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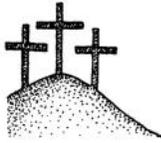
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Dear Friends,

As I write my monthly letter, I have been preparing the liturgical particulars,



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with Simone, the wardens and Louw, of our celebration of the Triduum, or Pascal Triduum. This is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) and ends with the Great Vigil and Eucharist of Easter Day. In this, we recall the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, as portrayed in the Gospels included in our Bible, central to the expression of our faith. By the time you read it, we will have been in church in person or in spirit sharing the joy of Easter Day.

I give thanks for the opportunities presented in such as this liturgical experience to share at this time. Here we can begin to discover a widening of our understanding, released from a subliminal need to be overly defining of our faith. To be too fussily constrained by the strictures of our creedal statements, I believe, might make us somewhat impervious to the exciting possibilities of spiritual recognition, apprehension, growth, satisfaction and contentment. What I am suggesting is that authentic language of faith is at its most vigorous within the context of real and deep experiences of communal worship. Liturgical language of worship, can, with its words, music, ceremonial and symbolism, drama, passivity and activity, where we apprehend true poetry, with all its mood and rhythm, community and personal reflection be filled with truly inspiring possibilities. We will find multiplicity of meaning and creative imagination in our sacramental and pilgrim adventure through life. Where words in worship, are carelessly or over used they can become cheapened by systematized rigour.

Liturgy of worship at its best fulfils a poetic vocation, vigilant of its words, and how they are put together, and crafted, within its dramatic and devotional context. It awakens, animates and inspires through verbal output no more than by necessary silence and reflection, music, symbol and ceremony. As James Cowan wrote in 'A Mapmaker's Dream', "The sound of St. Mark's bells pealing across the water at dusk is less a sound of clappers against brass ... it is the echo of an invitation being extended to all of us to participate in something deeply imagined". I am, too, reminded of the words of the surrealist poet Paul Eluard, towards whose poetry I am generally indifferent, but whose particular sentiment I here appreciate, "There is another world but it is in this one". Christ's invitation, truly discovered in worship, is to experience the fullness of our being fully alive, at best in the possibility of community and communion.

Love
Fr. B



What would Jesus do?

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookshop, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for "What would Jesus do?" and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions. The man pondered a moment, then said, "I don't think He'd pay £9.99 for that hat."

Cure

A Sunday School teacher asked her pupils 'Does anyone know any of the miracles that Jesus

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Flower guild annual booksale.

A big thank you goes to Theda and Lub who organized a great book sale on March 11 and 18. Many good books were brought in from all our members and many bought as well. We managed to add €130 to the Flower Guild funds. The leftover books are in good hands with Erica, who has made sure they too found a new home where they are appreciated, .

Our next fundraiser is already in approaching.

Ascension day May 10: The traditional Bring and Buy Plant Sale

The plant sale will be organized with the help of Diane. Please keep this in mind, whilst you are admiring the new plantgrowth in your garden, to plant up some new shoots for this sale. There will be some surprises from the botanical garden in Münster, so make sure there is plenty of space left in your garden or planter for new additions. Looking forward to admiring all the beauty of creation.



Please note that the 'Traditional' Bring and Share Picnic will also be held after the Ascension Day Service. More details will appear on the noticeboard and in the next magazine. Bring your food, bring your family, bring your dog and we can celebrate this important date together.

Forthcoming Dates

- 15 April - Annual General Meeting
- 10 May - Ascension Day (Picnic)
- 20 May - Pentecost
- 15, 22, 29 July - Summer Teas
- 5, 12 August - Summer Teas
- 15 September - Castle Fair
- 4 - 6 October - Archdeaconry Synod
- 14 October - Harvest Festival
- 11 November - Remembrance Service (100 years)
- 16 December - Nine Lessons and Carols
- 24 December - Eucharist of Christmas Midnight



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Choral Evensong Program



There is a program of Choral Evensong planned for the first half of 2018. The congregations support of this outreach initiative is vital for it to be a success. The dates and venues are as follows:

22 April	New Sion Abbey, Diepenveen
27 May	St Mary's Chapel, Weldam
24 June	New Sion Abbey, Diepenveen
15 July	St Mary's Chapel, Weldam

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. For those of you who receive the magazine by post, a contribution of €20 will cover postage costs. 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.



