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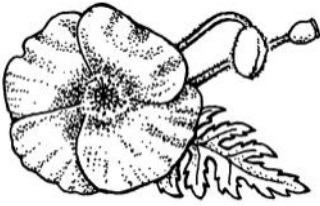
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# November 2017

## *The Wardens Write - On to the Interregnum and beyond!*

With the coming of November and the imminent arrival of winter, now is an appropriate time to reflect over the past year. Last October, all of us at St Mary's were surprised to hear that our chaplain Alja had decided to retire. Your wardens faced the coming year, 2017 with some trepidation. Why may some of you ask? Well, we were all right until we found we would have to manage the chaplaincy, find locums, look for a new chaplain and finally request our bishop to appoint a suitable candidate.

Locums were the priority. Otherwise, leading Morning Prayer services would fall to us. That is not entirely true as we have Simone Yallop at St Mary's Chapel. Not only is she a fount of knowledge on the Church of England, but she is also a Lay Reader in Training. Simone was willing and able to lead Morning Prayer, which she did, on the 1 January, the first service of 2017.

The Rev Andrew Haig from Kings Lyn, Norfolk, paid a return visit and gave us three beautiful, warm services in January. Our much loved former chaplain, the Rev Geoffrey Alan, and Simone alternated services throughout February. Also in February, the wardens and the treasurer met the new Arch Deacon for West Europe, the Venerable Dr. Paul Vrolijk over lunch in the Hut. Paul's visit was most welcome, chiefly because he listened to our aims for the chaplaincy and then helped us to look into ways for us to achieve them.

A suggestion we all liked was to look to our locums for the new chaplain. The proposal was that we see if any of the locums is interested in taking on a new appointment. We arrange for the priest to work as a locum for a couple of months. Enough time to allow both congregation and priest to get to know each other. Then if both sides agreed, an application could be made to the bishop to have the locum appointed as the chaplain. Having given the wardens and the treasurer much to think on, Paul kindly accepted an invitation to the Social Evening. There he met the congregation and appeared to enjoy himself as much as all who were there.

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# Twente News

## Forthcoming Dates

- 12 November - Remembrance Sunday
- 26 November - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey
- 09 December - Service of Nine Lesson and Carols, Sion Abbey
- 17 December - St Mary's Service on Nine Lessons and Carols plus Christmas Market

### Those amazing Children of Israel

In Sunday School one morning young Joseph raised his hand and proceeded to ask a question that had perplexed him for some time.

'There's something I can't figure out. According to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?'  
'Right,' said his teacher.

'And the Children of Israel beat up the Egyptians, right?' 'Er, right.'

'And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?'  
'Again you're right.'

'And the Children of Israel fought the Philistines and

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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. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy. 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. Thank you.

### Christmas Market

This year, the Christmas Market is to be held a week later on the 17 December . Please look for notices and lists on what you can do to make it the usual success.

### Brenda Pyle

In October, Brenda, one of the dwindling band of original members of the congregation, fell down the stairs in her house. She was seriously hurt and remains in hospital with life changing injuries. Remember her in your prayers.



### 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.

## All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

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All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,  
And made converse and walk with thee,  
And with thy saints here and above,  
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;  
The several vessels of thy fleet,  
Though parted now, by tempests tost,  
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And thou, my best and surest Friend,  
Who shall divide me from thy love?\*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

\*(Maurice Frost (ed.), *Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern* (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.

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then the Moabites and lots of other tribes, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?' 'All that is right, too,' agreed the teacher. 'So, what's your question, Joseph?' 'Well what were the grown-ups doing all that time?'

*A question:*

Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

**Hear, hear**

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. 'Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. And so far, I've changed my will three times!'

## Exam help<sup>5</sup>

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student stated that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then said, 'You can sign it with a clear conscience. God certainly did not assist you.'

## Hymns for people over 60...

Immortal,  
invisible....  
*I know my  
glasses are here  
somewhere.*

And did those  
feet .  
*ever manage to  
walk more than a  
mile?*

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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...*



*Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

### Did St Paul text the Thessalonians? Or What's App the Corinthians?

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

No, I do not think it would be a good idea for us to correspond by your wretched 'e-mail' in future – as I am sure you know I do not possess an email apparatus. At St. James the Least, we may well be poised to make the great leap forward into the next century, but when we do so, we shall leap forward into the nineteenth; it will be enough for future generations to give consideration to progression towards the twentieth. Beyond that does not bear speculation.

