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Dear Friends,

November is a month of remembrance, somber, so often, because it calls to mind terrible things from the past, and the overwhelming losses of loved ones to whom we have had to say, "Goodbye". However, thank God, we are lifted by the promises of the certain hope we have in the power in our Lord Jesus Christ. It calls to mind for me the words of Ephesians 4:5 – "We have only one Lord,... you were called to one hope when you were called." This inspires us absolutely when read together with that wonderful uncompromising promise given for us in the verses from Colossians 1:20 – Christ reconciles "all things to himself, making peace through the shedding of his blood on the cross", and Ephesians 1:10 which tells us that "the universe, all things, everything in heaven and on earth might be brought into unity with Christ" when the "time was ripe". St Paul wrote these words knowing that Jesus spoke of "nothing being lost", and that he, our Lord, goes to "prepare a place for us" in "our Father's house". If that is his promise to you and me, it is also for those whom we have loved and lost a while. Thus we can sing with joyful hearts, even in the sorrow of loss, the words of that beloved hymn:

Your hand O God has guided
Your church from age to age
The tale of love is written
Full clear on every page

Your mercy never fails us
Or leaves Your work undone
With Your right hand to help us
The victory shall be won.

And I can heartily and truthfully sing the words for a song I wrote several years ago while remembering lost 'loves' of my own, and sure that we are one in love and hope in our God who, through his Son, will not leave us bereft:

My prayer begins with memories of you;
You leave me and I love you as I did.
Life still goes on for me as well for you
And though we're parted we are always one.

My love to you all,

Fr, Brian



Twente News

Forthcoming Dates

- 11 November - Remembrance Service,
- (100 year anniversary)
- 25 November - Choral Evensong Service
- New Sion Abbey, Diepenveen
- 16 December - Nine Lessons and Carols
- 23 December - Nine Lessons and Carols
- New Sion Abbey, Diepenveen
- 24 December - Eucharist of Christmas Midnight

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and they seemed to fascinate the seven-year old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

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Magazine Payments

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REPORT OF THE ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD 4-6th OCTOBER, 2018, Drogen, Belgium

This year the Archdeaconry Synod of North West Europe was held again at the beautiful venue of the Oude Abdij at Drogen, near Ghent in Belgium. Simone and myself arrived a day earlier to participate in a pre-Synod quiet day, led by the Revd. Stephen Murray from Ghent. We were a group of 13 on Thursday morning. Theme of the day was '*Dirty talk, the Ground of our Being*'. 'Soil' and 'ground' are usually considered in a negative way while they also could be regarded positively as elemental to our being and belief in God. We were asked to think of a place where we felt most happy (grounded), plant our feet and pray; and were given a passage from the Bible to meditate upon and digest.

Then the beautiful sonnet by Gerard Manley Hopkins was read aloud:

*The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil...;*

We were asked: where do you see evidence of God's love in Creation, especially the soil and earth? And then: write your own praise song or poem according to a biblical text each was given.

It was wonderful to hear what everyone had written. Unexpected lyrics emerged!

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Inhibition had vanished. At the end of the day we were put to work with our hands. From clumps of clay we created works of art that related to the subject of the day. The results of these dirty hands were astonishing, and we felt light and uplifted.

At the end of the afternoon the other Synod members flocked in, amongst them our own Chaplain Brian (via a roundabout route!). They were duly welcomed and we all sat down to a warm supper, followed by Compline.

The first meeting that evening was chaired by Archdeacon Paul Vrolijk. After some community forming by means of an amusing and effective guessing game about the characteristics of our fellow Synod members, Bishop Robert gave an address: *Where is the diocese going?* He compared the diocese to the human body. A body needs a skeleton, i.e. a law. The Diocese is governed by the Diocesan Constitution, drawn up in 1995 and amended in 2006. Within the Diocesan constitution *The Diocese in Europe Measure in 2013* is now applicable. Quote: "The changes will have several major effects. They bring the Diocese more into line with the other 43 mainland English dioceses and will permit Church Commissioners Funding for a similar leadership pattern – mainly with the appointment of four full time Archdeacons . Future decisions involving the Diocese will also be made by the Diocesan Synod rather than in the anachronistic manner in which they were previously ratified by Bishop's Council."

