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June 2017

Pentecost - a day that changed history

People call it 'Whitsun' because once upon a time it was a day for wearing white and going on church processions. The church, however, calls it 'Pentecost' and it's on June 4th this year. It is a crucial date in the Church calendar – in some ways the birthday of Christianity as we know it.

After the crucifixion the followers of Jesus took to meeting in an 'upper room' in Jerusalem, with the doors locked 'for fear of the Jewish authorities'. It was here that the risen Christ appeared to them several times, as well as on a few occasions in other locations when they ventured out. Eventually He told them that He was 'going back to the Father', but that they should stay in the city until they received the spiritual resources to do the job for which He had called them – to take His message to the world. They did as they were told, about 120 men and women, Luke tells us, including the mother of Jesus.

Then it happened, on the Jewish feast of *Shavuot*, which was 50 days after the Passover. Pentecost was a spiritual experience which transformed their lives. Emboldened, they emerged from the upper room and started preaching on the city streets. They continued to do so even when ordered to stop. What had happened to bring about this transformation? The answer was two words: Holy Spirit. If that sounds very elusive and vague, think of it in its basic meaning in the Greek of the New Testament: Breath – the very source of life itself, the most precious gift of God. At Pentecost the handful of believers were brought to new life because the Holy Spirit of God breathed upon them. The Church was born. Two thousand people were baptised. Wimps became witnesses!





Twente News

New vicar's prayer

The new vicar was taking his first service, and determined to make a good impression. The congregation sat spellbound throughout the eloquent sermon and the extended intercessions, which seemed to cover the whole category of human wants. After the service one church member asked another in awe: "Don't you think our new vicar prays well?"

"I most certainly do," was the answer. "Why that man asked the good Lord for things that our old vicar didn't even know He had!"

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Summer Teas and Castle Fair.

As summer is approaching and all are thinking of the holidays, the Castle Fair committee are busy arranging all the necessary bits and bobs to make everything run smoothly. We are facing a few major problems though.

First of all, the Summer Teas. This fundraising and outreach event is in need of a good person to coordinate all the staff and the baking for six executive Sundays in July and August.

When the weather permits, we provide a warm welcome for holidaymakers and locals alike. It would be a shame if we were not able to continue this venture.

The second problem is the baking for the Fair. Due to age and other circumstances we are short of willing and able bakers with a result that the baking is largely done by only a few persons. As baking and cooking is now the "in" thing to do, we are looking for help from new enthusiastic people. After all, the Fair is our main fundraising event, and our biggest social, outreach effort each year, and we all seem to love it a lot. So please let me know if you are willing and able to make a contribution to resolving these problems.

Forthcoming Dates

25 June - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey, Deventer

2 September - Castle Fair, Weldam Castle

24 September - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey

29 October - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey

26 November - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey

09 December - Service of Nine Lesson and Carols, Sion Abbey

Food Bank

A reminder that there is a large plastic container in the hut for Food Bank contributions. Your donations of non

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-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.

Congratulations On Sunday, 28 May, Pauline Schonewille gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter, Louise. Given that the average age of St Mary's congregation is closer to the senior citizen than youthful, it is a rare privilege to be able to congratulate a couple on the birth of a child. On behalf of the readership of the magazine, I offer our congratulations to Pauline and Fred on the arrival of Louise, a baby sister for Josephine and Eleonor.



Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact one of the Churchwardens before the Service.

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

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Night-time prayers

The little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.

The wicked

A little boy had been very naughty and as a punishment his mother told him he would go without his favourite vegetable. He sat down for a meal, his mother served, carrots, corn, - - and? "It's no use waiting," said his mother, "I told you, no peas for the wicked."

Motoring holiday

Lost Husband:
Where are we now?
Wife: Halfway between Paris and Marseilles, dear.
Husband: Don't bother me with details. What country are we in?



Blessing

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

Wages

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

Judgement?

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from

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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 a very English sort of family... Throckmarsh Hall revisited

Readers of the St. James the Least letters have asked to know a little about the family history of the characters involved; it is a little unusual...

Many decades ago, Admiral Horatio and his wife the Honourable Mrs Chalfont-Morgan lived at Throckmarsh Hall, Gloucestershire. There they had two children, Eustace and Penelope.

