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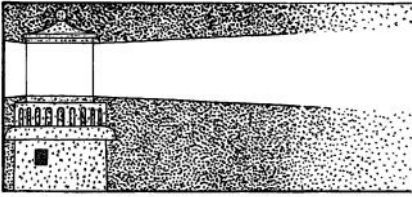
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Dear Friends,

Absolute truth is elusive, though we all have a deep intuition about profound, authentic truth, which we might discern and yet too often denigrate for purposes of self-deception or an easy life. When the truth is suppressed, when our own truth is suppressed, it is here that assumptions take over. It is critical for each of us to name the truth, to put it out there for all to deal with rather than to maintain an image of ignorance or to preserve our personal pretensions. When we become accustomed to hiding the truth, overlooking it, it becomes almost impossible to discern truth from falsehood.

Truth telling may be hard to do and hard to hear; it might be resisted, sometimes selectively, sometimes perennially and exponentially. This is when the truth has to be heard, not least for the sake of 'the other'. The truth, in part, has to be told and has to be heard so that you know, and others know that you are not alone. This process of speaking truth is essential in Christian living. We are entrusted and charged with the privilege of giving voice to God's love and must hold ourselves accountable to what the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus proclaims. When voices are silenced, and when particular 'presences' are questioned, when profound insights of the Gospel are called into question because the source is not from an 'insider', it is never just about us; it is about God. When our imagination for God's hope for his Church is undermined by our partisan lack of imagination, this is when God becomes less than God, and we become less than his Church.

It is always and everywhere time for the Church and ordinary people of faith like you and me to address the epidemic of lies in politics and media of all kinds, first and foremost, by simply being who we know in our hearts we are called to be.

Love to you all,

Fr. B



St Mary's Chapel News

Thursday Open Morning for Coffee, Chat, and Fellowship.

As from the 17th of October, the Hut will be open for friends and visitors for a chat, some company, and coffee.

How and if this is going to succeed, depends greatly on how welcoming we prove to be.

The council supports this outreach challenge and is lending a hand.

By being open every Thursday, we hope to create a habit among church members, their friends, and passers-by, to come in for a bit of good company.

These mornings will be hosted by council members and anybody else in the congregation who feels tempted to host one of the mornings and lend an ear. [please let Jeanet know if you want to give it a go.]

The opening time will be from 10 till 12.

At this is the start of this trial period, we hope many of you will feel the need to take part in this new adventure of fellowship and outreach. How the mornings will be filled depends on what needs and wishes we will encounter.

The first Thursday, Vivian and her crafts group will be present to advise you on any problems you may have regarding needlework.

Hoping for a wonderful, fruitful time together in a friendly and open atmosphere.

Apologies

In last month's magazine there was a wonderful article about the work the Joanne Foundation, a charity supported by the chaplaincy, in doing in Uganda. Unfortunately, the names of the joint authors, Jonneke Adolfsen and Arjen Haffmans, were omitted from the credits. Apologies, and thank you both for a great article.

13 October 2017

Bishop Michael Langrish will be visiting St Mary's Chapel to confirm eight member of the congregation. The bishop will also welcome two members of the congregation to the Church of England. Following the Confirmation, the Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Paul Vrolijk will admit and licence Simone Yallop as a Reader.

Posters

Bus poster: 'Keep this bus tidy'
Added underneath: 'Throw your ticket out of the window'

British Airways poster: 'Breakfast in London; lunch in New York'
Added underneath: 'Luggage in Bermuda'

Opting out

There are 100 members in our church,
But 30 are frail and elderly.

That leaves 70 to do all the work,

But 18 are young people at college.
That leaves 52 to do all the work.

But 14 are tired businessmen,
So that leaves 38 to do all the work.

But 16 are busy wives with jobs and children,
That leaves 22 to do all the work.

But a further 10 have most

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After the service, there will be a Bring and Share lunch in the Hunting Lodge. All are welcome and if you want to bring food or drink to share, please put your name on the list in the Hut.

If you can't bring anything, then bring yourself. All are welcome and the more people we have, the more we can share and enjoy the day with.

Coffee Rota

The coffee and tea served after the Sunday is not only a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet up and chat, it also makes a valuable contribution to the chaplaincy funds. However, it does need a regular supply of willing, enthusiastic, cheerful volunteers to provide baked goods and to serve. Please check the coffee rota regularly. Please put your name down to help whenever and where ever you can. If you haven't tried it before you will find it great fun and rewarding.