Bishop Robert then pointed out that fortunately there is a change of culture; greater openness, transparency and trust e.g. in the appointments of clergy; we want to be the European conscience of the

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Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, or in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. If you wish to have someone included in the Intercessions you may contact the intercessor primarily via the Prayer Request Tool on our Church Website. Via this tool the Chaplain, Wardens and all intercessors will receive your message at once and simultaneously. Following link will bring you directly to the Prayer Request:

<http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/services%20%26%20readings/prayer%20requests.html>

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Q. What do you give a sick pig

A. Oinkment

Last chance?

The minister was very ill. He was told by his doctor not to have too many visitors. However, when his agnostic friend called, the unbeliever was ushered into the minister's bedside. 'I do appreciate,' said the agnostic, 'you seeing me when so many in your church have not been able to see you.'

'Well, it's like this,' said the minister. 'I feel confident that I shall see them all in heaven, but I was worried that this might be my last chance to see you!'

Q. When is it time to go to the dentist?

A. 2:30 (tooth-hurty)

A man walked into a corner shop

He bought four corners

I was putting up the Christmas Tree and accidentally swallowed some decorations

Next day I woke up with tinselitus

Wake

Shortly after my father passed away, one of my daughter's Jewish friends approached her with a question. 'Kate,' he said, 'I've never attended a Catholic wake before. What is the significance of the daughter not wearing shoes?'

Kate replied softly, 'My mum's feet hurt.'

Say that again?

A woman telephoned her bank and spoke to the accountant who looked after her holdings. 'I want to make some changes,' she said.

The accountant asked for more details. 'Are you interested in Conversion or Redemption?' he asked.

'Good heavens,' came the reply. 'I must have got the wrong number. I wanted the Bank of England, not the Church of England.'

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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...

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... **On the perils of the PCC***

My dear Nephew Darren

I am truly furious. I know that God has given clergy church councils, so they can have a better understanding of hell, but last night's meeting really was too much. The traps are always sprung under "any other business". Several hundred thousand pounds can be committed to repairing the tower without the slightest murmur, but if someone should suggest mending the tea urn under AOB, the meeting will close with blood on the carpets.

So it was yesterday evening. We had negotiated the tricky subject of not mentioning the verger when it was recorded that the cupboard containing the Communion wine will be kept locked in future. We had ever-so-gently sat on Mr Onions when he questioned whether it was biblical to hold raffles at our social evenings. We even smiled with equanimity when Lady Faversham grumbled about the damp Communion wafers.

But when our treasurer, after a long preamble about soaring house prices in the village, suggested that the 12 bed roomed Queen Anne Rectory be sold and I be housed in one of the "more convenient" potting sheds being built on the green, I did not expect near universal agreement from council members.

That the new Rectory would have all the aesthetic charm of a suburban bus shelter seemed to be irrelevant; that I would have to learn to have all my meals in one dining room, rather than rotate round the present three seemed to be of no concern; that my dog would lose his own private suite passed them by entirely. This may be a case for calling in the Canine Protection Society.



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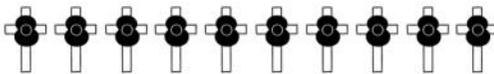
The thought that I would have to get used to a warm, dry house with 21st century plumbing does not bear contemplation. It is only the cold, damp accommodation with Victorian water closets that keeps parishioners and visiting clergy at bay.

It was a close struggle; here was an opportunity for council members to settle a few old scores. You could sense the gleam in Colonel Mitchell's eyes as he recalled losing the hiding place for his whisky when we removed his box pew 30 years ago; he has been obliged to listen to the sermon ever since. And as for Miss Throckmore, who was allocated to decorate the porch rather than the great east window for last year's Harvest, she leapt at the opportunity of condemning me to life in a cardboard box. You could also sense a certain satisfaction when parishioners realised they would then be able to keep an eye on my movements, since there would no longer be several acres of ground and privet hedges to maintain my privacy.

Fortunately, I negotiated some time when I mentioned that possible legal obstacles must be cleared first. In the meantime, I shall be writing to apply for grants to build a substantial moat round my present Rectory – provided it has a working drawbridge.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Don't forget their loneliness

As autumn begins to head towards winter, spare a thought for any older person in our community who has been bereaved. They may be struggling with some depression just now.

A recent study has found that older bereaved people, particularly those aged over 85, are four times more likely to experience depression than those who have not lost a partner. Yet they are less likely to be referred to bereavement support than people who are younger.

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As for those signs found outside churches:

Church Car Park Sign.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

Trespassers will be baptised!!