Pen and ink has been the medium of choice for generations of clergy, as they should be for you too. St. Paul, may I remind you, did not send a What's App to the Corinthians – and was even proud to mention that part of his letter was written by his own hand. And while I am on the subject, it would greatly please me if you stopped using ball-point pens; they may be suitable for tradesmen, but not for a Clerk in Holy Orders. Do get yourself a good fountain pen and some permanent blue-black ink. Beware of parishioners who write to you in green ink; it is a sure sign they are unbalanced.

Modern technology may well have a place in the

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commercial world, but it should not impinge on the life of the Church. Your photocopied monthly magazine admittedly looks rather grand, but it needs a smudged, cyclostyled edition to re-assure readers that this is a truly Anglican production. The sight of Miss Pemberton thumping out those stencils on her grandfather's typewriter, which he used during the Crimean campaign, running off the copies and emerging hours later liberally covered in black ink gives a re-assuring sense of continuity with the past. Seeing her days later at church, still stained with printers' ink, makes those parishioners who don't know the real reason, speculate on whether she is moonlighting as a chimney sweep.

When Jesus taught His disciples, did He have to wait until they could record Him on their Smartphone's? When He told them where they were to go, did they get out their electronic diaries to see if they had a 'window' that day? Or Google 'maps' to make sure He knew the quickest way there? When St. Paul wanted to check on the well-being of the Thessalonians, did he think of texting them? I rest my case.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

### **Ted's washcloth - a true story from Operation Christmas Child**

*Ever wonder what real difference a shoebox full of simple gifts can make to a deprived child? Here is Ted's story...*

'I was an orphan in the former Soviet Union when I received my shoebox. We had to share everything at the orphanage, including towels. When I got a washcloth in my box I thought it was my own personal towel! It was very special because it was my all just for me —something that I didn't have before. Another item was a notebook. It was awesome, because when I was moved to a different orphanage I could use it to write letters to my sisters.

God used the shoebox to plant a seed of hope in me. All I knew was that there was someone who had cared enough to send me the washcloth and notebook. Through the next couple of years that was the hope that I held on to, that there must be someone out there who could care about me.

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I danced in the morning .  
*but I couldn't do it now.*

Morning has broken, ...  
*but it wasn't me who dropped it this time.*

One more step along the world I go...  
*actually, that's probably all I can manage.*

### **Hospital Chart Bloomers**

*Don't be alarmed, but these are actual notes from hospital charts....*

~ The patient refused autopsy.

~ The patient has no previous history of suicides.

~ Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.

~ Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

~ On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it

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disappeared.

~ The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.

~ Discharge status: Alive but without permission.

~ She is numb from her toes down.

~ The skin was moist and dry.

~ Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.

~ Patient was alert and unresponsive.

~ I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

~ Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

### **Carried**

Two drunks were hoping to travel on the London Underground late at night when they reached the top of the

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Andrew was welcomed back in March, working with Simone to give us three Eucharist services and a Morning Prayer. This time he came with his wife Brigitte, who, with dry humour and fascinating stories proved to be a well-liked guest. We learned to appreciate Andrew's trick of departing from the pulpit after posing a question, which left us to find our answers.

Simone and Geoffrey covered the first half of April. Geoffrey led us in moving services on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Simone guided participants through a fantastic Seder Supper and on Good Friday, a melancholic, beautiful Stations of the Cross. The Sunday after Easter saw the return of yet another old friend, the Rev David Mumford from the Episcopal Church in Scotland. Ironically, his first service was on the 23 April, St Georges Day, the patron saint of England. Over a period of four weeks, David happily looked after the chaplaincies spiritual needs, both in the chapel and on pastoral visits.

On the 21 May, there was a new face on the altar with the arrival of Canon Richard Capper, formerly of Norwich Cathedral. A genial, gentle vicar, Richard and his charming wife Angela were quickly made welcome and settled in for the next four weeks. On the 21 May, Richard was also the first locum to officiate at the series of choral Evensong held in New Sion Abby in Diepenveen. With all his experience of working in cathedrals, Richard was a commanding presence.

By June, everyone in St Mary's Chapel appeared to be enjoying the interregnum with the variety of visiting locums. Already, the question was being asked, 'When are we getting a new chaplain'? Everyone though was more than happy to welcome yet another well-known face in the form of the Rev. Steve Collis accompanied by his wife, Kath.

