's not the issue. Your receptionist is alone outside and my husband is neither a doctor nor a gentleman!!!!!"

In Court

Attorney: Were you too shot in the fracas?

Witness: No Sir, I was shot midway between the fracas and the navel.

Diet

A question for anyone on a diet.. What do we learn from the cow, buffalo or elephant It is impossible to lose weight by eating green grass and salads

Idiot Sightings

Sometimes in life we meet people who are total idiots - allowing the rest of us to go to bed thankful that today it was not our turn to be the idiot.

IDIOT SIGHTING No.1 My daughter and I went to the McDonald's drive through checkout window to pay. Our total bill was £4.20, so I also handed her a 20 pence piece. She said, 'You gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me £1 back.' She sighed and went to get the Manager who

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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 hazards of baptisms

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your new thermostatically controlled, underwater illuminated baptismal tank with wave simulation, for total immersions, sounds rather intimidating. I am slightly surprised you don't have computer-generated doves flying overhead, in order to add that final touch of authenticity. I would imagine that to perform baptisms in your tank, you need a degree in electrical engineering as much as one in theology.

I do, however, agree with your Vicar's decision to stop the practice of you performing these rituals in the river Mersey. It is one thing for your newly baptized to emerge from the waters filled with the Holy Spirit, and quite another to emerge filled with typhoid. Better to give them a baptismal certificate, rather than a free ride to the hospital for a stomach pump. The river Jordan may have been all very well for John the Baptist, but I expect that even he would hesitate at the river Mersey.

Had I baptized dear Miss Pemberton in the Mersey last month – at 93 years, taking the decision a little

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late in life (I did not attempt to hold her in one arm) – being a lady of such proportions, I suspect she would have constituted a shipping hazard.

I appreciate your suggestion that such procedures would look charming on the banks of our local Cotswold stream, but irrespective of our differing theologies, I would not want to be seen by parishioners in my bathing costume. Such apparel may be all very well when I am on holiday somewhere where I am totally unknown, but it hardly seems fitting for an honorary Canon in his parish.

I do concede that baptisms in medieval fonts can have their own particular problems. The plug in our own has never fitted properly, and so after filling it, I know I have precisely 16 minutes and 45 seconds to come to the actual baptism, otherwise the water has disappeared entirely. As I have discovered over the years, it is impossible to look dignified disappearing into the vestry half way through the Service in order to fetch a second bucket. For baptisms in winter, the presentation from Admiral Barnaby of the small silver hammer has been a great help in order to break the ice that slowly forms across the surface as the service proceeds.

In future, as you and your own candidates luxuriate in this heated baptismal spa, do spare a thought for those of us who maintain the true faith.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

What Kids Write



- The Great Wall of China was built to keep out the mongrels
- Martin Luther was on a diet of worms
 - During the first twenty years of the century there was much suffrage from women 7

(Continued from page 6) asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 20 pence and said 'We're sorry but we do not do that kind of thing. The clerk then proceeded to give me back 80 pence in change. Do not confuse the clerks at MacDonald's !!

In the Cafe

Two lawyers entered the cafe and ordered a couple of drinks. They then took sandwiches from their briefcases and began to eat.

Seeing this, the angry owner went over to them and said, "Excuse me, but you cannot eat your own sandwiches in here!"

Shrugging their shoulders the lawyers exchanged sandwiches.

Swear

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.



Deadline for cashing in your old £1 coins

For those readers who make regular trips to the United Kingdom and keep change ready for the next visit, please note:

Dig into the pockets of your coats, rummage down the backs of your chairs and couch, empty your piggy bank, look in your car – do whatever it takes, but FIND all those old £1 coins that may lurk around your house – before it is too late.

For this autumn, the little round £1 we have known since 1983 will become worthless. The Treasury has just brought out a

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Pentecost

Acts 1:14 "They all joined together constantly in prayer..."

Acts 1:4 "...wait for the gift my Father promised..."

In last year's May issue of 'St Mary's Magazine I shared with the readership the initiative of the two Archbishops, Justin Welby and John Sentamu, to organize a nationwide Prayer Week in the Church of England in preparation for Pentecost and beyond. The idea was for churches to all participate in a way that suited them. The week closed with 'Beacon Events' on the evening of Pentecost in seven cathedrals spread across the nation.

Living in the Diocese of Newcastle, I found out from the Diocese Newsletter how this initiative has gained momentum as churches across the world signalled their support. I would therefore like inform you about the new invitation of the Archbishops to join the initiative in 2017 between Ascension Day and Pentecost (25 May to 2 June).