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://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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important outside interests,
That leaves 12 to do all the work

But 5 live too far away to come regularly,
So that leaves 7 to do all the work.

And 5 say they've already done their bit for the church.
That leaves you and me,

And I'm exhausted.
Good luck to you!

When insults had class

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill (about another MP)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. "Cannot

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possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

- Winston Churchill, in response.

"I feel so miserable; it's almost like having you here."

- Stephen Bishop

Some miscellaneous one-liners

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

The family that sticks together should bathe more often.

Born free.

Taxed to death.

By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two

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St James the Least of All

On what to do when some of the PCC 'goes green'

My dear Nephew Darren

Our Lord said that we will always have some poor with us; were He to have been speaking to the clergy that day, I suspect He may well have said that we will always have some awkward parishioners with us.



My cross at present is Mr and Mrs Wartleby, our resident 'greens', who have adopted ecological attitudes with evangelical fervour.

They do not possess a car and travel everywhere on bicycles, have installed a wind turbine, knit their own muesli and I suspect use the village stream for washing. I can picture Mrs W bashing her husband's shirts on stones on the riverbank while singing a native African folk-song. Everything they wear is home-made; one has a beard and smokes a pipe - possibly Mrs Wartleby.

Their helpful suggestions for church life have been legion: the organ uses electricity unnecessarily and should be replaced by a piano; the Rectory should be sold and the money given away while I board with parishioners on monthly rotation; we should only use home-brewed alcoholic drinks at social functions - clearly they have yet to sample Colonel Tewksbury's elderberry wine, which our ladies have discovered is ideal for cleaning the brass in church.

Unfortunately, I made a deeply regrettable mistake last month in not cancelling our church council meeting when I was away at my annual college re-union. In my absence the Wartlebys seized the opportunity. The parish of St James the Least of All is now a deep green, ecologically committed, nuclear-free zone and I am to report back to the next meeting about what steps we will take to save the planet.

I may have made one error of judgement, but I will not make another. My list of suggestions is now complete:

1. To save paper, no minutes of meetings will be printed; I will simply tell people at the subsequent meeting what was decided at the previous one.

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2. To save electricity, no lights will be used at Evensong (the Wartlebys attend Evensong), although parishioners may bring their own candles - which must first be checked by our health and safety committee (two can play at their game).

3. To economise on fuel, the church heating will only be turned on when the temperature reaches minus five degrees.

4. To reduce the use of unnecessary electronic equipment, the Rectory telephone will be disconnected.

5. A monthly relocation of the Rector will be too disruptive, so I will stay at each house for one year at a time; my first place of residence will be with the Wartlebys.

I anticipate that the original resolution will be overturned at the next PCC meeting - most probably by the Wartlebys.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

In memory of Doris Lessing

Doris Lessing, the novelist, playwright and poet, was born 100 years ago, on 22nd October 1919. In 2007 she won the Nobel Prize in Literature. She died in 2013.

Lessing was born Doris May Tayler in Persia (now Iran). Both parents were British: her father, badly injured in the war, was a bank clerk. In 1925, hoping to get rich through farming, the family moved to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

The wealth did not materialise. Doris was sent to an uncongenial convent school, and then to a high school at Salisbury (now Harare). At 19, she married and had two children. But she left her family and joined the Left Book Club, a group of Communists, marrying one of its members, Gottfried Lessing. They divorced in 1949, and she moved to London.

Doris Lessing wrote in many genres and did not like being pigeon-holed, especially as a feminist, feeling that feminists wanted her to 'bear witness' in religious style. She also became disillusioned by Marxism because it ignored spiritual matters.

She was strongly attracted to Sufism, which she described as a "main current" in her life. This was given expression most markedly in her *Canopus in Argos* novels, about an interstellar society's efforts to influence other worlds, including Earth.

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octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Warning

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her father donning his dinner jacket, she objected. "Oh Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." Bemused, her father asked why not. The little girl explained: "Because you know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

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Grannie

After church, the mother asked her young son if he had enjoyed Sunday School.

"Oh yes," he replied. "My new teacher is pretty cool - she is Jesus' grandmother."

Startled, his mother asked what made him think that.

"Obvious, she never stops talking about Jesus," he replied.

Mix-up

What do you get when you cross an atheist with a Jehovah's Witness?

Someone who knocks at your door for no apparent reason.

Happy

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

Science

Protons have mass?

I didn't even know they were Catholic.