The Rev Steve quickly established his unique style on the services. An uplifting sermon followed by a mass organized singsong at the end of the service. The point

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where Kath came in to her own, working around the Hut meeting as many people as possible and chatting away or intently listening while enjoying coffee. By the end of July, the congregation was sad to see them go. Again, the question, 'Can we have Steve as our chaplain'?

August was an exciting month with the return of the Norfolk locums. Rev Richard took the first two weeks before handing the pulpit over to the Rev Andrew. For the first time during the interregnum, there were two vicars on site at the same time. Up to now, Simone had led a service Morning Prayer between the locum's visits. Although Richard and Andrew had known each other for years, their wives had never met. Thus, there was one Sunday when both couples were at St Mary's Chapel together, getting to know each other. It was great being in the Hut sharing the experience with them.

The Castle Fair, as everyone at St Mary's Chapel knows is the highlight of the chaplaincies social life. It was also an opportunity to meet the Revd Canon Brian Rodford. The new locum arrived soon after the fair started and stayed to the end of the day. Throughout the day, Brian met as many people as possible, helping where he could. The next morning, the first Sunday of September Canon Rodford officiated and preached and proved to be pretty much an instant success.

By Canon Rodford's third Sunday, the question came repeatedly. 'Can we have him as our chaplain'? On that Sunday, Brian's partner Tony attended the service and over coffee in the Hut, he was warmly welcome. The following Sunday the chaplaincy celebrated a Dedication Service to mark the thirtieth anniversary of chaplaincy. Our Arch Deacon the Ven. Dr. Paul Vrolijk kindly agreed to come up for the weekend. On Saturday Paul met both Congregation and Council members to discuss the possibility of Brian becoming our chaplain. On Sunday, Brian officiated at the Eucharist service and Paul preached.

So can we have Brian as our next chaplain? Well, Brian would like to be our next chaplain. The Chaplaincy

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escalator and saw the sign which decrees: 'Dogs Must Be Carried'. "Botheration," one of them muttered in dismay. "Where on earth can we find two dogs at this time of night?"

### **Rude parrot**

A minister had been left a parrot in the Will of a member of his congregation, and soon regretted it: the bird was very rude to anyone in the congregation who dropped by the parsonage. Finally in exasperation the minister warned the parrot he would take drastic action if he did not behave. When the parrot reduced the next visitor to tears, the minister grabbed him and stuffed him into the fridge for five minutes while he apologised to the visitor, and saw her out.



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The best vitamin for making friends is B-1

**Shut**

The two best times to keep your mouth shut are when you're swimming and when you're angry.

**Thought for Food**

John Paton brought

Christianity to the people of the Pacific Islands.

He taught them about the love of God and faith.

Years later some communists arrived and told the people they had been listening to mere fables and lies. "There is no God."

You should thank the God that you do not believe in, the Chief

retorted. For if you had arrived before John

Paton, we would have eaten you!

- *From The Link, Seer Green Baptist Church*

## Archdeaconry Synod 2017, 5-7 October, Drongen, near Ghent, Belgium

The Archdeaconry Synod was held at the 'Oude Abdij' at Drongen near Ghent in Belgium. This time we participated in a 'quiet day' preceding synod. Therefore we had time to wander about in the grounds and on the premises and thus discovered a beautiful neogothic chapel on the first floor -almost hidden - built by one of the founders of neo-gothicism Jean-Baptiste Béthune (1821-1894). The chapel was built in 1878, commissioned by the Jesuit order, who then lived in the abbey. The discovery of the upstairs chapel and our visit to the abbey church of Saint Gerulfus next door - dating from the same period - greatly enhanced our stay.

The quiet day, attended only by a dozen or so people, was led by Archdeacon Paul Vrolijk. The theme was: *Psalms for the Journey*. In three sessions we went through the great issues in life as expressed in the Psalms. Leading was Psalm 139:23-24, *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Late in the afternoon on Thursday participants flocked in from all directions. There were more than 80 of us, a record. After supper, Bishop Robert Innes delivered his first address. He gave an impressive survey of his duties and actions over the past year and said that he had one of the most interesting jobs in the world! This statement was proved by a number of photographs taken by his wife Helen, who often accompanies him on his travels from Finland to Moscow, to Malta, to Turkey, Rome, etc etc.

Then Bishop Robert mentioned seven of today's most urgent issues: ecological threat, refugee/migration crisis, insecurity in the East, religion, and violence, economic injustice, nationalism/identity issues/Brexit and continuing secularisation. He pointed out that all issues are connected and that political and religious

leadership is particularly difficult at this moment. Economically things are not going well for many people; they are insecure, young people distrust institutions, nationalism rises, etc. Then he mentioned several initiatives that are taken to address these issues.