Intercessions

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

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

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performed?' One youngster put his hand up and said 'Yes, He cured people who had leopards.'

Sidesperson

Sidesperson to newcomer at church door: Good morning. How far down do you wish to sit?' Baffled newcomer: 'Well, all the way, of course.'

Family pride

It was a posh parish. Over drinks in the church hall, the church warden informed the visiting archdeacon: 'My family can trace its ancestry back to William the Conqueror.'

'Well,' ventured the archdeacon with a smile, 'my ancestors were in the Ark with Noah.'

'Well, mine weren't,' came the quick reply. 'My people had a boat of their own.'

The Healing Pet

A fundamentalist Christian couple felt it important to own an equally fundamentally Christian pet.

So, they went shopping. At a kennel specializing in this particular breed, they found a dog they liked quite a lot.

When they asked the dog to fetch the Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up Psalm 23, he complied equally fast, using his paws with dexterity.

They were impressed, purchased the animal, and went home (piously, of course). That night they had friends over. They were so proud of their new fundamentalist dog and his major skills, they called the dog and

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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'...

When guitars meet Matins

My dear Nephew Darren

It was kind of you to send your music group to us last Sunday morning while our choir had a Sunday off for its celebratory lunch. Miss Timmins' ninety-fourth birthday brought the combined choir's age to 1,000; which is quite a distinction for twelve people. Clearly, a Sunday commitment to 'Hymns Ancient & Modern', consumption of industrial quantities of peppermints and pleasant naps during sermons has a positive effect on longevity.

I had rather looked forward to hearing some Bach motets from your group, but now have learned that guitars, drums and choral Matins is not a marriage made in heaven. All your group lacked was a drum majorette leading the procession up the aisle.

It was quite obvious the music was going to be a little different when I arrived to see that the lectern, Lady Tadcaster's flower arrangement and the verger had all disappeared behind an amplifier. The only person not disconcerted by this was the verger, who realised it presented an excellent opportunity to do the crossword unobserved during Divine Worship.

Your display of the hymns on a screen was well



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intended, but did the screen *have* to be in front of the pulpit? I had to balance on several kneelers to be seen over it, and throughout the sermon could only think of how to look dignified should the whole pile collapse mid-sentence. The lack of hymn books also terrified the congregation – they had nothing to hold, and so resorted to clutching Kleenex or the pew in front of them.

But the worst moment was when the group gave its 'solo number'. (Couldn't it have been called an 'anthem'?) Half way through, dear Mrs Ffitch, who has always been somewhat excitable, felt called to do a spontaneous religious dance down the aisle. The congregation froze in horror. We all avoided catching her eye after the Service, but *what* do we say when we see her in the village tomorrow morning? Best to simply stay indoors for a few days.

Perhaps your music group could visit us again for our choir's 2000th anniversary – which I suspect it will consist of the same people, as they are all tenacious of note, opinion and age.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Puppy love

Want to make a hit with a puppy? Use baby talk. In recent tests, using a gentle, more highly pitched and gentle 'sweetie pie' voice was found to be very attractive to puppies. Researchers from the University of Lyon and St Etienne discovered that puppies took it as 'an invitation to play', and responded more warmly than they did to normal adult voices. Older dogs, on the other hand, were not so impressed with baby talk.



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showed off a little. The friends were impressed, and asked whether the dog was able to do any of the usual dog tricks, as well. This stopped the couple cold, as they hadn't thought about 'normal' tricks.

"Well," they said, "let's try this out."

Once more they called out to the dog, and then clearly pronounced the command, "Heel!"

Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on the man's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration, and bowed his head.

Don't delay

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today, because by that time there will be a tax on it.