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Who is who in our church? Cathie and Frits Warmink

On a very hot afternoon, I had a very good visit with the Warminks. With a cold drink and lots of jolly and heart-warming anecdotes, the way their life together had turned out became visible.

Frits grew up in the Netherlands and Cathie in the UK. And they met each other under a stamp. I hear you asking: "Under a stamp?" Yes, that was what I wrote.

Well, it was just after the war. So, with Cathie at High School and Frits, an HBSer, they did what most teenagers did in those years. You corresponded with a penfriend in France, America or England. Frits had three penfriends, one of whom was Cathie. After a few years they met each other for the first time at a school party. And that was that, nothing more.

Following his graduation, Frits had to do his military service in the Army, and the correspondence began to fade, even more so after Frits became a student at Nijenrode. However, once he had finished his studies, he renewed their contact, and yes, this time they fell deeply in love with each other.

The problem was the deep sea between Britain and the Netherlands. Cathie decided to cross the sea and lived for a while in the house of Frits and his parents, who were remarkable modern for those days if you ask me. After a few months Cathie was found a job as a housemother at the international school in Eerde in Ommen. It was hard work with no free weekends, but she did learn to speak Dutch. Meanwhile, Frits had found a job at Unilever in Rotterdam, and the couple got officially engaged. In those days, that was nearly as good as being married.

Two years later, Frits was transferred to England. So, marriage was the next step. The couple would have preferred a simple marriage in the town hall, but Cathie's mother said 'No', insisting on a church wedding. And so, it happened, church bells and a Rolls Royce's included. Have you ever heard of the double-ring ceremony? Well, they had it. Not only the bride gets a ring, as is customary in the Anglo Saxon tradition, but the groom also gets a wedding ring.

The parents of Frits could not come to the wedding, because of a slight misunderstanding: Frits' sister getting married the day before in the Netherlands.

But the festive mood was ever-present, even though there was no honeymoon because they couldn't get free days from their busy jobs. They had a train to catch to the new home,

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and the family took them to the railway station to give them an extended farewell.

When the newly wedded couple finally managed to board the train, it turned out that family members had written with lipstick: 'Just Married' on the new suitcases with thick fat lipstick letters. Alas, the intrepid family members had made an error, with the new cases belonging to someone else requiring excuses to be made all around.

The couple's life continued to be far from dull. Frits worked in London for six months before being transferred to Rotterdam for two years. And then to Kuwait, but alas without Cathie. Eight months later he was back working in London. But it was not too long before he was again sent to the Middle East, this time with Cathie.

It was there that their first son Stuart was born. Frits was not allowed to be with her in the hospital, but he shared in the honour of becoming a father of a son with his Arabian colleagues, who called him Abu Stuart.

A little over a year later Frits was back in Rotterdam. It was there that for the first times they went to St Mary's for the first time, well the St Mary's Church in Rotterdam, also called the Zeemanskerk.

The list of places where the two of them lived was still not at an end. For they lived in Vlaardingen, Hendrik Ido Ambacht and in Schiedam where Frits became the proud owner of a car. He and Cathie also became the proud parents of their second son Nicolas. After having lived in many rental apartments and houses they thought it was time to buy a house, but they had no time to make it a home, for six weeks later Frits was again transferred to England. This time they stayed for many years in the same place, in Hove in the South Downs. After Frits retired, they lived in England for another four years.

In 1991 they returned to the Netherlands, to Goor. Cathie heard somebody talk about the Anglican Church and she immediately took her bike and went over the bridge to see where the chapel was. In England they had stopped visiting the church because it was a High Church that didn't feel right for them. Cathie was baptised, confirmed and married in Huyton, Lancashire, while Frits, who had been raised in a Liberal Dutch Reformed family, was also baptised and married in Huyton. So, for a second time, they became

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TV

The mind is like a television... when it goes blank, it's a good idea to turn off the sound.

Don't lie

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Good and bad

Good judgement comes from bad experiences, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

Experience

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Moses and IT

When you think about it, Moses was the first one to download files from the cloud, using a tablet.

Query

If you can quote lines out of the Bible, are you well-versed in it?

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Forthcoming Services

6 October 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 16

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Frances Gothard

Elizabeth v.d Heiden

Gospel

Readings

Habakkuk [1. 1-4, 2. 1-4]

2 Timothy [1. 1-14]

Luke [17. 5-10]

13 October 2019

10:30 Eucharist and
Confirmation

**Admission & Licensing of Reader,
Simone Yallop**

The Right Revd. Michael
Langrish

The Venerable Dr. Paul Vrolijk,
The Revd Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor:

n.a.