Eustace followed a traditional path: public school, then Oxford. He was something of a disappointment to his father as careers in the armed forces, law or finance were clearly not appropriate to his temperament. Having sung in the school chapel choir and later been an occasional church attendee, ordination into the Church of England seemed the only choice.

Eustace served his curacy in one of the more fashionable churches in central London, before becoming chaplain to the bishop of one of our ancient dioceses in southern England. His Machiavellian talents made the life of the bishop so much easier that by way of reward, Eustace was comfortably settled into one of the pleasanter parishes in the Cotswolds, where he remained for the next 40 years. His eventual sudden death, the result

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of an apoplectic seizure, would happen when he read in "The Times" one morning over breakfast that one of his former curates had been appointed a bishop. But that is fortunately still some years off.

Penelope's life was rather different. She was recalled from finishing school in Switzerland to become companion to her mother, on the death of her father while at sea. One day, while running errands in the local market town, she met Jack Crump, a second-hand car salesman from Liverpool. She eloped and they married. Within months, it was discovered that he was already married - to two other ladies. Unfortunately by this time, Penelope was pregnant and later gave birth to her only child, Darren.

One day many years later, Darren was cycling to his work at the local undertakers when he suddenly knew he was being called to ordination. After studying by correspondence course, he was ordained and served his curacy in an inner-city parish in the North West of England.

His only living relation was his uncle Eustace, who felt a duty to keep an eye on his innocent nephew. The two were less chalk and cheese, more Chateau d'Yquem and draught bitter. Uncle Eustace, with resigned determination, sent his young nephew a series of monthly letters, advising him on all aspects of parish ministry.

Darren later denied that it was these letters that eventually drove him to minister to natives in the remote forests of Brazil, far from any postman...



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high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"

A STUPID RIDDLE

Q: How do you open the windows in an orthodox church?

A: Click on the icons.

Adam and the frog

Adam was spending the day naming all the creatures in the garden when he realized he was alone as a human being. Then came the very last creature and he named it "frog". He spoke to the frog in his

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loneliness and asked it if it had any ideas as to how he could not be so lonely. To Adam's surprise, the frog opened it's mouth and replied, "Rib-It!", and the rest was history...

Kisses

A husband and wife go to a counselor after 15 years of marriage. The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 15 years they've been married. She goes on and on and on. Finally, the counselor gets up, goes around the desk, embraces the woman and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze. The counselor turns to the husband and

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Reader Conference 2017

The Diocese in Europe has over 100 licensed Lay Readers plus about 35 Readers-in-Training like me. This year a Reader Conference was held at the Kardinal Schulte Haus, just outside Cologne in Germany. The conference, attended by Sixty Readers and Readers-in-Training, took place from Friday 19 to Monday 22 May 2017. The Diocese had invited world-class speakers to address topics to challenge and inspire us and to equip us with new knowledge. There were also plenty of opportunities for worship and fellowship. The title and theme of the conference came from the prayer that we often say at the end of the Eucharist: '*Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.*' This is an appropriate title since Reader Ministry is a lay vocation.

Bishop David, the Revd Elaine Labourel (Director of Reader Ministry) and other members of the design team who had planned and organized the conference led the conference. The design team included four Readers, the Revd Canon John Wilkinson from Brussels and Debbie Cunningham, the Ministry Team Administrator. Also attending were representatives of the Central Readers' Council in the UK, which had provided a generous grant towards the conference. On Sunday, Bishop Robert visited the conference, preached an inspiring sermon and celebrated the Eucharist. Adrian Mumford, the Diocesan Secretary, and an accomplished organist, provided the organ music for the services. Web site posts during the conference were made by the Revd Paul Needle, the Diocesan Communications Officer who was also there. All this shows the importance that the Diocese in Europe attaches to Reader Ministry. The conference sessions that I enjoyed the most

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were the two Bible studies given by Father Nicholas King, a Jesuit priest, and teacher, who recently published a complete translation of the Greek Bible. The two talks were on discipleship and mission. The first talk concentrated on the Old Testament and the second on the New Testament. Father King, who knows his Bible very well, brought the stories alive in a most entertaining way and drew out lessons that are both meaningful and relevant.

Another of the speakers was Kathy Galloway, a practical theologian, campaigner, and writer, who was formerly the Warden of Iona Abbey and Leader of the Iona Community. Kathy Galloway led two sessions on '*Spirituality for Ministry Today*' and '*Reaching those on the Margins*'. Both of these were excellent talks providing much food for thought. Her examples from the Iona Community brought back memories of our church trip to Iona in 2014.

