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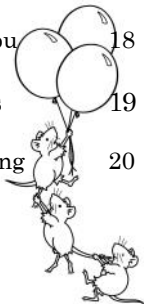
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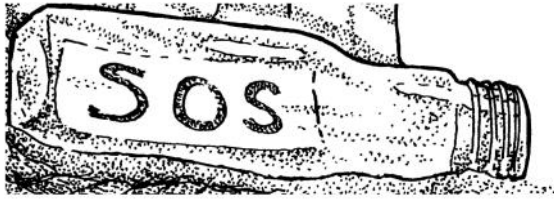


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July & August 2019

Dear Friends,

A couple of days ago while I was out in the early morning, walking with my lovely "Stabijtje", Molly, I heard a gunshot. A whole host of rooks took to the air in fear and dismay. I wondered if birds were the quarry, but worried, too, about the hares, which are very common around us in the otherwise generally peaceful local countryside. In England, hares are safe from March to September, during what is known as the "closed season". I don't know what the law on such matters is in the Netherlands but, knowing the care for wildlife by the Dutch, I guess there is kindly respect for the need to protect these beautiful creatures at least during the breeding and rearing season.

On the day of writing this letter, early this morning, again walking with Molly, I was thrilled to watch three beautiful hares joyfully playing with full and clearly sentient wonder and pleasure. They were enjoying each other, the sunshine, the world and their place in it, and all the sensations of exuberant, ecstatic happiness.

Later on today, I had a visit from two other beautiful dogs, Katie and Peter, both 'rescue dogs' with whom Molly had the most amazing fun and glee and camaraderie. These two experiences, watching the hares and joining in the fun with the doggies, affected me greatly. I was overwhelmed by this thought: I have been so fortunate to have had a fulfilled and comfortable life, filled most often by love and generous portions of understanding, and, in all the animals that have crossed my path, I can usually recognize, with little more than a glance, if a dog, especially, has been either abused or nurtured. Humans have the propensity for such goodness, but also for great cold-heartedness.

The tabloid press in the UK is known for its tear-jerking stories of cruelty inflicted on animals where the mood is altered by an emotional and happy ending. We know in our gut that animals often endure great cruelty in the same manner that we feel pain, and our hearts melt into gratitude and relief when the tables are turned. Media and populist rhetoric, however, have perverted the soul of much of comfortable and economically prosperous society to be hardened against our fellows in our global human society. The dehumanisation of ordinary suffering people has become in many places, commonplace. The ability to recognise that other people (as well as animals,) feel pain and deprivation in the same way that we do has become critically diluted. *I have been so fortunate to have had a fulfilled and comfortable life: God grant me the grace to recognise all whom I experience to be in deep and painful distress, or who, conversely, have been fortunate to have been nurtured, and to interact with them in love, appropriately.*

May our dear Lord open our eyes to the suffering of those whose feelings of distress and pain are denigrated and dismissed, and open our hearts to offer love, sympathy, empathy and solidarity.

God bless you all,

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Brian

will be offered on:

7 July, 14 July, 21 July, 28 July,
4 August, 11 August



Those who have teenagers around the house this summer...

Have you ever thought how much they have in common with cats?

1. Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.

2. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all human efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.

3. You rarely see a cat walking outside of the house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teenager wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.

4. Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on

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The Summer Teas begin the week this magazine comes out, but you still have the chance to volunteer for one of the tasks.

Well, one task is to make the coffee, brew the tea and make up the cool drinks. A task that has to be carefully managed throughout the afternoon to make sure that everyone gets a fresh cup with minimal delay.

Another task is put out the tables and chairs, lay the table cloths, hopefully with a small vase of flowers and basically make the whole place look welcoming and attractive.

In addition, someone is needed to plate, cut and present the cakes, biscuits, tarts, scones etc. have been donated. This will also require you to serve food and drinks from the counter and managing the money.

Waiting tables is another great job that needs doing. You get to wear a fancy apron and wait table. You get to meet some really great people, have a pleasant afternoon around the Hut and you will be supporting St Mary's Chapel.

On the other hand, if you would prefer to be in Chapel itself then you can volunteer to show visitors around the chapel and tell them about St Mary's.

Of course if there are any problems, if you are a bit nervous about what to do or if you extra need extra help, then be assured that the duty Warden will be there to help. We have both worked on previous Summer Teas.