I have included below reports from the Diocese Newsletter on 'The Kingdom Come 2017' and some local suggestions developed out of last year's prayer week. Of course, some suggestions are specific to the locality but each church is free to organise their own events.

I want to thank our dear friend Avril Meakin, from one of the ten churches I am in contact with through the prayer groups, and Laura Ball, from the Newcastle Diocese Office. Laura helped us retrieve this article from the March issue, which I had forgotten to take home. Laura is hopeful that some of the article will be of use for the churches in the Netherlands.

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The Kingdom Come 2017

Newcastle Cathedral is to host a Beacon Event for the North East as part of The Kingdom Come, the Archbishops' wave of prayer, now gaining momentum as churches across the world signal their support.

A global wave of prayers, still a few months away, is capturing the imagination of many churches from across the world. They are making plans to join in a focused time of prayer with Christian communities around the world from Ascension 25 May to Pentecost 4 June praying for more people to know Jesus. More than 100,000 Christians from around the world took part in 2016 after the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited churches to pray in fresh and focusing ways during the days between Ascension and Pentecost. As a result, there were many stories of people responding and having their lives transformed.

The nine days of prayers will culminate in a range of regional Beacon Events where churches will gather to worship and to pray for help to be more effective in mission. This year, Newcastle Cathedral will host the Beacon Event for the North East on the 3 June at 19:00. Dean of Newcastle, Christopher Dalliston said, "We are delighted to be hosting the Beacon Event to encourage prayer for mission across the North East."Cano John Sinclair, Diocesan Advisor in Local Evangelism, added, "Prayer is a vital aspect of sharing our faith and Thy Kingdom Come is a great way to come together in prayer for mission."

Resources for running prayer events and encouraging prayer for mission, including Novena prayer booklets and liturgy, are available in the resources section at www.thykingdomcome.global. ©Ben Dieduksman

(Continued from page 8) new 12-sided £1 coin. The change to the new silver and gold dodecagon is the largest to affect the UK's currency since 1998, when the old 50p coin was abandoned for a smaller, shinier version.

The face side of the new £1 coin features the Queen, while the tail side features four emblems: the English rose, the leek for Wales, the Scottish thistle and the shamrock for Northern Ireland - all emerging from a single stem within a crown.



Dieting

I have just been on a dieting website and it asked me if I accept cookies.

Is that a trick question?

7^{th} May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. David Mumford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Fourth Sunday	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
of Easter	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
	Jeanet Luiten Vivian Reinders	Acts 2 42-end 1 Peter 2. 19- end

Church money for sale in the Hut

14th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. David Mumford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	John Bestman
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Chalice	John Bestman
Laster	Jan de Beij	Acts 7. 55 - end
	Simone Yallop	1 Peter 2. 2-10
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Gospel	John 14. 1-14

21st May	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Richard Capper
Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 Sung Eucharist	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	Lea Meijnen	Acts 17. 22-31
	Blair Charles	1 Peter.3. 13-end
	Gospel	John 14. 15-21

25 th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Richard Capper
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
Ascension Day	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Arjan Hafmans	Acts 1.1-11
	Jeanet Luiten	Ephesians.1. 15-end
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke 24. 44-end

28th May	Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Richard Capper
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
Sunday after	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
Ascension Day	Victor Pirenne	Acts 1. 6-14
	Brenda Pyle	1 Peter 4 12-14, 5. 6-11
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Gospel	John 17. 1-11

4 th June	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Richard Capper
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Day of Pentecost	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
Whit Sunday	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
	Elizabeth v. D. Heide	Acts 2. 1-21
	Heleen Rauwerda	1 Corinthians12 3b-13
10:30 Sung	Gospel	John 20. 19-2

I'm fine

Farmer Joe decided his injuries from the accident were serious enough to take the trucking company to court. In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning farmer Joe.

"Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?" said the lawyer.

Farmer Joe responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite mule Bessie into the......"

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted, "just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!"

Farmer Joe said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down

The 2017 Lent Course The Power of Small Choices

Simone Yallop, the Reader in Training at St Mary's Chapel, prepared, presented and led the 2017 Lent Course, attended by on average, eight people per week. The course was held over five successive Saturdays in Lent, with one exception, on which day Simone needed to attend a conference.

The Lent Course was based on Hilary Brand's book, 'The Power of Small Choices,' supported by two films, Babette's Feast and The Shawshank Redemption. The first movie, Babette's Feast, in Danish with English subtitles, was set in a small village in Denmark, sometime in the 19th century. The main character is a French maid who takes the decision to spend a small inheritance on a sumptuous banquet for her Danish neighbours to thank them for taking her in. The second film, The Shawshank Redemption, set in a United States state prison, follows the trials and tribulations of a man sentenced to life as he plans his freedom.