The Good Samaritan

A Salvation Army man is selling his papers in a bar when he looks over and notices a drunk guy passed out at a table nearby. The bartender tells him the drunk is Mr. Murphy, and asks the man if he could drive Mr. Murphy home.

Being a good Samaritan, the Salvationist agrees, so the bartender writes down the address and gives it to him.

The Salvationist walks over and tries to wake Mr. Murphy, but Mr. Murphy is groggy and quite drunk. The Salvationist helps Mr. Murphy to his feet, but Mr. Murphy falls to the floor in a crashing heap.

"Goodness me," the Salvationist says, wondering how anyone could drink so much. He takes Murphy by

The 2018 Lent Course

After the Lent Course this concluded this year, two thirds of the staff of the magazine reached for their keyboards to record their view on this wonderful course. They are as follows:

Thoughts on the Lent Course - Blair Charles

The Lent Course this year was led by our new chaplain, Canon Brian Rodford using a Lent Course prepared in 2017 by the Diocese of St Albans, in Hertfordshire, England. Designed to run over the five Saturdays of Lent, the relationship between Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage was explored. Brian opened each session with the special prayer that was on the front page of each of the course books.

Thereafter his role was that of the good shepherd. The conversation, like a flock of sheep, was allowed to roam around the topic of the day until Brian, with deft vocal nudges would get us all back on the track when we strayed too far. Given the diversity in backgrounds of those participating, the experiences, anecdotes, recollections, opinions aired were fascinating. In fact, so fascinating was the discussion that it was only the call of nature rather than the call for coffee that interrupted the flow, of happy chatter. In the process, we all learnt an awful lot about what being a Christian meant to each of us. We learnt that generosity is not just about donating money. It is about being generous with our time and talents. We found out that our faith is one of celebration and joy and even in our darkest hours, one can find joy in companionship, compassion and faith. In the following weeks, we discovered that we need to have the imagination to see beyond our prejudices and fears and finally, we need to have the courage to overcome our fears.

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The course started each Saturday morning at 10:00 and two hours later Brian closed with The Grace as we sat, hands joined, amazed that two hours had passed. There was no rush to leave as we hobbled out on stiff limbs, (Having sat spellbound for two hours) mightily refreshed after our weekly faith lift.

About the Lenten Course of 2018 - Erica Schotman Bonting

Every year during Lent, I try to keep my Saturday mornings free to follow the Lenten course.

To me, every time it is a surprise as to how much I enjoy being with others, hearing and speaking about all kinds of aspects of the Christian faith, as we do in the Lenten course. This year we talked about Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage; how do these qualities reflect on Christian Scripture and tradition? How do they work in our own lives and how can they inspire us? We talked about these subjects with interest and curiosity.

Coming home from one session, at which we had discussed Joy, I was going through a pile of material I have collected to get ideas and stories for our magazine. To my great surprise, I found the following lines that precisely encapsulated the main conclusion of our session.

Sometime people feel that they have a right to be happy in this world. A Christian, while not necessarily happy, will work toward blessedness. In the Sermon on the Mount, those blessed ones were full of joy but not necessarily happy. Blessedness is a religious conception and joyfulness is our response to God. Strictly speaking, in our human relationships we may be 'happy' but not joyful. If we are hungry because we have given our food to someone less fortunate, we are not happy but we may be blessed and joyful. This was written by a parish priest in the summer of 1971.

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the arm and practically drags him out to the car.

Once there, he leans him against the side of his car while he looks for his keys. Mr. Murphy slides down to the ground again. The Salvationist finds his keys and manages to get Murphy positioned in the car.

He then drives to the address the bartender gave him. He opens the passenger door and helps Mr. Murphy out and the guy falls to the ground again!

Finding his patience tested, now, the Salvationist helps him to his feet and practically drags him to the front door. He lets go of Mr. Murphy to knock on the door and the guy falls down once again.