Chalice:

n.a.

Sidesperson/Reader

Elisa Hannan

Patrick Saridjan

Gospel

Readings

Kings [5.1-3, 7-15c]

Timothy [2.8-15]

Luke [17.11-19]

20 October 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Harvest Festival

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Maureen Underwood

Chalice:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Linda ten Berge

Simone Yallop

Gospel

Readings

Genesis [32. 22-31]

2 Timothy [3. 14- 4. 5]

Luke [18. 1-8]

Forthcoming Services

27 October 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity Last

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Philippa te West

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Arjan Hafmans

Ecclesiastes [35. 12-17]

Louw Talstra

2. Timothy [4, 6-8; 16-18]

Gospel

Luke [18. 19-14]

3 November 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

All Souls/ All Saints

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Jeanet Luiten

Chalice:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Victor Pirenne

Daniel [7. 1-3, 15-18]

Lea Meijnen

Ephesians [1. 11-end]

Gospel

Luke [6. 20-31]

10 November 2019

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Remembrance Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden:

Blair Charles

Intercessor

Jeanet Luiten

Chalice:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Vivian Reinders

Job [19. 23-27a]

Heleen Rauwerda

2. Thessalonians. [2. 1-5, 13-end]

Gospel

Luke [20. 27-38]

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Observations on our Christian life

Affliction is God's shepherd dog to drive us back to the fold.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

The wages of sin is death. So repent before payday.

Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.

We don't change God's message - His message changes us.

To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.

Do what you can, for who you can, with what you have, and where you are.

What part of "THOU SHALT NOT" don't you understand?

Never undertake more Christian service that you can cover by believing prayer.
Alan Redpath

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churchgoers to a St. Mary's. This time it was in the beautiful chapel in the woods, where they felt at home.

Cathie was one of the women who silently worked behind the scenes of all the church happenings. For instance, for 15 years she was the leader and soul of the jam stalls, both at the Fair and following the Carol Service. Knowing how much work she did, I was amazed at how little credit she ever got for her work during all those years. Lately, Frits, who has had some health problems, hasn't been able to go to church over the last few years.

When it was time to go home, I found an incredibly hot car on the side of the street that I could not get into without burning my fingers. My heart though was full of another kind of warmth, the result of spending a very special afternoon, visiting an elderly and very positive couple.

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Castle Fair 2019 *A Wardens Viewpoint*

The weather over the days leading up to the Castle Fair did not bode well with windy, drizzly, grey days. Come the day the sun reappeared, the wind dropped to a light breeze, and the people poured through the gate in a steady stream throughout the day.

The Raffle Stall was placed this year at the top of the drive, between the ice cream stall and the English Fudge. Great spot for attracting visitors but not so great for the waistline. The two ladies on the stall, Marilyn and Lillian, had far more self-control than your warden and the author of this viewpoint.

The three of us had the privilege of acting like Father Christmas, (or in the ladies' case, Mary Christmas) throughout the day as we handed out prizes to lucky ticket holders. The only prize that proved difficult to give away was a voucher for a tree. It kept getting won by flat dwellers whose only outdoor

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space was a balcony. Happily, a gardener eventually won it and went away with a smile on her face.

Smiles on faces were the order of the day for our visitors. From the moment they arrived at the ticket stall most appeared amazed at the incredible array of stalls set in the grounds of the stunning Weldam Castle grounds. Those visitors who arrived at the beginning of the fair were met by the Highland pipe and drum band who marched up the drive playing a selection of music. Somehow, the skirl of the pipes and the rhythmic drumbeat of Highland Laddie, Scotland the Brae and Black Bear amongst others seemed to fit the scene.

The volunteers in the tearoom deserve a special mention as they dispensed tea, coffee and a huge variety of home-baked cakes throughout the day. Behind the scenes, out of sight of the crowd, volunteers toiled away washing an endless stream of crockery and glassware. At times, there were more visitors than there were chairs and tables available. Mention must also be made at this point of the Lub Gringhuis Patent Fly and Wasp Blower that kept the cakes both cool and insect free throughout the day. If you are curious, ask about this device when you are next in the Hut.

The Church Stall was placed in its usual position just inside the courtyard, by the gate. All day long Theda and Els informed interested visitors about the activities of St Mary's Chapel, and the charities the chaplaincy supported. They also sold a variety of goods, many hand-crafted by Theda.