The most spectacular session was on Saturday afternoon. We were treated to two talks on Science and Religion by the Revd Professor David Wilkinson. Being both a Methodist minister and a professor of Astrophysics, David Wilkinson was able to take us on a fascinating journey through time and space looking at the creation of the universe and the relationship between theology and science. He did this in such a way that those without a science background did not get lost and with sufficient science to satisfy those who did. I bought a copy of one of his books. It has the title: *Science, Religion, and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*. It is intriguing to consider the theological implications of finding intelligent life beyond Earth. This was one of the topics introduced in his presentation. A challenging talk was given by Stefan McNally,

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says "that is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do that?"

The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can get her here Monday and Wednesday....but Friday I golf."

Happy Ending

Comment from a parishioner: 'Our vicar's sermons always have a happy ending. The moment they've ended, everyone feels happy.'

Walking out

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," said an embarrassed woman after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

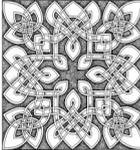
"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted.

"It's not a reflection on you,

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Forthcoming Services

Church money for sale in the Hut

4th June Pentecost  10:30 Sung Eucharist	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Richard Capper
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
	Elizabeth v.d. Heijden	Acts 2. 1 - 21
Heleen Rauwerda	1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13	
	Gospel	John 20. 19 - 23

Forthcoming Services

11th June Trinity Sunday 10:30 Sung Eucharist	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Richard Capper
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Jan de Beij
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
	Dina Vincent	Isaiah 40 .12-17, 27-end
John Bestman	2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end	
	Gospel	Matthew 28. 16 - 20

Forthcoming Services

18th June First Sunday after Trinity 10:30 Service of Morning Prayer	Officiant & Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	
	Patrick Saridjan	Exodus 19. 2 - 8A
Hans Siertsema	Romans 5 1 -18	
	Gospel	Matthew 9. 35 - 10.8

Forthcoming Services

25th June	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Steve Collis
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	John Bestman
Second Sunday after Trinity	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Fred Schonewille	Jeremiah 20. 7 - 13
	Linda ten Berge	Romans.6. 1B - 11
	Gospel	Matthew 10. 24 -39
10:30 Sung		

Forthcoming Services

2nd. July	Celebrant and Preacher	Revd. Steve Collis
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
Third Sunday after Trinity	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
	Vivian Reinders	Jeremiah 20. 5 - 9
	Jan de Beij	Romans 6. 12 - end
	Gospel	Matthew 10. 40 - end
10:30 Sung Eucharist		

Forthcoming Services

9th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Steve Collis
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Simone Yallop	Zechariah 9.9-12
	Erica Schotman	Romans 7.15-25a
	Gospel	Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
10:30 Sung Eucharist		

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sir," insisted the church-goer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Children's exam papers

The following real life answers to various exams explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate? *Cheaper than a day rate.*

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for? *He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.*

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? *Unusual names.*

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements. *Learning to speak Latin.*

Name six animals

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from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, who works with churches across the UK, helping to promote cultures that stimulate whole-life discipleship. Stefan compared the percentage of time we spend in church to the time we spend at work or in other activities. Most of the time we are not in church, but each of us is in contact with many people who do not go to church. Stefan challenged us to think about how this provides an opportunity to spread the Christian message. We were given a card with the prayer: *Father, help me to model godly character, make good work, minister grace and love, mould culture, be a mouthpiece for truth and justice, and a messenger of the gospel.* On the other side of the card was the text: *My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit* (John 15:8).

The participants at the conference came from chaplaincies all over the Diocese in Europe including Aquitaine, Corfu, Geneva, Brittany, Berne, Paris, Madrid, Brussels, Antwerp, Gibraltar, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Eindhoven, Rotterdam, The Hague, Twente and many more.