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Fortcoming Services

8th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Easter 2	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Jeanet Luitens
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Arthur Cass	Exodus [14. 10-end 15. 20-21]
	Maureen Underwood	Acts [4. 32-35]
	Gospel	John [20.19-end]

Fortcoming Services

15th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Easter 3	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
(followed by AGM)	Elizabeth v. d. Heijden	Zephaniah [3. 14-end]
	Charlotte Solms?	Acts [3. 12-19]
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Luke [24. 36b-48]

Fortcoming Services

22nd April	Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Easter 4	Intercessor	Lea Mijnen
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Philippa te West	Genesis [7.1-5, 11-18, 8.6-18, 9. 8-13]
	Charlotte Solms	Acts [4. 5-12]
	Gospel	John [10. 11-18]

29th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Easter 5	Intercessor	Jan de Beij
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Joyce Wigboldus	Genesis [21. 1-18]
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Patrick Saridjan	Acts [8.26-end]
	Gospel	John [15. 1-8]

6th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Easter 6	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
	Arthur Cass	Isaiah [55 1-11]
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Linda ten Berge	Acts [10. 44-end]
	Gospel	John [15. 9-17]

10th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Ascension Day	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
	Elizabeth v.d. Heijden	Acts [11.1-11]
10:30 Easter Eucharist	Heleen Rauwerda	Ephesians [1-15]
	Gospel	Luke [24. 44-end]

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He helps him to his feet just as Mrs. Murphy answers the door.

"Hi, Mrs. Murphy, Your husband had a little too much to drink tonight so I gave him a ride home."

"That was nice of you," she says, looking around... "But where's his wheelchair?"

Phone Call

In the days before WW 2, phone calls cost two pence.

'Can you lend me two pence to ring a friend?' a widely disliked MP once asked Winston Churchill. The great man scoured his pockets. 'Here's four pence,' he said. 'Ring them all.'

Star-gazing

I can see how astronomers figure out the distance to the stars, and their individual size and composition and temperatures and all that. What

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Dutch bells in the York Minster

Some weeks ago, Flip Wegenwijs and his son Marco were making a mini-cruise to York. They had a very rough ride crossing the North Sea on the three worst days of this winter with storms and snow. Of course, they decided to visit the York Minster. This



is always a real event: this beautiful very big church in the middle of a town centre surrounded with the originally walls, giving you the feeling still to

be in the middle ages.

During their visit to the cathedral, Flip and Marco heard from a guide that there are two bells hanging

in the North Hall called the Dutch bells. This is because the English army captured the bells following the defeat of Napoleon.



A nice woman was so kind to write the following for Flip on a piece of paper:

"The bells situated in the North Quire Aisle are rung three times before a service to signal the start.

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They are rung once before a Eucharist." She also wrote that the ringing of the bells is electrically controlled.

Flip tried to find more information about the bells in the library but found nothing. If you can tell Flip Wegenwijs more about the Dutch bells, please be so kind to let him know



Flip and Marco were also able to visit the beautiful Viking

Museum as well as the Railway Museum, which was surely worth another visit. For, despite the bad weather, the cruise with P&O Ferries was tiptop with delicious food.

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How passion flowers got their name

Why is the passion flower known as the passion flower? This beautiful climbing plant that grows in many of our gardens is not native to the UK, but comes from South America. It was first discovered Spanish missionaries working there, centuries ago. Drawings were sent back to Europe, and in 1609 an Italian priest interpreted the flower to represent the crucifixion, otherwise known as the Passion.

He decided that the five petals and five sepals could represent the ten disciples who remained steadfast (Judas and Peter both abandoned Jesus). The corona could be seen as Jesus' crown of thorns. The stigma could be seen as the cross or nails, and the five stamens could be seen as the number of wounds Jesus received.

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really gets me is how they find out what their names are!

Moses

Technically, Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading data from the cloud

What is a smile?

It's when you laugh in a whisper.

Some one-liners

Behind every successful man is a surprised mother-in-law.

My mouth doesn't seem to have a backspace key.

Descriptions

Dust: mud with the juice squeezed out.

Inflation: cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Raisin: grape with a sunburn.

Mosquito: an insect that makes you like flies better.