We closed the day with Compline. Between sessions, there were two Eucharist services, two services of Morning Prayer and two Compline services.

On Friday, we really started working! Under the heading *Building the Future of the Diocese* Bishop Robert explained to us the working of the strategy 'Walking Together in Faith – A strategy for the Diocese of Europe.' He started off optimistically with the remark that we do not have to change that much to adapt successfully. He said how 'we seek to build a common purpose throughout the diocese by:

- knowing ourselves as beloved children of God
- loving God and our neighbour and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
- generating a shared sense of direction in the power of the Holy Spirit
- providing a focus for all we do'.

We will work towards this by building up the Body of Christ and fostering growth, sharing with other churches and agencies in the evangelization of Europe, striving for the creation of a just society and a sustainable environment, working for reconciliation, and resourcing.

The next speaker was the Venerable Mark Ireland, Archdeacon of Blackburn in Lancashire. His subject was MAP (Mission Action Planning). With Mike Chew, a former director of Philips, he wrote the book 'Mission Action Planning' in 2009. He recently wrote a sequel called 'How to do Mission Action Planning, prayer process and practice.' In his first talk, he explained the *practical* side of MAP, and started with a quotation from the first book of Samuel [7:15 – 8:9]. Samuel is depicted as a hinge leader, someone who has to

## **Nervous Nun**

"People get nervous when they think they have to call me 'my Lord', said an Irish bishop.

"Especially the poor nuns. One was giving me a cup of coffee. As she pushed the sugar bowl towards me she said, 'How many lords, my lump?'"

*Kevin Buckley*

## **How Many?**

Several years ago the then Bishop of London reported to the General Synod that before attending a church function he had said he would bring his pastoral staff. "And how many seats will you want?" came the reply.

*Peterborough, Daily Telegraph*

## **Whales**

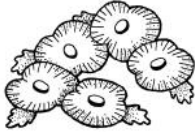
If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>5<sup>h</sup> November</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
<b>All Saints Day</b>		
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Arjan Haffmans Blair Charles Gospel	Revelations. 7.[9-17] 1 John 3. [1-3] Matthew 5. [1-12]

[Church money for sale in the Hut]

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
 <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>		
		Elizabeth vd Heijden
		Wisdom 6.[12-16]
		Victor Pirenne
<b>10:30 Eucharist</b>	Gospel	1 Thessalonians 4. [13-18] Matthew 25. [1-13]

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>		
		Elisa Hamman
		Zephaniah 1.[7,12-18]
		Heleen Rauwerda
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	1 Thessalonians 5. [1-11] Matthew 25. [14-30]

<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jan de Beij</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
	Joyce Wigboldus	Ezekiel 34. [11-16, 20-24]
	Patrick Saridjan	Ephesians 1. [15-23]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Matthew 25. [1-46]

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	Jeanet Luiten	Isaiah 64. [1-9]
	Linda ten Berge	1 Cor. 1.[3-9]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Mark 13. [24-37]

<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Lea Meijnen</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	Fred Schonewille	Isaiah 40. [1-11]
	Lea Meijnen	2 Peter 3. [8-15a]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Mark 1. [1-8]

## With All Saints Day in mind:

Who can imagine by a stretch of fancy the feelings of those who, having died in faith, wake up to enjoyment!

*Cardinal John Henry Newman*

Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time.

*Anon*

Death is but a physical incident in an immortal career.

*Anon*

He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave.

*Matthew Henry*

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

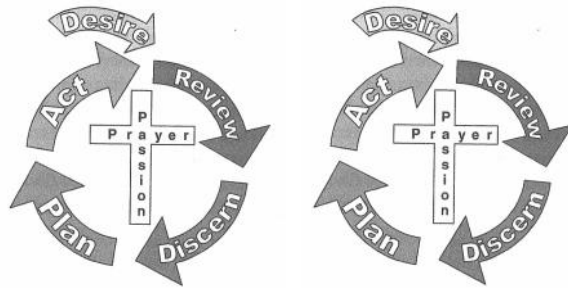
*Anon*

At a funeral we bury something not someone; it is the house not the tenant that is lowered into the grave.