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

Church membership

I'm not C of E, I'm from the Methylated church

Warning

Don't wear headphones while using the vacuum cleaner. I've just finished cleaning the whole house before realizing the vacuum cleaner wasn't plugged in.

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Lost Nun

Lost on a rainy night, a nursing nun, returning from a call, stumbled upon a monastery. The Abbot invited her in for dinner and she was treated to the best fish and chips she had ever tasted.

After dinner, she went into the kitchen to thank the chefs. She was met by two of the Brothers.

The first one said, "Hello, I am Brother Brian, and this is Brother Blair."

"I'm very pleased to meet you," replied the nun. "I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever had. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Blair replied modestly, "Well, I put my heart into cooking the fish for I'm the fish friar."

She turned to the other Brother and

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This is the month we remember soldiers and war. Here is a prayer written by an anonymous Confederate soldier in the American Civil War. What he writes applies to all of us fighting our own private battles in life.

The Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for –
But everything that I had hoped for,

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were
answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.



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Each year in the UK, about 192,000 older people are bereaved, and about 106,000 become depressed. This figure is likely to rise sharply as the population ages, according to a report *Good Grief*, which has been published by the older people's charity Independent Age.

Nearly one third of bereaved people aged over 65 describe themselves as very lonely, compared with just five per cent of people of the same age who have not lost their partner.

So why not spare a thought for anyone you know in this position, and consider paying them a friendly visit, or inviting them over to your house for tea.

Remembrance Sunday - 100 Years.

While sitting in the sun, at the far end of our peaceful garden, handling my automatic jigsaw and cutting a hundred Remembrance Crosses for use in this years'

Remembrance Sunday, my mind floated away over the meaning of the occasion we observe every year at St. Mary's. A day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

This time, on November 11th, we will be remembering one hundred years of Armistice. Preparing the crosses, I thought of all the casualties in WW1 - "the war to end all wars" (*described by H.G. Wells. Wells, like many idealists of his time, he hoped that the sheer destructiveness of the First World War, unprecedented in its time, would persuade mankind to abandon war as a means of solving political disputes > Wikipedia*). But did it?

Now we know that these expectations or hopes did not really materialize, as just over 20 years later WW2 broke out. Some five years after the capitulation of Nazi-Germany, the Korean War (1950-1953) started, quickly followed by the Vietnam war (1954-75) and in more recent years the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Also, numerous other conflicts that did not get so much attention in other parts of the world smouldered on.

In Europe, two opposing Blocs were quite hostile towards each other. NATO and Warsaw Pact were on several occasions close to an armed conflict as well. In a few instances only minutes apart from a nuclear war breakout. Thanks to some bright political and military leaders, this never occurred, so far.

In my 35 years of service with the RNLAf Air Defence Forces and later as Analyst in the Military Intelligence Service, my colleagues I and have dealt with enormous flows of information regarding opposing forces in

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said, "Then you must be....?"

Are you ready for this?

Brother Brian replied, with a mischievous smile on his face "Yes, I'm afraid so, I am the Chip Monk."

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Alzheimer's Communication

1. Never **Argue**
Instead **Agree**
2. Never **Reason**
Instead **Divert**
3. Never **Shame**
Instead **Distract**
4. Never **Lecture**
Instead **Reassure**
5. Never say
Remember
Instead
Reminisce
6. Never say
I told you
Instead **Repeat**
7. Never say
You Can't
Instead say what
they **Can Do**
8. Never **Demand**
Instead **Ask**
9. Never **Condescend**
Instead
Encourage
10. Never **Force**
Instead
Reinforce

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Forthcoming Services

4th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
All Saints Day	Intercessor	Phillipa te West
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Arjans Hafmans	Wisdom [3. 1--9]
	Victor Pirenne	Revelation [21. 1- 6a]
	Gospel	John [11. 32-44]

Forthcoming Services

11th November	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
<i>Sunday School Pandu Hailonga</i> 10:30 Sung Eucharist	Eric Wanjala	Jonah [3. 1-5, 10]
	Philippa te West	Hebrews [9. 24 -end]
	Gospel	Mark [11. 14-20]

Forthcoming Services

18th November	Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Second Sunday before Advent	Intercessor	Jan de Beij
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Elizabeth v.d. Heijden	Daniel [12. 1-3]
	Heleen Rauwerda	Hebrews [10. 11-14, 15-18, 19-25]
	Gospel	Mark [13. 1-8]