The course theme was 'Choices.' Not necessarily, the major choices in our lives, but all the small choices we make and how they have helped to shape our lives. Each week the course began with prayer followed by excerpts from the two films, illustrating how simple, small choices could have a profound effect. This was followed by readings relevant to the matter under discussion, questions and lively conversation on what had been seen and read as well as on the many small choices made by the participants. Small choices, both those that had had a positive outcome as well as bad choices and how they were managed, were covered in a relaxed atmosphere. Simone skilfully guided us through the discussion to make sure everyone could participate and be heard.

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The overall conclusion was that everyone who took part felt that he or she had benefited from the course. The link with Lent became apparent, at least to the writer of this article, because it was the same accumulation of choices made two thousand years ago that lead the way to Calvary.

A big thank you to Simone for all her work and another big thank you to all those who took part and made it so enjoyable.

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Seder Supper Maundy Thursday 13 April 2017

This year, due to the Interregnum, with no chaplain to conduct a traditional Maundy Thursday Eucharist Service, the decision was taken to hold a Seder Supper, the Christian version of the Jewish Passover Meal, to commemorate the Last Supper.

Simone Yallop, St Mary's Lay Reader in training, was the obvious choice to organize the meal, with the two wardens in their usual role of providing support. Weldam Estate kindly allowed the use of the Hunting Lodge as a venue.

From about 17:30 on Maundy Thursday, participants began to arrive, bearing bags, boxes, plates and containers, their contributions for the bring and share part of the night. Tables and chairs were arranged to form a large U shape, and soon there were 26 people sat down at the table, or in the case of the one dog, under it. In front of each individual was a plate set out for the symbolic Seder supper provided by Simone. There was also a glass of water, a bowl of salty water, a bowl of fresh water, and four glasses of either red wine or grape juice, dependent on preference for each

(Continued from page 12) the road..."

The lawver interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was iust fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue mv client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the auestion."

By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Joe's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite mule Bessie." Joe thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge

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Life in the 21st century...

Tact: the ability to shut your mouth before someone else wants to.

Anon

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

My inferiority complex is not as good as yours. *Anon*

I am in shape. Round is a shape. *Anon*

Indecision is the key to flexibility. *Anon*

Life's evening will take its character from the day that has preceded it. Anon

Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time. *Anon*

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Young Achievers: A Personal Testimony

Since the establishment of the Young Achievers Empowerment Project in September of 2004, the



Anglican Church has been the sole donor of this youth-led organization in Namibia. It empowers and motivates young people to have a sense of vision and mission in their lives. Highlighting this is the article below, a testimonial from one of the members on how the funding of the Anglican Church has made an impact on his life.

My name is Lowbousky Kaalushu, and I am a member

of the Young Achievers Empowerment Youth project, joining the organization in 2010 when I was in my 10th grade. I am now a final year student at the International University of Management and I am completing my Honours' Degree in Travel and Tourism.

In my first year, I was lucky to get funds from the Anglican Church, which I used to buy my Laptop. Currently, I am still using it to complete my assignments and type up my schoolwork.

Ever since I joined the group, my life has changed drastically in a positive way. I cannot imagine how I would have turned out if I were not a part of this amazing project. The organization gave me shelter and a sense of belonging. Before I joined the group, I lacked self-confidence. I had low self-esteem, suffered from stage fright and I had poor communication skills.

I overcame all of these in my first few months with the group and was so well prepared that I was able

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to organize our annual Katutura Career Fair three times in a row as well as educational trips and annual conferences twice. I am currently the events co-coordinator for the Windhoek Branch (main branch). I make sure that the events on our annual calendar happen.

The Anglican Church has been and still is playing a major role in the development of the group in which. I, with many other members, have benefited directly. On their behalf, I am so proud that we have such donors who really support and care for us. As a Young Achievers member with the help of your organization, we will continue making a difference to the lives of young people and make a positive impact.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of the church who give their offerings every Sunday. Extending those funds out to our organization has really assisted so many young people and has greatly contributed in sustaining the organization's activities. May the almighty Lord continue to shower blessings upon each and every member of the Anglican Church Twente. We look forward to welcoming members of the Anglican Church to Namibia so that they can see the wonderful work that their funds have contributed to the success of our organization. ©Lowbousky Kaalushu



Rude Awakening

We telemarketers know we're universally loathed. Still, some people are quite pleasant on the phone. One day I called a number

and asked to speak with Mr. Morgan. The woman who answered explained that he no longer lived at that address, but she did have a number where he could be reached. I thanked her, rang that number, and was greeted with, "Good morning, Highland View Cemetery."