That afternoon, the Dog Show took place on the front lawn. Around twenty dogs and their minders participated in over an hour of riotous fun. Identifying some dogs was easy, such as the Pembroke Corgi, a Shi Tzu, and a Labrador. For the rest, though it was more fun to speculate on what they were a mix of.

The international judging panel consisted of Arthur, representing the United Kingdom, Sebastian, representing the Netherlands and yours truly, representing the Republic of Ireland, scrutinised the entrants with professional skill. Bilingual commentary and instructions were blasted out via a Bull Horn by Joyce Wigboldus. (Using the Americanism for an electronic megaphone seems more appropriate.)

Dogs valiantly competed to gain the judges' attention in classes such as Cutest Dog, Waggiest Tail and Most Appealing Eyes. Judges equally bravely tried to not get bitten, by the human minders, in classes such as Dog that

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Miscellaneous observations on life

One thing all nations have in common is the ability to see each others' faults. - Anon

The human race seems to have improved everything except people. - Anon

The greatest service that could be rendered the Christian peoples would be to convert them to Christianity. - Anon

A good thing about the world is that conditions never get so bad that they couldn't get worse. - H V Prochnow

A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.

Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you.

The best thing parents can do for their children is to love each other.

Harsh words break no bones, but they do break hearts.

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We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.

The will is the deciding factor in everything that we do. In every sphere of life it settles alternatives. -
FP Wood

Many a woman who goes on a diet finds that she is a poor loser.

The nice thing about a dull party is that you get to bed at a decent hour.

Worry is the interest you pay on trouble before it comes.

Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, and sadly, some just grate.

Duh

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing....
If I HAD any loose fitting clothing I wouldn't have signed up to begin with.

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looks most like their owner and Dog the Judges would most like to take Home. The highlight was during the Best Trick event, when the dog had to fetch a squeaky plastic hamburger and return it to the thrower. Rusty, a multi-breed rescue dog raced past the hamburger and kept on going through the crowds, followed in hot pursuit by Katelyn, his rescuer, calling for him to come back.

At the end of the event, every dog had won at least one prize. Admittedly, it took a lot of judging skill, but no dog went home empty-pawed. The crowds who had gathered to watch a typical British church fete style dog show appeared to enjoy the spectacle.

At the end of the day, Jeanet and the other hard-working members of the Castle Fair Committee led the weary volunteers into winding up and clearing up after the last visitor had left. After all, the gardens of Weldam Castle had to be returned in the same condition. Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven tickets were sold and over six thousand years were raised for the chaplaincy funds. As an exercise in fundraising, the Castle Fair was a great success. But as a great fun day out, lets-get-to-know-other event for those of us who worship at St Mary's Chapel, the Castle Fair was enormously successful. Many thanks to all who took part, and to the Solms family, for the use of the Weldam Castle grounds. @Blair Charles



Animal Welfare Sunday - 6th October

A new scheme, the 'Animal Friendly Church', has been launched by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals (ASWA).

In a similar way to the initiatives that encourage communities to become Fair Trade churches, the project recognises parishes

and chaplaincies which operate as 'Animal Friendly Churches'. It also gives an annual prize for an example of outstanding achievement or dedication in this area.

As with Fair Trade, a huge difference can be made by people choosing to take comparatively small steps: for example, a commitment to use exclusively free range eggs or getting the Sunday school to do a project and build a 'bug hotel'.

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As ASWA explains: "It isn't so long ago that people thought that Fair Trade was for eccentrics who drank strange coffee; Christians thankfully changed that culture in the church and in wider society. This new scheme is a chance for Christians to achieve the same feat with animal welfare."

And so ASWA now awards 'Animal Friendly Church' Certificates to churches which practice and promote compassionate attitude towards God's creatures. Applicants are also automatically entered into the annual 'ASWA Animal Friendly Church of the Year Award'. The winner receives a hamper full of ethical and useful goodies for their Church, and a plaque to display on your wall. For more information go to: <https://www.aswa.org.uk>

The light in us

Not long ago, I had a conversation with a friend about feelings of inferiority. So many people are struggling with it that I wonder if it is not a part of everyone's personality.

Later that day I thought about something else: why do I always tell people who give me a compliment for something I did very well, that I am not so good with it, that others can do it so much better than I can do it. Why do I say this? I would rather boast about my skills. And what does it mean for me in a world, where some people hit themselves in the chests and scream that they know best while others shut up because they think they will not be heard? Do you recognise this?