25th November	Celebrant &	Canon Brian Rodford
	Preacher	Simone Yallop
Sunday next before Advent	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
<i>Sunday School Patrick Saridjan</i>	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
	Patrick Saridjan	Daniel [7. 9-10, 13-14]
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Elisa Hannan	Revelation [1. 4b-8]
	Gospel	John [18. 33-37]

2nd December	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
First Sunday of Advent	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
10:30 Sung Eucharist	Vivien Reinders	Jeremiah [33. 14-16]
	Jan de Beij	1 Thessalonians [3. 9-end]
	Gospel	Luke [21. 25-36]

9th December	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Second Sunday of Advent	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
<i>All ages Service</i>	Jeanet Luiten	Isaiah 40. 1-5 (in Dutch)
	10:30 Sung	Gospel
		Luke [3. 1-6]

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With Remembrance Day in Mind

The most persistent sound that reverberates through men's history is the beating of war drums.

Arthur Koestler

Grave certainties

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost, and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their

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Europe. Analysing this data, be it written or imagery and drawing up intelligence reports for tactical or strategical use, I am convinced this contributed to so many years of peace in a large portion of Europe.

One of the very important concerns, when analysing the value of military targets was to avoid civilian casualties (as our Chaplain remarked, it is now almost dismissed merely as 'collateral damage'). Once an evaluation is made of a target and passed on, the result is that shortly afterwards it may be attacked with deadly force. Analysts are very much aware of the responsibilities of their judgement.

When looking at the crosses, there is a white face, with the 'Poppy' and the text "In Remembrance" in which we honour all the lives that have been lost to provide others and us all with freedom and the ability to live in peace. In these crosses, I also remember many Dutch Armed Forces personnel that were killed during the course of their duty home and abroad.

But there is also another side to this 'Poppy', which appears brownish and bears no text. To me, this side symbolises numerous unknown collateral victims that fell during all the conflicts that occurred since November 11th 1918. ©Lub Gringhuis

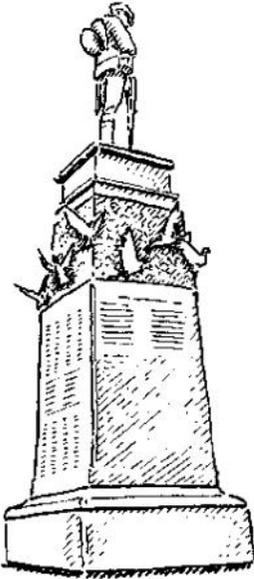
The perils of zombie walking

Everyone knows it is dangerous to drive and text. But many of us walk and text - with potentially disastrous results. Now government transport advisers are thinking of placing road signs on the ground to guide so-called 'zombie pedestrians' who are glued to their phones - and oblivious of traffic around them.

In Augsburg Germany, traffic lights have been installed in the pavement after texting pedestrians walked out in front of trams. In Antwerp and Xi'an (China) authorities have painted lines on the pavements to create text walking lanes with painted white arrows. In several cities in The Netherlands they are installing LED light systems embedded in kerbs at junctions that flash red to stop 'zombie pedestrians' crossing the road in front of running traffic. In a recent survey for the AA in Britain, two thirds of drivers said they had seen pedestrians so glued to their Smartphone's that they had stepped out into the road without looking.

They shall not grow old

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.



About 20 years ago I had been to the local war memorial on Remembrance Sunday and had been thinking about the names which had been read out. Our memorial just lists names and initials. So, I set out to discover more information about these men.

There are other memorials in the village including a roll of names in the church porch and these had more detail such as which unit the men served in. I published an appeal for information and people came forward with photographs, memories and letters. I also read local newspapers and found articles on the village and notices about the men.

The Commonwealth Graves Commission has a lot of information on the casualties. I searched under the name of the local village. Sometimes it was difficult, as some surnames are commoner than others. In those days you had to pay a fee and send a request by letter but now the database is simple to use online.

Some of the local men had emigrated to the Empire before the war and had enlisted there. The war records held in Canada, Australia and New Zealand are much better preserved and accessible than in this country.

I enjoyed visiting people who proudly showed off their family treasures of medals, letters and memories. 20 years ago, there were people who remembered casualties from the Second World War and even someone who recalled a man who had been gassed in

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sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, 'I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.'

So, apparently I'm still lost...

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Why English is so hard to learn

We'll begin with *box*,
the plural is *boxes*
But the plural of *ox*
Is *oxen*, not *oxes*
One fowl is a *goose*,
and two are called
geese - Yet the plural
of *moose* is never
called *meese*.