If for any reason you are unable to undertake any of these roles then baking is yet another option From a

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baking viewpoint, now is the time to demonstrate your baking prowess to the many appreciative visitors.

Why does the chaplaincy want to hold Summer Teas? For a start, we are a self-financing chaplaincy and the Summer Teas raise a significant amount of money. In addition, the chaplaincy is spread out over a large area of the Eastern Netherlands. We rarely have much time to meet each other except over coffee after the service. Summer Teas offers a great opportunity for us to get to spend an afternoon together in small groups working together and getting to know each other.

And finally, while we are all having so much fun, it is a great opportunity to share the chapel with people having a Sunday in the woods, an opportunity to be good neighbours.

So, please hurry to sign up on the rota. The sooner you sign up the more chance you have of getting the Sunday you want.

SIGN UP! SIGN UP! SIGN UP!

Magazine Payments

St. Mary's Magazine plays a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed on what is going on in their church and the chapel community. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the magazine, issued ten times a year, an annual donation of €15 will help to cover printing costs. If you cannot pick up your copy in the chapel and want to have it posted to you, we need to ask for an additional donation of €20 to cover postage.

Last year only two thirds of the magazine costs came from donations, the balance came from chapel funds. It would help the survival of the magazine if all costs were covered by voluntary donations. Thank you.

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

<http://anglicanchurchtwent.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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end without moving, barely breathing.

5. Both cats and teenagers eat some very odd things - at very odd hours.

6. Cats are obsessed with themselves and their appearance. Teenagers...!

7. Cats have nine lives. Teenagers act as if they did.

Knocked out

Policeman: How did you knock the old man down?

Motorist: I didn't. I just stopped to let him cross the road - and he fainted.

God's home

A family on holiday was visiting a rather dark, very ancient church in rural France.

One of the youngsters whispered: "Does God live in here?"

"Yes, dear," said her mother.

The youngster looked rather fearfully around.

"Well - why doesn't He move?"

"Dear Vicar...

- I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister. Yours sincerely,
Arnold. Age 8.

- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson.
Sincerely,
Pete. Age 9.

- My mother should be a minister. Every day she gives me a sermon about something.
Robert, aged 11.

- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?
Love,
Patty. Age 10.

- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold.
Yours truly,
Annette. Age 9.

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The Rectory St James the Least of All

On the delights of the
parish jumble sale

My dear Nephew Darren

The estimate for re-hanging the bells in our church tower came as a great shock. The church council discussed fund-raising at length. Someone suggested selling part of the Rectory garden for building, another for getting 200 parishioners to loan £1,000 each, interest-free. Then Mrs French suggested holding a jumble sale. The jumble sale won - mainly because it was achievable without a great fight, and also gave everyone an opportunity to see what their neighbours think of as junk.

Expensive articles were brought with an ostentatious show of modesty when everyone was sorting donations. Genuine jumble, such as odd plates, old blankets and mysterious kitchen gadgets, were left at the church door in the dead of night.

On the day of the jumble sale, our helpers were ready behind wobbly tables stacked high with stuff. Had the tables collapsed, half the congregation would have been smothered. Little Miss Faversham was having a wonderful time flitting from table to table like a woolly bumble bee, kitting herself out for another year.

When the doors opened and the customers poured in, I realised how the Italians must have felt when they saw Hannibal with his elephants pouring down the sides of the Alps. That is when the mettle of our ladies really showed. They were tremendous - haggling at great length over whether something worth £10 should go for 10p or 11p. I noticed that those who are used to riding with hounds seem best able to control the crowds - even if they occasionally tended to regard the customers as the fox.

As it happened, the youth club were going pot-holing that day, so most of the teenagers bought complete sets of clothing for 10p which could then be discarded afterwards. But I wondered what their caving instructor would think of teenagers arriving dressed in dinner jackets and tweed skirts.

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Two days of preparation yielded a battle that was over in less than an hour. We emerged bloodied but unbowed, with only scraps of jumble left. Then it was home for a bath and a strong restorative, in the knowledge that the first step to saving the bells has been taken. Only another 2,500 jumble sales and we shall have reached our target. Indeed, the only jarring note of the day was to discover someone with a peculiar sense of humour had put a note on my car: "Sold - to be collected later".