And then I found this little piece of text in an old magazine. It is a part of the inauguration address by the South African president Nelson Mandela but is written by Marianne Williamson, an American spiritual writer.

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us: it's in everyone. And when we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. From "A Return to Love (1992)

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Church Bulletin Board

Announcements

At the Evening Service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The vicar unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours

Potluck Supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" - giving obvious pleasure to the congregation

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday

For those of you that have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale.

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It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands

DIVINE HUMOR

A quip from Robert Frost:
"Forgive, O Lord, my little jokes on Thee, and I'll forgive Thy great big joke on me."

PEACE

Disciple: Oh wise and all knowing one, take me to the realm of perfect peace.

Master: If I take you to that realm, it will no longer be peaceful.

MISSIONARIES

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner from Cape Town, South Africa, tells the following: "There is a story, fairly well known, about when the missionaries came to Africa. They had the Bible and we, the natives, had the land. They said 'Let us pray, and we dutifully shut our eyes. When we opened them, why, they now had the land and we had the Bible.'"

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May we never become faint of heart as we shine our little light of love in this darkened world. Our light is tethered to the greater light of the Word that was made flesh, a light that the darkness could not overcome.

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Best way to enjoy the Bible? Be like a dog with a bone!

Sarah brought her beautiful dog Bobby to a Quiet Morning at church. He was very well behaved and loved all the attention he received. As we began our time together Sarah gave him a bone to chew on, and he settled down contentedly, enjoying his own experience of 'heaven'!

The expression came into my mind, 'like a dog with a bone', and watching Bobby at work further confirmed my thinking. Here before us was a wonderful example of what it means to meditate on Scripture - to slowly and patiently chew things over in our mind until we begin to grasp internally what God is saying to us.

The Bible encourages us to meditate in this way. Think of Psalm 1, where we read about the godly person 'whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on His law, day and night (v2).' Think also of Joshua who was told, 'Keep this book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it (Joshua 1:8). Mary did this as well, when at the birth of Jesus she 'treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19).'

Perhaps sometimes we don't spend enough time with Scripture, letting its truth soak into our minds and pondering its meaning and application to our lives. The spiritual discipline of Bible meditation helps us to do just that. Why not take a verse of Scripture that has caught your attention recently, and chew it over as you go through the day, looking at it this way and that way until you feel you have received the goodness it contains?

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Pause for Prayer and Contemplation

Your mobile phone has already
replaced your watch, camera,
calendar and alarm clock

Don't let it replace your family

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am
going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

Nor do I
really know myself.

And the fact that I think I am follow-
ing

your will
does not mean that I am actually doing
so.

But I believe that the desire to please
you
does in fact please you.

And I hope that I will never do any-
thing
apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this,
you will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in
the shadow of death

I will not fear for you are ever with
me.

And you will never leave me to face my
struggles alone. Amen....

Thomas Merton

Don't Ever Save
Anything for a Special Occasion
Being Alive
Is the Special Occasion!

Six little stories with a lot of Meaning

- 1) One day all the villagers
decided to pray for rain. On the
Day of Prayer, all the people
gathered, but only one boy came
with an umbrella.
That is FAITH
- 2) When you throw babies in
the air, they know you will
catch them.
That is TRUST
- 3) Every night we go to bed
without any assurance of
being alive the next
morning, but we still set the
alarm.
That is HOPE
- 4) We plan big things for
tomorrow in spite of zero
knowledge of the future.
That is CONFIDENCE
- 5) We see the world suffering,
but still, we get married and
have children.
That is LOVE
- 6) On an old man's shirt was
written, 'I am not 80 years
of age, I am sweet sixteen
with 64 years of experience'
That is ATTITUDE

Have a happy day and live your life
like these six stories.

Remember, good friends are the
rare jewels of life, difficult to find
and impossible to replace

Heaven Sent

*Special people are Heaven sent, when we need them most,
They come by stealth into our lives, from the Holy Ghost.
In subtle ways they guide and care, to give us what we need,
It may be just a shoulder, until our tears recede.*

*They provide the right spark, to get us on the way,
A little note or a joke, to brighten up our day.
Friendships form with silken bonds, that strengthen over time,
They become a special part, we cherish past our prime.*

*Others stay for just a while, until their work's complete,
They slip away without a fuss, to the background they retreat.
Some will touch our core and soul, such impact will they make,
When they leave to move on, a piece of our heart they take.*

Bill Hoeneveld

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.*