*Verna Wright.*

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change the inherited models of his time to make progress possible. These people usually do not get the credit for their actions (Gorbachov, President de Klerk of South Africa!). Vision comes through attentive listening to God, to the community, and the church. Most important is the desire to change. He described a Mission Action Planning cycle starting with a willingness to change, then to review (where are we?), to discern (what are the choices?), to plan (what do we need for the journey?) and then to act (set out to celebrate). This cycle revolves around passion and prayer. Every little success is worth celebrating! It is wise to expect a 5-year cycle, with a review every year.

In Archdeacon Ireland's second talk he highlighted the *theology* behind Mission Action planning. The adage 'do the important things and do them well' is vital. He referred to John 15:1-8 (Jesus the true vine). We need to prune back on activities that are unnecessary and repetitive. Churches that do several MAPs become more outward-looking over time. Doing theology is an action/reflection process. Again there is a learning circle, starting with learning, then action, experience and finally theological reflection. We see this also, for example in Matthew and Paul, reflecting on the Old Testament scriptures in the light of their knowledge of Christ.

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To quote the theologian Urban Holmes (1930-1981): 'we can debate the trivial points, but the vision is largely clear, to love God and to relieve the burden of all who suffer. The rest is a question of tactics.' He concluded with the text of 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.

Then followed a workshop about active mission planning, in which all sorts of practical ways of mission action planning were suggested and discussed. At the same time, there was a workshop on Safeguarding attended by those involved in the issue. Simone and Jan attended for St. Mary's.

At the end of Friday afternoon there were elections for two chairs to the House of Clergy and the House of Laity on the archdeaconry level, and AGMs for the Anglican Council for Belgium and the Netherlands respectively. Our former Chaplain Sam van Leer is Area Dean and Chairman of the Anglican Council for the Netherlands. Synod is also an excellent opportunity, both to speak to so many different people, and as a great occasion for socializing. Which we did, meeting old friends and making new ones.

On Saturday morning there was a business meeting and a session with reports from the Archdeaconry. This item is always fascinating as you get to know what is going on elsewhere. We heard reports about the project in Luweero, Uganda. About prison ministry in Belgium. About the centenary of the First World War and all it entails from the Chaplain in Ieper. About a new church plant in Kortrijk. About the organizing of 'Dare to Share' in the Hague on March 11 this year and about the progress of translating liturgy for church services into Dutch from the Mission Working Party. About the ministry in the red-light district in Amsterdam; about youth work in the archdeaconry from the Youth Ministry Network in Northwest Europe and the Diocese, and more. On Saturday afternoon, we left Drongen contented. Over the past few days we had shared a common goal and friendship, and at the same time, we had absorbed much information that

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We are not here to stay; we are here to go!

*John Blanchard*

I am walking toward a bright light and the nearer I get the brighter it is.

*D L Moody*

We feel and know that we are immortal.

*Spinoza*

War is kinder than a godless peace.

*G A Studdert-Kennedy*

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

*Psalms 116.15*

God deliver us from sullen saints.

*St Teresa of Avila*

**Some miscellaneous observations on life....**

Monday morning: when we look back wistfully on the good old days – Saturday and Sunday.

*Anon*

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When he took the parrot out five minutes later, the bird was transformed. 'I am just so sorry. I was completely out of order. I promise I will never be rude to anyone again.' The minister was happily astonished, and put the bird back into his cage. He was about to go back to work when the parrot coughed politely and ventured: "Mind if I ask something? When I was in the fridge just now, I wondered: what had that chicken done?"

### **Keeping away from nicotine**

An elderly minister read about experiments showing that tar and nicotine causes cancer in mice.

Deeply moved, he went down to his study at once, and moved all of his pipe tobacco

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we could share with the congregation back home.

Further details on all the subjects discussed are available from us on request.

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### **Hut Refurbishment Project 2017**

For quite some time voices were heard that it would be about time to give our "Hut" a makeover. Jeanet reacted to this by suggesting to the council a proposal to "facelift" the interior, amongst other things, with a paint job, a new kitchen sink, and carpet. The others enthusiastically met her proposal. Now the owner of the "Hut" had to be convinced that this would be great for both our congregation and the Weldam estate. She gave the proposal a very positive reaction and agreed on the budget in the council. The search for the optimum price/quality items started.

A large bucket of greenish paint, identified as "Harmony" (entirely symbolic) was selected. After an extensive search, a carpet was found suitable to blend in coffee stains and mud. Remarkably, it turned out to be pretty much the same colour as the old carpet.