You may find a lone
mouse or a house full
of *mice* - But the
plural of *house* is
houses, not *hice*.

The plural of *man* is
always *men* - But the
plural of *pan* is never
pen

If I speak of a *foot*,
and you show me two
feet - And I give you a
book, would two be a
beek? - If one is a
tooth and a whole set
are *teeth* - Why
shouldn't two *booths*
be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this*
And the plural *these*
Should the plural of
kiss ever be called
keese?

We speak of *brother*
and also of *brethren*
But though we
mother, we never say
methren - Then the
masculine pronouns
are *he*, *his* and *him*
But imagine the
feminine, *she*, *shis*,
and *shim*!

Anonymous

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the First World War. A special shed was built for him,
which rotated so he had access to fresh air.

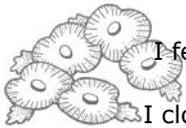
What was special for me was putting first names to men
only known previously by an initial and then guessing
they were known as Bill or Fred rather than William or
Frederick.

In the time leading up to Remembrance Sunday why not
visit your local memorial? If it is well looked after and
free of litter and weeds, then why not write to whoever
looks after it and thank them? If not, then find out who
is responsible and ask some questions.

©David Pickup (*Parish Pump*)

I heard your Voice in the Wind Today

I heard your voice in the wind today
And I turned to see your face
The warmth of the wind caressed me
As I stood silently in place



I felt your touch in the sun today
As its warmth filled the sky
I closed my eyes for your embrace
And my spirit soared high

I saw your eyes in the window pane
As I watched the falling rain
It seemed as each raindrop fell
It quietly said your name



I held you close in my heart today
It made me feel complete
You may have died....but you are not gone
You will always be a part of me

As long as the sun shines
The wind blows
The rain falls
You will live on inside me forever
For that is all my heart knows

Author: Unknown



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Church of England and do not want to lose contact, especially after Brexit. We must develop a strategic vision in building the body of Christ (e.g. the newly appointed Chaplain in Pas-de-Calais for refugees, and in Rotterdam for Pakistani) and in sustainable environment (eco-diocese). Of vital importance is the need to increase professionalism. New high-quality people are hired in a.o. accountancy, finance (Mike Fegan), data protecting and safeguarding. Now is the moment of existential decision for the Diocese; we were running a large deficit in 2017 and were heading for bankruptcy in 2020. All this could happen because we lacked capacity to manage change, didn't have professional accountants, had no external scrutiny, and did not realise that safeguarding would be an ongoing issue. But the National Church (i.e. the Church Commissioners, see above) will fund the Bishops (Robert and David) and their office, and - with some shuffling around - four fulltime Archdeacons within our vast Diocese.

On Friday *Colin Moulds*, Executive Director of Bridge Builders Ministries and experienced trainer and mediator led us through three sessions of how to deal with conflict. In the first part, '*Making Peace with Conflict – Different ways of Doing Conflict*', we learnt that conflict is normal and that it will remain with Christians and the church until the end of time. A reassuring thought! And how big would the Bible be without conflict? Very thin indeed. We learnt about the different styles of responding to Conflict, Deliberate Listening, Centred Speaking. and Patterns in Christian Groups. We also received an inventory titled: 'How do I respond to conflict?' to fill in for ourselves, to map our own attitude in conflicts. The second part dealt with *Making Peace with Conflict – Constructive Communication*. In the third session we learnt about *Handling Tension in Large Groups*, making maps of a conflict. Colin's speech was interspersed with (sometimes wildly- amusing stories which caused hoots of laughter, as we all recognised certain situations. He concluded with a quote from Henri Nouwen, 'Peacemaking is a full-time vocation that includes each member of God's people'.

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Top job

Our local vicar thinks very highly of my father. He's given him a job so important that he has 500 people under him. My father is cutting the grass in the churchyard.

Vacuum cleaner

My sister has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any home repair project. For example, in her garage are twisted pieces of a lawn mower she once tried to fix. So, I wasn't surprised the day I found her attacking her vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. 'I can't get this thing to cooperate,' she growled.

I suggested mildly: 'Why don't you drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawn mower?'

What do you get from a pampered cow?