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In the money: a condition many hope for, but only a banker experiences. *Anon*

Inflation: instead of not having the money you haven't got, you have twice as much, but it's worth only half of what you haven't got. Anon

I owe it all to: an expression commonly used in connection with one's wife, landlord, or pawnbroker.

Anon

Middle age: that difficult period between juvenile delinquency and old age, when you have to take care of yourself. Anon

Car park: the place where you take your car to have little dents put into the sides. *Anon*

Optimist: a cheerful person who is blissfully unaware of what is going on. *Anon*

(Continued from page 13) semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her he took out his gun and shot her between the eves. Then the Patrolman came across the road with his gun in his hand and looked at me. He said, "Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her how are vou feeling?"

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person. Plates of matzos bread were set out at regular intervals so all could reach and everyone had a printed copy of the Seder Service.

Simone began the meal with the grace and then led us through the beautiful Seder meal. Although much shorter than the traditional Jewish Passover meal, it still contained all the elements. As an example, instead of sharing a whole lamb, we each had a mouthful of lamb chop, including a small piece of bone. As another example, fresh parsley dipped in the salt water symbolized the bitter herbs. While being a lot shorter, the Seder supper managed to retain all the symbolism and sanctity of the Passover in full.

At the close of the Seder, the tables were now reset for us all to share the food we had brought for the second part of the evening. As is usual for St Mary's, the food was varied, multinational and excellent. The dog under the table, who had naturally not participated in the Seder meal, now used all her charms to be fully involved in all the wonderful food she could scrounge.

Once all was eaten and drunk, we jointly joined in to clear up, wash up and tidy up. There was much conversation and laughter, and we all parted with the feeling of contentment one gets after an enjoyable evening out, with the added bonus of the deep, spiritual element.

Naturally, there has to be a huge thank you to Simone for all the work she did in setting up the meal and leading us through the Seder supper. There also has to be a thank you to all the people who came out and helped to make it an enjoyable evening. For those of you who missed it, there is a possibility that the Seder supper will alternate with the Maundy Thursday service once the new chaplain is appointed.

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St DUNSTAN

Dunstan (909 - 988) was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, being famous for many stories about defeating the devil.

A story tells how as a monk Dunstan nailed a horseshoe to the Devil's hoof when he was asked to re-shoe the Devil's horse. This caused such pain, and Dunstan only agreed to remove the shoe and release the Devil after he promised never to enter a place where a horseshoe is over the door.



They say that is why people still hang horse shoes over doorways.

St Dunstan is the patron saint of blacksmiths and bell ringers as well as goldsmiths and silversmiths. His Feast Day is 19 May, which is why the date year on the hallmarks on gold and silver runs from 19 to 18 May, not the calendar year.

NOT JUST ON YOUR FEET....

The answers to these are all something you could wear on your fee, but the word also means...

- 1. A sure-footed pack animal
- 2. A thin sharp knife
- 3. A wobbly dessert
- 4. A poisonous snake
- 5. Isn't safe on ice
- 6. A gymnastic move
- 7. Equipment used to move water
- 8. An Irish accent
- 9. Part of a car used for storage
- 10.A sports coach



What do you call a shoe that looks like a banana? A slipper.

Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?
A horse.

Answers: 1 Mule 2 Stiletto 3 Jelly 4 Moccasin 5 Slipper 6 Flip flop 7 Pump 8 Brogue 9 Boot 10 Trainer

Dining

O HOUR of all hours, the most blest upon earth
Blest hour of our dinners!
The land of his birth;
The face of his first love; the bills that he owes;
The twaddle of friends, and venom of foes;
The sermon he heard when to church he last went;
The money he borrowed, the money he spent;
All of these things a man, I believe, may forget,
And not be the worse for forgetting; but yet
Never, never, oh, never! earth's luckiest sinner
Hath unpunished forgotten the hour of his dinner!
Indigestion, that conscience of every bad stomach,
Shall relentlessly gnaw and pursue him with some ache
Or some pain; and trouble, remorseless, his best ease,
As the Furies once troubled the sleep of Orestes.

We may live without poetry, music, art;
We may live without conscience, and live without heart;
We may live without friends; we may live without books;
But civilised man cannot live without cooks.

We may live without books - What is knowledge but grieving? We may live without hope - what is hope but deceiving? We may live without love - What is passion but pining? But where is the man who can live without dining?

E. Robert Bulwer, Lord Lytton, (Owen Meredith) 1831 - 1891



Owen Meredith was the pen name of the First Earl of Lytton, Edward Robert Bulwer, who was a Victorian statesman and served as Viceroy of India.

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

Amen.

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,



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