People were recruited to help with decorating and the time to start the operation was agreed on. A plan of action was made to be able to use the 'Hut' during the refurbishment actions, meaning all the Chapel's library books had to be packed up and temporarily stored in the Chapel. All the items stored in the cabinet, cupboards and storage benches, except for those used for after service fellowship, the all-important coffee, and tea supplies, had to be removed. Cor did offer his residence as a temporary storage facility and took care of the removal operation.

Also, some of the redundant and excess ancient furniture, which needed replacement, was earmarked for transferral to the local tip, was banned to the rear face of the 'Hut.' Heleen still saw some potential in several of these items in her enterprise in Poland. Then, with

## The Reformation and what happened after.

In England, 'The Reformation' created an acceptance shock wave to church dogmas and traditions as the people became more critical. The fact that Coverdale translated the Bible into the English language caused an enormous increase in search of composers for texts to the "anthems."

The Book of Common Prayer (1549) says: "There was never anything by the wit of man so well devised, or so sure established, which in the continuance of time hath not been corrupted."

So the compilers of this book turned back to the first principles of their faith. Moreover, in England, the spirit of the reformation awoke. However, the form of the church service and the church music were only loosely connected.

To begin with, Latin was replaced by the vernacular language. English madrigals and English polyphonic church music got an identity. The translation from Latin to English caused much puzzlement, but after some experiments, the Prayer Book came out in a sung version.

When we name Ambrosius, Gregorius, Luther, and Calvin regarding their influence on church music, we should also remember Cranmer. He was a man with a profound knowledge of music. He suggested to King Henry VIII, *'for every syllable a note, so that it may be sung distinctly and devoutly*. With his opinion about *'simplicity, distinctness and dignity'*, he most certainly spoke in the name of the highly gifted composers of his time. However, was he talking more about the part-song composers or the unison songs composers?

During the Puritan period, the Book of Common Prayer was forbidden and a Directory, a guide, was obligated. In this, you could see how to hold a 'meeting.' Choir music was the music of the devil just as was any music,

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to the top shelf, where the mice could not reach it.

### OK to Pray

Poster in a public school in South Pasadena, California: "In the event of atomic attack, the rule prohibiting prayer in school will be temporarily suspended."

### God bless

The actress Thora Hird told this story on a BBC1 programme 'Praise Be' about a little girl saying her prayers: "God bless Mummy, God bless Daddy, God bless my brother Tommy, God bless Granny – and God look after yourself, 'cos if anything happens to you, we've had it!"

### Sin

A very earnest member of the local church was praising the obvious spiritual gifts of the new vicar, adding,

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"We never knew anything about sin until he came."

### **Ever consider the fact that ....**

A chicken crossing a road in really poultry in motion.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

Some people are living way beyond their seams?

Putting on weight is the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

The best medicine for rheumatism is being thankful it isn't gout.

### **Love**

If you love freedom, you must hate slavery; if you love your people, you cannot but hate the enemies that compass their destruction; if you love your country, you cannot but hate those who seek to annexe it.  
*Menachem Begin, on signing the*

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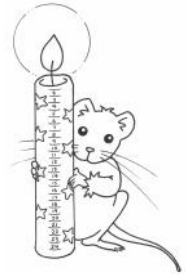
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except the psalms. Organs were silenced or demolished, choir libraries destroyed. When Charles II became king, the Book of Common Prayer returned in full glory, and church music blossomed into new growth.

However, there was one handicap, few people could read, and therefore they were not able to familiarize themselves with the mass and the hymns. Consequently, in the country parishes, the growth was slower. Due to the influence of Calvinistic refugees, the Reformation in England, especially in London, did have a chance to penetrate as far as the confession, contrary to the Roman Catholic liturgy. The Calvinistic influence was, however, most active in Scotland.

In the ages following, there were divisions between High Church (Anglicans) and Low Church (Puritans, Presbyterians, and Congregationists). But more about that next month.

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everything cleared from the 'Hut'; painting could start.

About eight members of our congregation, augmented by our locum Brian, were cleaning, pulling nails and pins from the walls, gap filling, and painting. After a few hours, the walls did start to look some sort of "harmonized." The next day, however, it turned out another coating would be necessary to get the real Harmony finalized.

Next, the grid on the floor had to be modified. Henk, the estate's carpenter, advised filling the cavity with concrete for a robust solution. He supplied the concrete and I moved some buckets of gravel from the Chapel footpath to the 'Hut.' Blair offered his full weight and large feet to act as 'duty whacker' to get a rock-solid foundation on which to pour the concrete. After some days, I was pleasantly surprised by the smooth surface.