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Beauty salon: where women curl up and dye.

Cannibal: one who is fed up with people.

Committee: a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Nun

What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin' Catholic.

Dressing:

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

Notices outside a church:

Worn out? Come in for a Service!

This church is not just four weddings and a funeral.

With weddings in mind

"If we did become engaged would you give me a ring?" she said.

"Yes, of course!" he replied. "What is your number?"

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Young Achievers

YOU CAN CROSS THE RIVER – HAVE A VISION!

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26 February 2018

Dear Netherland Anglican Church

On behalf of the Young Achievers Empowerment Project. We would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your financial support makes it possible for us to carry out our daily projects and activities.

With your faithful financial contribution over the years as well as the recent donation, it is shown that you have demonstrated your deep commitment to our organization to be able to empower young people in Namibia. The funds would be used for our Center and other activities such as public lectures, educational tour and our annual conference with all our branches from around the country. We can guarantee you that your funds won't go to waste and they will make a huge difference in the lives of these young people.

Your generous support makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a great place to live. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely
Young Achievers

Catch of a lifetime

He was eleven years old and he went fishing every chance he got from the dock of his family's cabin on an island in the middle of a New Hampshire lake. On the day before bass season opened, he and his father were fishing early in the evening, catching sunfish and perch worms. Then he tied a small silver lure and practiced casting. The lure struck the water and caused coloured ripples in the sunset, and then silver ripples as the moon rose over the lake.

When his pole doubled over, he knew something huge was on the other end. His father watched with admiration as the boy skilfully worked the fish alongside the dock. Finally, he very gingerly lifted the exhausted fish from the water. It was the largest one he had ever seen, but it was a bass. The boy and his father looked at the handsome fish, gills playing back and forth in the moonlight. The father lit a match and looked at his watch. He looked at the fish, and then at the boy.

"You'll have to put it back, son," he said.

"Dad!" cried the boy. "There will be other fish," said his father. "Not as big as this one," cried the boy. He looked around the lake. No other fisherman or boats were around in the moonlight. He looked again at his father. Even though no one had seen them, nor could anyone ever know what time he caught the fish, the boy could tell by the clarity in his father's voice that the decision was not negotiable. He slowly worked the hook out of the lip of the huge bass and lowered it into the black water. The creature swished its powerful body and disappeared. The boy suspected that he would never again see such a great fish.

That was 34 years ago. Today the boy is a successful architect in New York City. His father's cabin is still there on the island in the middle of the lake. He takes his own son and daughters fishing from the same dock. And he was right.

He has never seen such a magnificent fish as the one he

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Mother-in-law

Young man asked to describe his mother-in-law:

"Generally speaking, she's generally speaking."

Weight

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work.

"Put you weight on it," said the vicar.

So the groom complied: 'John Smith (74 Kgs)'

Grace

The graduation banquet was about to begin when the master of ceremonies was informed that the invited clergyman would not be able to attend.

He quickly asked the main speaker to give the blessing.

The speaker nodded, rose, bowed his head and in all sincerity, said: "There being no clergyman present, let us thank God."

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Quick

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

Mouth

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Amish Humour

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

"Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step on exhaust."

Sacred Art?

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

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landed that night long ago. But he does see that same fish – again and again – every time he comes up against a question of ethics.

For, as his father had taught him, ethics are simple matters of right and wrong. It is only the practice of ethics that is difficult. Do we do right when no one is looking? Do we refuse to cut corners to get the design in on time? Or refuse to trade stocks based on information that we know we aren't supposed to have? We would if we were taught to put the fish back when we were young. For we would have learned the truth, that the decision to do the right thing lives fresh and fragrant in our memory. It is a story we will proudly tell our friends and grandchildren. Not about how we had a chance to beat the system and took it, but about how we did the right thing and were forever strengthened.