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Holy Days 30th July William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano & Thomas Clarkson

During the 18th century many people in England were involved in the campaign to abolish the slave trade.

The C of E remembers especially William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson - three very different but all tireless campaigners against the evil practice.

Thomas Clarkson (1760-1846) was an Anglican clergyman and one of the most prominent of the anti-slavery campaigners. In 1787 he helped form the first Abolitionist Committee, and his energy and hatred of injustice made him a 'moral steam-engine'. He travelled hundreds of miles, gathering evidence from people caught up in the slave trade, from ship captains to doctors.

Olaudah Equiano (1745 - 1797) had been kidnapped in Nigeria, sold into slavery and sent to the West Indies. When he finally escaped, he made his way to London and became one of the most prominent black campaigners. His brutal autobiography of 1789 ran to nine reprints, and was translated into many languages, bringing home to people the horrors of the slave trade.

William Wilberforce (1759 - 1833), of course, became the main figurehead in Parliament. He came from a wealthy family in Kingston-Upon-Hull, and represented the town in Parliament. He was recruited by Thomas Clarkson, who saw the need for a brilliant advocate within Parliament. Wilberforce was an inspired choice: not only wealthy and well-connected, but a gifted orator with a social conscience, especially after his conversion in 1785. He made his first speech in Parliament against slavery in 1789, but it was not until 1807, after a debate that raged for many years, that the Abolition Act was finally passed.

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- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there.

Stephen. Age 8.

- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.

Loreen. Age 9.

- I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money, but I still want a raise in my allowance.

Sincerely,
Eleanor. Age 12.

- Please pray for all the airline pilots on Sunday. I am flying to California on Monday.

Laurie. Age 10.

- I hope to go to heaven someday, but later than sooner. Love,
Ellen. Age 9.

- Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. Thank you.
Alexander. Age 10.

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- My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house.

Joshua. Age 10.

- I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished.

Ralph. Age 11.

- How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers?

Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.

- Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? *Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9.*

- Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class.

Did you know that

Each king in a deck of playing cards represent a famous king in history?

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WHY DOGS LIVE LESS THAN HUMAN

Here's the surprising answer of a 6 year old child.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that dogs'



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lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."



Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life — like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay for as long as we do."

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- Live simply.
- Love generously.
- Care deeply.
- Speak kindly.
- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.



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Spades
-King David
Clubs
- Alexander the Great
Hearts
- Charlemagne
Diamonds
- Julius Caesar

**The Funny
Wisdoms of Life**
He has a face like
a Saint A Saint
Bernard—Anon

Knowledge talks,
Wisdom listens

There cannot be
a crises next
week. My
schedule is
already full
Henry Kissinger

He has all the
virtues I dislike,
and none of the
vices I admire.
Winston Churchill

To succeed in life
you need three
things: a
wishbone, a
backbone and a
funny bone.
- Reba McEntire

Leak
Members of a
local church
discovered that
the roof was
leaking. The
following Sunday
morning the
churchwarden
stood up: "First
of all, I want to
apologise for the
big drip in our
pulpit this
morning."

Obvious

'Dad', Bobby asks his father, 'What is a sports journalist?' His father explains: 'It's somebody who knows on Saturday, which club is going to win on Sunday. Then knows how to explain on Monday why that club lost the match.'

Heatwave?

Feeling the heat?

Then go to church.

We have prayer conditioning.

Funny Thoughts

If people from Poland are called 'Poles', then why are people from Holland not called 'Holes?'

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why is the number 11 not pronounced onety-one?

Do paramedics in Rome refer to IVs as Fours?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be faithful.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

That's the secret of happiness that we can learn from dogs.

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GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
- 2) Forget about health food. You need all the preservatives you can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there waiting to be rescued.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) You find out that while time may be a great healer, it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting

Forthcoming Services

7 July 2019

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 3

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Elizabeth vd Heijden

Readings

Isaiah [66. 10-14]

Heleen Rauwerda

Galatians [6 .7-16]

Gospel

Luke [10.1-11, 16-20]

14 July 2019

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 4

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Philippa te West

Chalice:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Maureen Underwood

Readings

Deuteronomy [30. 9-14]

Patrick Saridjan

Colossians. [1. 1-14]

Gospel

Luke [10. 25-37]

21 July 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 5

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Chalice:

Caroline Siertsema

Sidesperson/Reader

Linda ten Berge

Readings

Genesis [18. 1-10a]