The Eucharist at the very beginning of the conference started with all the Readers and Readers-in-Training standing around the sides of the octagonal Edith Stein Chapel, thinking about the places from which we had come. This symbolized the distance and diversity of our ministries in the enormous Diocese in Europe. As we sang the first song, 'Come, O Holy Spirit Come' we moved into the church seats to become a united body. Bishop David reminded us that the breath of the Holy Spirit is at the root of the word 'inspire.' During the conference, we were indeed inspired by the Holy Spirit. At the end of the conference was a Sending Liturgy during which Bishop David invited

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us to renew our commitment to ministry. This was quite moving for me and other Readers-in-Training because the words of the commitment were taken from the service for the Admission and Licensing of Readers. At the end of the service, we lit candles as a sign of our taking the light of Christ into the world. While singing 'Send us, O God filled with your power, to live and work for your glory' and carrying our candles, we moved from the main body to the sides of the chapel ready to return to our chaplaincies.

Simone Yallop (Reader-in-Training)

Photographs from the conference and recordings of some of the talks are available on the Diocesan website:



Anglican Choral Evensong 21 May 2017 Abbey Church of New Sion, Deventer

The first Anglican Choral Evensong of 2017,



arranged by the Anglican Chaplaincy of Twente, was held in the Abbey Church of New Sion at 19:30, on the evening of the 21 May. The Capella Arnhem Choir, led by Jan van Dijk, provided the heavenly choral element of the service.

The Abbey Church of New Sion provided an ideal setting for the service. Set in the woods on the outskirts of Deventer, the building is both spiritual and calm. Especially when

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which live specifically in the Arctic.

*Two polar bears.
Four seals.*

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.

All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

What is a fibula?

A little lie.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

You might walk into it.

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How About a Finger?

An ad for a hedge clipper that I had to read twice: "A built-in safety switch prevents accidental starting, and blades will stop when you take one hand off."

One Reason To Buy A Painting

At an art gallery, a woman and her ten-year-old son were having a tough time choosing between one of my paintings and another artist's work. They finally went with mine. "I guess you decided you prefer an autumn scene to a floral," I said. "No," said the boy. "Your painting's wider, so it'll cover three holes in our wall."

An Iraqi Beauty Regimen

After my niece returned from her second tour in Iraq,

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Mineke Foundation

For several years, Mineke Foundation has received requests to offer their vocational courses in other communities. Due to the (financial) challenges involved with doing so - a training space, a secure storage area, additional staff - we haven't been able to respond positively to these requests. This year, that's set to change as Mineke Foundation partners with the Bangladeshi NGO, BRAC, to provide vocational training to 100+ adolescents and young adults in four (of fifteen) counties in Liberia during 2017. We'll be using BRAC's offices and hope to expand to all the counties as time goes on. Strangely, registration for vocational courses at our own office is lagging. We're unsure why but think insufficient publicity might be the cause, and we're working hard to address that.



Meanwhile, our social and educational clubs for children, teenagers and women are flourishing. Up to



Josephine with soap she has made

75 kids and 30 teenagers attend our weekly club meetings, while 30 women participate in our monthly Women's Club. We unfortunately have to refuse new members for all clubs due to financial constraints. Our entrepreneurs -

about 60% of our vocational graduates have started businesses so far - are doing well too, with nine women and one young man now managing growing businesses.

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Mineke Foundation also works with partners on other projects. Last year, we partnered with Mercy Corps to provide Career Readiness Training to young adults in our projects, and this year, we've started a "Digital Storytelling" project with UNFPA Liberia. This project, which sees teens interview their peers, will showcase what it means to be young in Liberia; addressing both the good (teenage voices for democracy and children's rights) and the bad (teenage pregnancies, high unemployment). It also helps our teens gain valuable communication, interview and presentation skills. ©Tonia Dabwe



25 May 2017

On a beautiful sunny Thursday morning, around forty members of the congregation gathered together in St Mary's Chapel for the Ascension Day Service, celebrated by Canon Richard Capper, our current locum.

Following the Service, people gathered in the wood yard for coffee and tea. Meantime, all the food for the bring and share picnic was laid out on the work benches, now employed as serving tables.

Our locum gave the Grace and the picnic could now begin. People queuing could be heard querying what was on this dish, or in that container, as they gazed at the splendid array of goodies. Many also commented on how attractively the food was displayed. After all was eaten, Carol van Straten, bought out her guitar and provided a great selection of songs and hymns. A wonderful way to end a meal, sitting in the shade, listening to favourite songs. If you missed it, do plan to come next year as it is a great way to get to meet each other. The food is also extremely good.

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I remarked how beautiful her complexion looked. "What do you use on your face to keep it so smooth?" I asked. "Nothing," she said. "I've been sandblasted."

Gardening

"Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration."
- Lou Erickson

Q: What gets bigger the more you take away?