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Council would like Brian to be the next chaplain. Over several weeks, Council members surveyed the congregation, person by person, coming away satisfied that a substantial majority wanted Brian appointed as the new chaplain. Therefore, the next question has to be, 'How do we achieve this?'

Working together, as usual, the wardens prepared an application and submitted it to our Archdeacon. Paul, in turn, will discuss our application with Bishop Robert. Canon Rodford is then invited to Brussels to meet the Bishop. Having met our candidate, read our report and met Brian, Bishop Robert then has to decide whether Canon Rodford becomes the next Chaplain of St Mary's Weldam. If the Bishop approves Brian's appointment, then the licensing of the new chaplain would probably take place early next year.

*Blair Charles and Jeanet Luiten*

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My sister Tanya had heard about a God who loved her when she received her shoebox gift. So she was praying, "God, if you're real, give me and my siblings a family."

One day I received a letter from her that said, "We might be getting adopted into an American family." I again thought, there really has to be someone who cares for me. It could only be someone like a God. All these little things were pointing to this amazing, loving God and yet at this point I had little comprehension of who He was. I hadn't heard about Jesus.

When I was 13, we were adopted. After I'd learned a little bit of English, my dad told me that God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins and that it was a free gift. I immediately remembered my Operation Christmas Child gift and thought, Wow, that makes sense. Someone who didn't know me gave me a gift, and in the same way before we ever knew God, He loved us enough to give us this gift.

At that moment, I realized that the hope I was feeling had been given from God. God ordained that shoebox for me. It opened my heart to Jesus, who changed my life forever.

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*Egyptian-Israeli  
Treaty of 1979.*

### **Driven**

I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

*- Abraham  
Lincoln*

### **Helicopter**

Sometimes people think of church as being like a giant helicopter. They don't want to get too close in case they get sucked into the rotas. -  
*Milton Jones*

### **Reminder**

The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, never its tool.

*- Martin Luther  
King Jr.*

## **No handicap**<sup>19</sup>

Genius knows no handicap through physical ills.

Lord Byron had a club foot

Robert Louis Stevenson and John Keats had tuberculosis.

Alexander Pope was a hunchback.

Admiral Nelson had only one eye.

Edgar Allan Poe was a

psychoneurotic.

Charles Darwin was an invalid.

Julius Caesar was an epileptic.

Thomas Edison and Ludwig von Beethoven were deaf,

Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg.

Handicaps build strength and purpose – and accomplishment.

## **Wear**

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

## **Hardening**

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.

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Then, on Monday after lunch, a carpet company from Enschede swooped in to fit the 'coffee and mud' resistant carpet. After about two hours of measuring, cutting, gluing and rolling, they finished, and we could start bringing in the furniture again. Cor had returned with most of the things he had stored at home. Another two hours and most of the things were back at the intended locations.

In the top part of the 'Hut' new overhead kitchen cupboards were fitted. Also, installed were a new kitchen sink and a U-shaped worktop. New LED lights were installed to facilitate washing up. Charlotte Solms did offer a replacement for the ancient fridge, and the old white storage cupboard was modified to fit underneath the worktop.

The next day, once again, Cor was present and transported all the boxes containing the library books back from the Chapel. With the bookcases refitted to the rear wall of the 'Hut,' and the books could be re-shelved. Vivian and Jeanet went shopping for some new cushions and pillowcases for the benches. Meanwhile, where the mice and frogs once entered the 'Hut' without ducking, a solid threshold was now installed.

Then for some days Jeanet and I spent some time in the 'Hut' to finalize the 'nitty gritty' forgotten things. After finishing, it felt a bit funny not having to go to the 'Hut,' but spent our time doing other things.

Finally, I would like to mention that, although Jeanet and I spent considerable time in the 'Hut' as an interior designer and "Lub, the Builder," a number of congregation members did contribute to making this project a great success. I hope that we all will be able to enjoy the face-lift of our "fellowship" building for a long time.

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## St HUGH of LINCOLN 17<sup>th</sup> November

In the Middle Ages, bishops were very important people. They were not only men of the church but also involved in running the country. They lived in great palaces and did not have much to do with ordinary people.

Bishop Hugh of Lincoln was different. He became known and loved for his charity to the poor; he cared for lepers and even risked his own life to prevent the killing of Jewish people during riots.

The Bishop rebuilt Lincoln Cathedral after it was destroyed by a great earthquake in 1185, but to him people were always more important than all the carved stones.