Simone Yallop

Colossians [1. 15-28]

Gospel

Luke [10.38-end]

Forthcoming Services

28 July 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 6

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Blair Charles

Arjan Hafmans

Gospel

Readings

Genesis [18.20-32]

Colossians [2. 6-15]

Luke [11. 1-13]

4 August 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 7

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Chalice:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Jeanet Luiten

Victor Pirenne

Gospel

Readings

Ecclesiastes [1.2,12-14; 2.18-23]

Colossians [3.1-11]

Luke [12.13-21]

11 August 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 8

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Chalice:

Caroline Siertsema

Sidesperson/Reader

Elisa Hannan

Elizabeth vd Heijden

Gospel

Readings

Genesis [15.1-6]

Hebrews [11.1-3,8-16]

Luke [12.32-40]

Forthcoming Services

18 August 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 9

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Maureen Underwood

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Heleen Rauwerda

Erica Schotman Bonting

Gospel

Readings

Jeremiah [23. 23-29]

Hebrews [11. 29-12.2]

Luke [12. 49-56]

25 August 2019

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 10

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Philippa te West

Chalice:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Patrick Saridjan

Frances Gothard

Gospel

Readings

Isaiah [58. 9b-end]

Hebrews [12.18-end]

Luke [13.10-17]

1 September 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 11

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Chalice:

Caroline Siertsema

Sidesperson/Reader

Louw Talstra

Vivian Reinders

Gospel

Readings

Proverbs [25. 6-7]

Hebrews [13.1-8, 15-16]

Luke [14. 1, 7-14]

Forthcoming Services

8 September 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 12

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Jan de Beij

Lea Meijnen

Gospel

Readings

Deuteronomy [30 15-end]

Philemon [1-21]

Luke [14. 25-33]

15 September 2019

10:30 Morning Prayer

Trinity 13

Celebrant and Preacher

Ms Simone Yallop

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Chalice:

Sidesperson/Reader

Philippa te West

Arthur Cass

Gospel

Readings

Exodus [32. 7-14]

1 Timothy [1. 12-17]

Luke [15. 1-10]

22 September 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 14

all ages service)

Officiant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Young person

Chalice:

Sidesperson/Reader

Young person

Young person

Gospel

Readings

Amos [8.4-7]

1 Timothy [2. 1-7]

Luke 16. 1-13

Dignity

A poignant reminder of how callous and vain we have become.

An elderly gentleman had become a fixture in his local market. Every market day, he arrived with a small cardboard box of the eggs laid by his hens as they roamed his smallholding. Too poor to afford to rent a stall, every week he sat down on the steps of the Market Hall and attempted to sell as many eggs as he could. Dressed in old, shabby clothes, he patiently sat on the stone step all day, whatever the weather. Most people ignored him, and he usually took most of the eggs home at the end of the day.

A smartly dressed woman walking past noticed him and stopped by the steps. She asked him, 'How much are you selling the eggs for?'

The old seller replied, '10p an egg, Madam.'

She said to him, 'I will take 6 eggs for 40p, or I will leave.'

The old seller replied, 'Come take them at the price you want. Maybe, this is a good beginning because I have not been able to sell even a single egg today.'

She took the eggs and walked away, feeling she had won, she had got a bargain. Getting into her fancy car, she went to a posh restaurant to meet her friends. There, she and her friends ordered whatever they liked. They ate a little and left a lot of what they ordered. Then she went to pay the bill. The bill cost her £81, She gave £100 and asked the owner of the restaurant to keep the change.

This incident might have seemed quite normal to the woman but, very painful to the poor egg seller.

The point is, 'Why do we always have to show we have the power when we buy from the needy ones? And why are we so generous to those who do not even need our generosity?'

'My father used to buy simple goods from poor people at high prices, even though he did not need them. Sometimes he even used to pay extra for them. I got concerned by this act and asked him why does he do so? My father replied, "It is a charity wrapped with dignity, my child."

If you feel that people need to see this, then do spread this message.

Anonymous

Summer is the time of concerts and plays...

An actor's a guy who, if you ain't talking about him, ain't listening.

- Marlon Brando

Classical music:
The kind you "keep on hoping will turn into a tune."

- Kin Hubbard

Music - the only universal tongue.