The Rev. Guido Verveck (2008)

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting

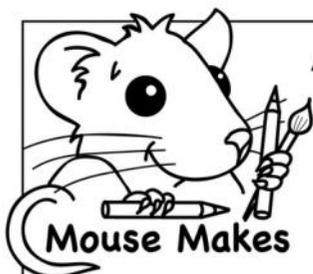


Tweet, tweet

A good dose of birdsong can cheer you up, boosting your mental well-being for more than four hours, a study has found. Seeing trees and the sky is also a help.

In a recent study, King's College researchers found that even short exposures to nature are hugely beneficial, especially 'to those individuals who are at risk of poor mental health.'

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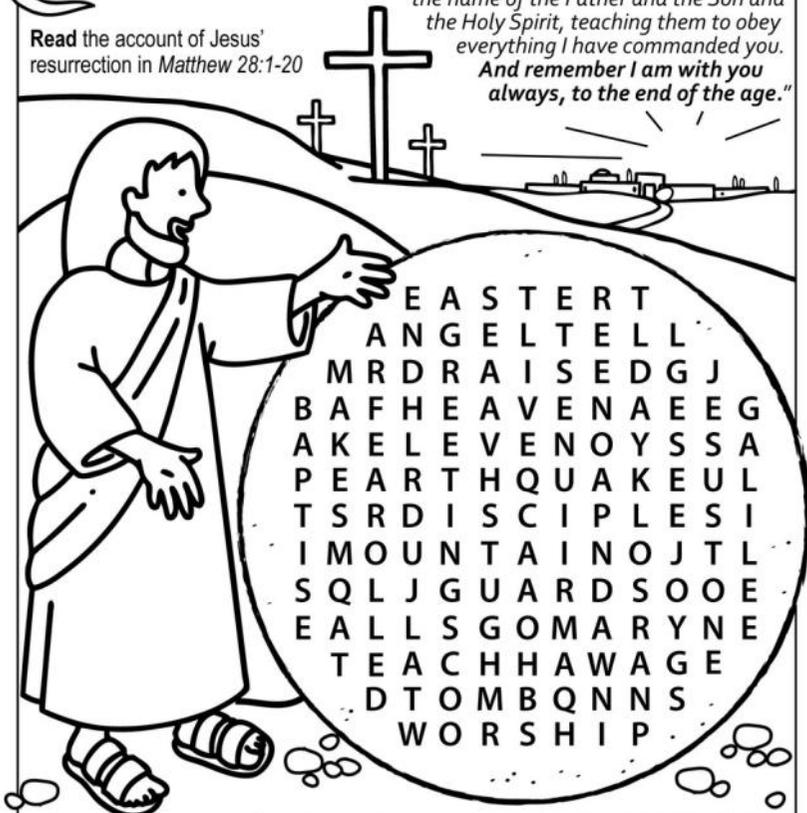


JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*



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Can you find these words from the story in the word search above? **EASTER • DAWN DAY • MARY • TOMB • EARTHQUAKE • ANGEL • HEAVEN • ROLLED • STONE • GUARDS JESUS • RAISED • FEAR • JOY • RAN • GREETINGS • TELL • DISCIPLES • SEE • ELEVEN GALILEE • MOUNTAIN • WORSHIP • ALL • GO • MAKE • BAPTISE • TEACH • END • AGE**

*What Easter Means to Me
I followed you from Galilee
To that sad day on Calvary
Of love You spoke
New hope You woke*

*Some said I was a prostitute
In me You saw no ill repute
My heart now cries
I watch You die*

*Sharp spikes that pierce Your hands draw blood
And through my heart emotions flood
A Son so blessed
Is laid to rest*

*Three days I stayed outside Your tomb
Never to see You I presumed
And though I mourned
Glory's reborn*

*I genuflect and watch You rise
To join Your Father in the skies
This blessed day
Showed us "The Way"*

*The sacrifice You made for man
Celebrated in many lands
Easter Sunday
Give thanks and pray*

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Written in the first-person view of Mary Magdalene, one of Christ's best known disciples. According to modern religious scholars, the Gospels of Mark and John say she was the first person to see Jesus after he rose from the dead. © Carolyn Devonshire

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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