Spoiled milk

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Brian and I - Simone had to leave us early Friday afternoon as she had to attend a course for Lay Readers-in-training in Woking - then participated in a workshop on Brexit, led by Bishop Robert and Heather Roy, Reader at Holy Trinity, Brussels. No political issues and implications were discussed, but practical matters such as healthcare for Britons in Europe, threatening unemployment for English working in Europe, clergy no longer being insured in Europe etc etc. Bishop Robert, who vented his feelings of shock and disbelief in a letter to the Church Times two years ago (we as a Church did too little, too late), now expressed the hope that negotiations could develop into a more positive outcome for all parties.

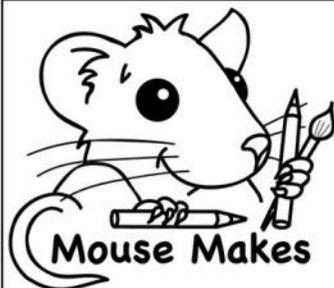
We ended the afternoon with a *Benelux Café*. This new initiative replaced the usual presentations of Chaplains about what had been going on in their chaplaincies in the past year. Six chaplaincies offered a 5-minute talk about their work or project(s) and people moved around in groups. So you could hear what was going on in Amersfoort, Luxembourg or in the Port Ministries of Rotterdam and Antwerp, and in Ghent about Humanitarian Corridors.

On Friday evening we had an Informal dinner followed by a hilarious Pub Quiz, organised by Canon Andrew Wagstaff from Antwerp. We shared a good laugh!

Saturday morning started with the Annual Meeting of the Anglican Church (ACNL) in the Netherlands. The Revd Ruan Crew who recently took over from Sam van Leer as Area Dean chaired the meeting. Ruan expressed gratitude for being appointed but felt also daunted by the challenges. He will be assisted in the managerial and legal side of the role. The ongoing ANBI issue in which Jan de Beij is very much involved as a legal adviser and CIO (Contact in Overheidszaken) representative will hopefully efficiently be dealt with shortly. Many positive developments are seen in the Netherlands, new appointments of clergy and independence coming up for Heillo and Amersfoort.

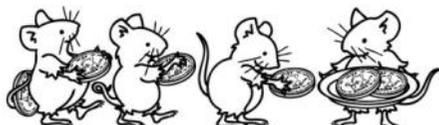
The Synod Business meeting which followed was short and sweet, no special issues came up. The expected increase in payment from the chaplaincies to the Archdeaconry Common Fund was levelled out by the Diocese's contribution to the costs of the Archdeacon's office; the contribution to the mission project of Luweero will be €2500 as in the years before.

At 11.30 we all met in the Chapel for the final Eucharist led by the Archdeacon Paul. After lunch we departed in all directions. It had been a truly inspiring, instructive and refreshing Synod. It is a privilege each year to share worship, faith, learning, laughing and fellowship.



Remember
all the
commandments
of the Lord
and obey them

Colossians 3:25



Remember the words Jesus said:

*"It is more blessed to give
than to receive."*

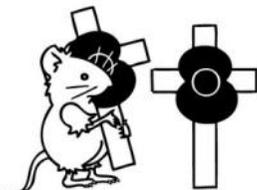
Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread,
gave thanks,
broke it and said,
"This is my body
which I am giving
for you, do this to
remember me."

Luke 22:19



Jesus said:
"No one can have
greater love than
to give his life for
his friends."



John 15:13

Remember to keep
the Sabbath day Holy

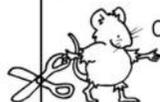
Exodus 20:8



Remember what you are taught,
and listen carefully to words
of knowledge.



Proverbs 23:12



Cut out, colour and keep
these cards to help
you to remember
God's words to us.

Headstones

*The rows of headstones silent stand
Their message clear, though mute;
That we, in Britain's peaceful land
Must silently salute.*

*Our peace was bought at dreadful price
Through rain and fear and mud –
World conflict fought not once but twice
So twice the cost in blood.*

*Each headstone bears a single name
A single husband, son,
Who, when the call to duty came
They did what must be done.*

*So, think upon those rows of stones
Be silent, still as they
Remind us of those silent homes
From when they went away.*

*Yes, spare a while to think of them
It's just two minutes' time;
And say aloud, just once again
That well-remembered rhyme:*

*They grow not old as we grow old,
Nor do the years condemn;
But as the days and nights unfold,
We will remember them.*

100 years ago this month the guns fell silent, although, tragically, they were to start up again a mere 21 years later, two World Wars costing millions of lives. I hope and pray that we will stop and remember for the next 100 years, and for the 100 years after that.
Nigel Beeton

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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