- Anon

Sleep is an excellent way of listening to an opera.

- James Stephens

Give me a laundry list and I will set it to music.

- Gioacchino Antonio Rossini

Summer is a time for weddings....

It takes two to make a marriage a success and only one to make it a failure.

- Herbert Samuel

The sanctity of marriage and the family relation make the cornerstone of our society and civilisation.

- H Garfield

Food for Thought?

Have you been offered jars of Nutella hazelnut spread lately? "Cash only, no questions asked."

In the small town of Bad Hersfeld, central Germany, thieves got away with 5 tonnes of Nutella recently. That's about 6,875 jars (a staggering 27 million calories!) worth almost £14,000.

Two weeks previously coffee worth £25,000 had been stolen, and last August a truckload of Red Bull energy drink disappeared in the same region of Germany.

Police are looking for hyperactive, insomniac, chocoholics.

Nick-named gastro-gangsters, food thieves are becoming more of a problem as food prices across the world rocket.

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Tearfund

Sir David Attenborough backs major new report on plastics from Tearfund

A new report has revealed for the first time that one person is dying every 30 seconds in developing countries from diseases and illnesses caused by plastic pollution and uncollected rubbish dumped or burnt near their homes.

The new figures were released in *No Time to Waste: Tackling the Plastic Pollution Crisis Before it's Too Late*, by international relief and development agency Tearfund, in collaboration with conservation charity Fauna & Flora International (FFI), the Institute of Development Studies and waste management charity WasteAid.

The report looks at the health impact of plastic pollution and rubbish on the world's poorest people for the first time.

It found that each year between 400,000 and a million people (at the upper end one person every 30 seconds) are dying in developing countries from illnesses and diseases like diarrhoea, malaria and cancers caused by living near uncollected waste and plastic pollution.

The report calls on multinational companies to fundamentally change their business models by committing to reporting the number of single-use plastic items they distribute in developing countries by 2020, and halving this by 2025.

"This report is one of the first to highlight the impacts of plastic pollution not just on wildlife but also on the world's poorest people," Sir David, a vice president at Fauna & Flora International, said.

"It is high time we turn our attention fully to one of the most pressing problems of today - averting the plastic pollution crisis - not only for the health of our planet, but for the wellbeing of people around the world."

"We need leadership from those who are responsible for introducing plastic to countries where it cannot be adequately managed, and we need international action to support the communities and governments most acutely affected by this crisis."

Globally two billion people (one in four), don't have their rubbish collected. This often leads to disease and death. When rubbish isn't collected it often builds up in rivers and causes flooding, which can lead to diarrhoea and a host of infectious diseases.

Often the only other way to dispose of waste is to burn it in the streets, with the resulting fumes being extremely damaging to health as well as - in some countries - being the single largest source of carbon emissions, contributing to climate change.

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Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy & Influencing Director at Tearfund said: "Tearfund's new Rubbish Campaign calls for urgent action from four multinationals - Coca-Cola, Nestlé, PepsiCo and Unilever.

"They sell billions of products in single-use plastic packaging in poorer countries where waste isn't collected, in the full knowledge that people will have no choice but to burn it, discard it in waterways or live among it.

Other key facts in the report:

- Every second a double-decker busload of plastic waste is burned or dumped in developing countries.
- Global plastic production emits 400 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year - more than the UK's total carbon footprint.
- An estimated 8 - 12.7 million tonnes of plastic is entering the oceans every year.
- Every 30 seconds the UK throws away 2 double-decker busloads of plastic waste.
- Living amongst plastic pollution and uncollected waste doubles the incidence of diarrhoeal disease.

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Recycling Slogans and Catch lines

Do something drastic -
Cut the plastic

Don't litter -
It makes the world bitter

Recycle glass -
And dance barefoot in the park

Money grows on tree -
Recycle paper

Recycling plastic -
Feels fantastic!

On the Recycling theme

EPITAPH (In a cemetery in England)

Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:

To follow you I'll not consent,
Until I know which way you went

Washed away

A grandmother took her little grandson to the beach. They were having a good time until a huge wave came in and swept the boy out to sea! The grandmother fell on her knees and cried to the heavens: "Please, Lord, return my grandson! Please! PLEASE!"

Lo and behold, a wave swelled from the ocean and deposited the drenched child at her feet. She checked him over head to toe. He was fine! But the grandmother looked up to the heavens again and frowned: "He had a hat."