A: a hole

A Question

Q: What government agency is responsible for finding lost vicars?

A: The Bureau of Missing Parsons.

Help

A minister was asked to give the grace at a parish dinner.

'Thank you Lord, for this food, and we pray for strength to eat it!'



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What is a vibration?

There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden.

The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

Malaria.

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Gardening Tip

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

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the setting sun, glowing softly through the stained glass windows and the incredible acoustics in the church came together to enhance the solemn beauty of this traditional Anglican Service.

Leading the service was the current locum at St Mary's Chapel, the Reverend Canon Richard Capper, resplendent in a black cassock with the red trimmings and cincture (sash around the waist), of an Anglican Canon. Richard began the service by relating a brief history of the Anglican Choral Evensong. Priest, choirmaster, and organist, working together delivered a moving religious service and beautiful choral music.

There were 120 people at the service, of which 15 came from St Mary's Chapel. Many of those attending took away a copy of the Information leaflet on St Mary's, so there is always the possibility that some will come and visit the chapel. The Choral Evensong is helping to let the people of Deventer know that there is an Anglican Church in the area while at the same time allowing them the opportunity to participate and enjoy a traditional Anglican Service.

A service that would not have been possible without the hard work of Fred Schonewille, the support of Ferdinand van Dijk, Lea Meijnen and others, plus the willingness of Canon Richard Capper to officiate. The next Choral Evensong Service is scheduled for the 25 June, same venue and time but with Vocaal Theologen Ensemble as the choir, led by Hannah Rijken, providing the music. If you enjoy Evensong, love church choral music, love beautiful buildings and want a different evening out, then please come along. Forty to fifty members of the congregation mixed in with those attending will help spread the word about the Anglican Chaplaincy of Twente to the people living in the chaplaincy area. As an added benefit, you will have a wonderful evening out.



St RICHARD of CHICHESTER

St Richard of Chichester, who lived from 1197 to 1253, is patron saint of the English county of Sussex.

In 1244 Richard was elected Bishop of Chichester but King Henry III wanted someone else as bishop and he ordered that no one should feed or house Richard. So Richard lived with a friend who was a parish priest and visited his entire diocese on foot for two years until the king relented.

Richard is widely remembered today for the prayer he is supposed to have said as he was dying. The prayer was adapted for the song 'Day by Day' in the musical Godspell and it is in this form that most people know it today:

Day by day,
Dear Lord, of thee
three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by Day.

SOUNDS STRANGE

There are still quite a few people called Richard today but some saints' names sound very strange to our modern ears - how many of these names are saint's names and how many of them are something else all together? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Wenceslas
2. Mesrop
3. Blaise
4. Porphyry
5. Waudru
6. Methodius
7. Attracta
8. Sebbi
9. Fiacre
10. Budoc



What do you call a man with a map on his head?

Miles.

What do you call a woman with a tortoise on her head?



Shelley.

What do you call a man checking your homework?

Mark.

What do you call a Vicar on a moped?

Rev.

Answer: all of them are saints listed in the Penguin Dictionary of Saints - honestly.

A Memory of June

*When June comes dancing o'er the death of May,
With scarlet roses tinting her green breast,
And mating thrushes ushering in her day,
And Earth on tiptoe for her golden guest,*

*I always see the evening when we met--
The first of June baptized in tender rain--
And walked home through the wide streets, gleaming wet,
Arms locked, our warm flesh pulsing with love's pain.*

*I always see the cheerful little room,
And in the corner, fresh and white, the bed,
Sweet scented with a delicate perfume,
Wherein for one night only we were wed;*

*Where in the starlit stillness we lay mute,
And heard the whispering showers all night long,
And your brown burning body was a lute
Whereon my passion played his fevered song.*

*When June comes dancing o'er the death of May,
With scarlet roses staining her fair feet,
My soul takes leave of me to sing all day
A love so fugitive and so complete.*

Claude McKay



Claude McKay was born in Jamaica on 15 September 1889. His elder brother, who had a small library of English novels, poems and scientific texts. At only 23, he published his first book of verse, *Songs of Jamaica*, in 1912. In that year he travelled to the USA to enrol in the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama before moving to study at Kansas State University. In 1934 McKay moved to New York where his early work helped establish the Harlem Renaissance, gaining the respect of young black writers. McKay died on May 22, 1948

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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