If you go to Lincoln, look out for the pictures of swans because



St. Hugh is usually shown with a swan. He had a pet swan which guarded him while he was asleep.

## BIBLE Hs

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter H. Which 'H'...

1. Was a son of Noah? (Genesis, chapter 5)
2. Was David's first capital? (2 Samuel, chapter 2)
3. Was Herod's wife? (Matthew, chapter 14)
4. Did Goliath have that was made of bronze? (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
5. Was the King of Tyre who sent cedar wood for the Temple? (1 Kings, chapter 5)
6. Was hung on the willows by the rivers of Babylon? (Psalm 137)
7. Jesus said the birds have nests and foxes have these (Luke, chapter 9)
8. What are pleasant words like? (Proverbs, chapter 16)



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### Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I like sitting in the corner collecting dust.

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**Answers:** 1. Ham 2. Hebron  
3. Herodias 4. helmet 5. Hiram  
6. harps 7. holes 8. honeycomb

## A Poem For Remembrance Day

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love,  
For the men who marched away.

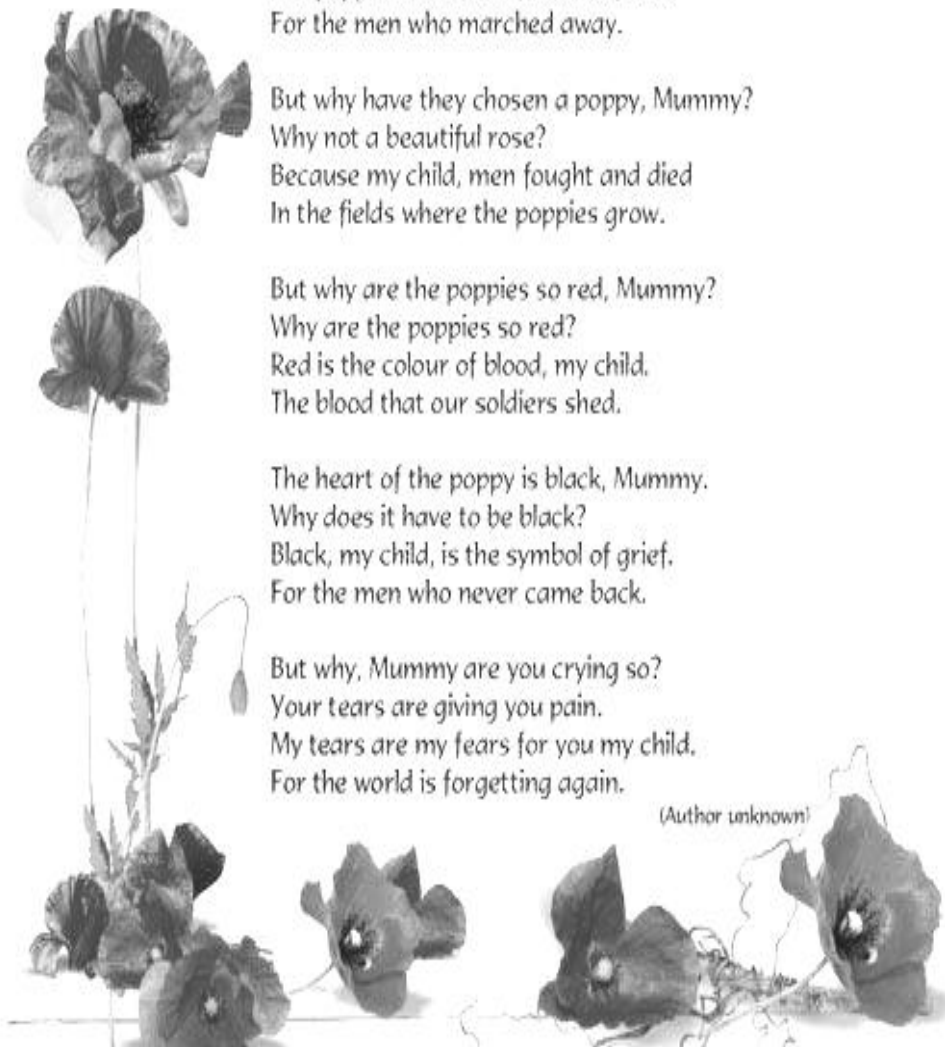
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died  
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.  
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my child.  
For the world is forgetting again.

(Author unknown)



## 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.*