Definition of a committee

A committee is a dark avenue down which good ideas are lured and then quietly strangled.

Seekers

A bookseller emailed a Manchester firm for a dozen copies of Dean Farrar's 'Seekers after God'. He received a reply:

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Away Day

On Saturday, 22 June, members of the St Mary's Chaplaincy Council gathered together at the beautiful home of Ilonka and Jan de Beij for an Away Day.

In glorious weather, the Council members began the day sat around a table in the shade of a walnut tree, enjoying coffee and tea. The only sounds to disturb the peace being the clatter of the occasional passing tractor, and the plaintive bleats of lambs in an adjacent field. Bliss!

Once everyone who could attend was present and had finished their drinks, our chaplain Canon Brian Rodford began the proceedings with a prayer. This was followed by a Council Meeting, in which as usual, there was much lively discussion. Members of St Mary's Chapel will be pleased to know that their Council members take their duties seriously. Admittedly, there was a lot to discuss as the last full council meeting had been held way back in February.

At the end of the meeting, a bring-and-share lunch was served. This provided yet further opportunity for the council members to get to know each other in the traditional Christian way by breaking bread together and sharing a meal. Ilonka, working quietly in the background, made sure that everyone had enough to eat and drink.

With appetites sated, it was time for some more serious bonding and exercise. The long, post-lunch walk down winding lanes in the beautiful Dutch countryside was probably more beneficial than a post-lunch nap. And we all had to be ready for the afternoon activities prepared and presented by the secretary, Simone Yallop.

Following the walk, Simone guided us into a further session of the PCC tonight training course. Earlier that year the Council had been introduced to this course, designed to help councils work together more effectively. Throughout the afternoon, we learnt about Reviewing church life, regarding Worship / Mission and Community. With our chaplain's infectious humour and profound spirituality



combined with Simone's skilled preparations, the afternoon flew by. An afternoon in which there was much laughter, joy and opportunity to discover and share each other's beliefs and spiritual roots.

Following afternoon tea, a service of Evening Prayer was held. Here at last Ilonka could join us, along with Quintus, the de Beij's gorgeous cat (see page 16). Gathered around the table, we ended a most enjoyable day with a service of deep, quiet spirituality. Perfect!

Before we left, Ilonka and Jan were yet again thanked for their generosity in offering us the use of their home and garden.



Lyfe Journal

A helpful way of learning about the Christian faith

Bible Society has launched a regular magazine called Lyfe Journal. It's stated aim is to provide 'inspirational articles and activities to help you deepen your faith'.

It is aimed at people who "love to engage with their faith in a more thoughtful way, but who don't have the time to read long books." And so the magazine provides "insights and reflections in manageable sizes from engaged Christians." Each edition draws on the Scriptures and invites the reader to explore different spiritual practices in more depth.

Here are details of the first two issues, which each costs £4.99:

Issue 1: PRAYER. Whether you consider your prayer life to be dynamic or deep, this issue will help you reflect on and discover new ways of praying. Includes interviews with Krish Kandiah and Pete Greig, founder of the 24/7 prayer movement.

Issue 2: HOLY SPIRIT. How do we relate to the Holy Spirit? Including features from Christy Wimber and Paul and Becky Harcourt, leaders of New Wine England, this issue will inspire you to pursue a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit.

Details at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564046478/>

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'No seekers after God in Manchester. Try Liverpool.'

Old Benedictine Habit

A Benedictine monk was returning from a conference abroad and, as is customary, packed his monk's habit in a small case.

Arriving at customs the officer asked: 'Anything to declare?'

The monk replied: "Only an old Benedictine habit." "Okay," said the officer, "how many bottles?"

Superior

Many years ago, Pope John XXIII visited the hospital of the Holy Spirit in Rome, which is administered by a religious sisterhood.

The Mother Superior nervously introduced herself: "Most holy Father, I am the Superior of the Holy Spirit."

The Pope smiled and replied: "Well, you are very blessed! I am only the Vicar of Christ."

Miracle

A very pretty church youth leader asked her class if anyone knew what a miracle was.

"Yes," said one young girl. "I do. My mum says it will be a miracle if you don't marry the new curate."

Morals

A new vicar had arrived, to replace the one who always ended his lengthy sermons with:

"Now the moral of all this is..."

A few weeks later the Bishop ran into one of the churchwardens and asked how things were going with the new vicar. He got an enthusiastic replay:

"Oh Bishop, the new vicar is just great, he hasn't any morals at all!"

Upsy daisy

After morning service, the new curate slipped and fell on the path. A few seconds later a small girl burst through the throng of the concerned congregation around him, grabbed his arm and began to pull. Embarrassed, he waved her away with a smile. Loudly, she protested: "I can do it, I can do it! I've helped my father up when he was far drunker than you are."

Looking at You

When you are stressed, so is your dog!

The old adage that dogs take after their owners may be more true than we realise. For a new study has found that when dog-owners suffer from on-going anxiety, so do their dogs.

Scientists measured the concentration of cortisol, a stress hormone, by taking a few centimetres of hair from a number of dogs and their owners. A direct correlation between the level of stress in any dog and its owner was found.

The dog's character was irrelevant, researchers said. Instead, "we found that the levels of long-term cortisol in dog and owner were synchronized. Owners with high cortisol levels have dogs with high cortisol levels." In other words, owners' personalities have a huge effect on their dogs.

The study was carried out at a university in Sweden and published in the journal *Scientific Reform*.

Your child's sunglasses

Our eyes are ten times more sensitive to UV light than our skin, and eye damage from UV light builds up and can lead to cataracts and age-related macular degeneration - the UK's biggest cause of blindness.

No wonder, then, that the Eyecare Trust has urged parents to take care. Children's eyes have bigger pupils and clearer lenses, and so allow up to 70 per cent more UV light to reach the retina than adult eyes. "Our message is: 'protect your children's sight now, or they could lose it later.'"

It is important to buy good quality sunglasses for your children that show either the European Standard (EN 1836:2005) Never buy your children sunglasses in toy stores or street markets - you have no proof that they are of the correct standard

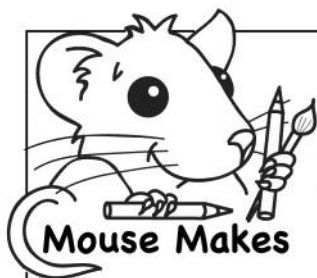
'I do' is more likely to last for life

Newlyweds today are more likely to stay married than their parent were.

It seems that young couples are taking the commitment more seriously than did their parents, with only 35% likely to divorce, as opposed to 44% in 1986.

The Office of National Statistics reports that couples who married in 1963 had a 28% chance of divorce. It peaked at 44% in 1986.

The Marriage Foundation think tank believes that nowadays people are marrying more out of deliberate choice. "Couples in the Eighties and Nineties often did so because (of) social and family pressure... before they were ready."



What is your most valuable treasure?

The Bible tells us that the most valuable thing you can ever have is something that can **NEVER** be lost, broken or stolen.

The most **valuable** thing you can have is to be **friends with God** through Jesus.

Read: Matthew 6:19-21

The **LOVE** of money is at the root of all sorts of what?

_____ *1 Timothy 6:9-10*

What should you be on your guard against?

_____ *Luke 12:15*

What did Jesus ask the rich man to do?

Read: Luke 18:22-26

What is it good to be rich in?

_____ *1 Timothy 6:18-19*

What two things can't you serve at the same time?

_____ and _____
Matthew 6:24

What is better than gold?

_____ *Proverbs 6:16*

Who supplies all your needs?

_____ *Philippians 4:19*

What is like a hidden treasure?

_____ of _____
Matthew 13:4

Who has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge?

_____ *Colossians 2:2-3*

How many other words can you make from...

TREASURE IN HEAVEN



The Robin Sang

*The robin sang, the flowers bloomed
all nature played its part,
The only discord in this scene
was man's reluctant heart.*

*The Creator's manual he ignored
so a path of pain he trod,
Thinking that he knew the best
man turned away from God.*



*The mess we're in has been self-made,
all answers lie with Him,
A world of beauty now laid waste,
infected with man's sin.
But knowing that these things would be
God had another plan,
Though undeserved and full of grace in love
He reached to man.*

*His Son His own Beloved One
came down upon this earth,
He died, He rose, He ever lives
to give to man rebirth
Heaven and earth will pass away,
a new Creation formed,
Where birds will sing, the flowers bloom
and all will be reborn.*



By Megan Carter

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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