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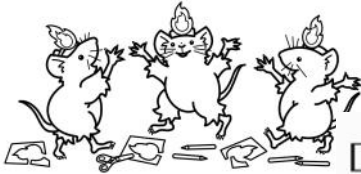
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The Revd Canon Paul Hardingham considers how the Holy Spirit can change our lives.

Pentecost

The celebration of Pentecost this month could be described as a birthday party for the Church, as we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples (Acts 2:1-13). What are we celebrating?

God's Promise:

The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: *'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised'* (1:4). They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

God's Power:

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors, but energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but *all* are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.

God's Purpose:

The disciples *'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'* (4). The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own *'native language'* (lit: *dialect*, v8). We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives and it's the Spirit who translates our words and actions into a language that those around can understand! At Pentecost, 3,000 people were added to the church in one day! What do we expect of the Spirit in our day?

'Let the Church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).

St Mary's Chapel News



Videos of the services

Thank you so much to Lub Gringhuis who does an excellent job each week in making the video recordings of the services. They are much appreciated, especially by those who are not able to attend the services in person. Previous services, going back to March this year, are still available to watch via the Website page.

Taken from Notices for the 2 May by Simone Yallop

Finding

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Sportsmanlike

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

The little boy nodded yes.

"Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?"

The little boy nodded yes.

"So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called, or you are out at first, or you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?"

Again, the boy nodded yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

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Electoral Roll

Now the AGM date has been set for Sunday 30 May, it is time to think about the annual update of the Electoral Roll. If anyone, who is not yet on the Electoral Roll, would like to join, they may do so up until two weeks before the AGM. Being on the Electoral Roll, gives you the right to vote at the AGM.

Decoration

This week I had a real surprise when I was called to the town hall in Hengelo and was decorated Lid in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau. It appears that a number of people from St. Mary's were involved in making this possible. They did very well to keep it a secret. I had no idea that this was going to happen until the burgermeester phoned me on Monday morning. I am extremely grateful to all who were involved. It was a wonderful ceremony and I feel very honoured to receive this. Thank you too for the climbing rose that was presented to me today on behalf of St. Mary's

Blair Charles writes: On behalf of the readers of this magazine, I take this opportunity to congratulate Simone on her award. Over the twenty-plus years I have known Simone, I have never ceased being amazed by her total involvement in both church and community. Simone's kindness and her generosity in sharing her vast knowledge on Anglican church matters are legendary.

A Word from Wales

As related in last month's magazine, our dog Abigail is still recovering from her operation. So, as I needed some exercise, and Billie, the goat, needed his banana, I took myself for a walk. On the way to the river, I stopped to pop a banana in Billie and then walked along the Dee's high grassy riverside embankment, enjoying the sunny weather.

Noticing that the river level was shallow, I guessed that the tide must be out. The River Dee is tidal as far up as the city of Chester. As I reached the place where I usually turn back, I glanced downriver and saw the Dee tidal bore travelling back upriver. The Dee is one of

three rivers in the UK with a bore, a standing wave that travels against the flow, generated by the incoming tide. The bore, about half a metre high, moved towards me with a gentle whooshing sound. I set off back upriver and was soon overtaken by the bore, safely below me.

The only sounds were the multitude of bird song, the wind, and the sound of the bore. Then I heard a muted roar, and looking upriver, I saw the giant Beluga floating in over the river, undercarriage extended. The airfield is about five kilometres away. The Beluga is a colossal transport aircraft used by the local aircraft company to transport Airbus wings to France for final assembly. With a giant bump over the cockpit, the plane painted white looks like its namesake, the beluga whale.

There I stood, lost in wonder. Enfolded in the beautiful Welsh countryside, all I could hear was the receding whoosh of the bore, the gentle roar of the plane and the clamour of bird song. It was impossible to believe that the world was in turmoil, battling the worst plague in a hundred years. There was a natural feeling of peace and tranquillity. If you feel overwhelmed by curfews, masks, lockdowns, etc., take yourself for a walk, or if that is not possible, sit on a park

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.

Payments Due

With the start of the new year the call has to go out again for those people who receive a paper copy, to make their annual donation. During 2020, Lub Gringhuis took over the job of arranging the printing. With some skilful home printing and costing the magazine covered its costs. With Lub's skilled management and your prompt donations, the magazine will survive.

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 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 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%20service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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What did I do with the car?

As I left a meeting at our church, I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought - I've left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty.

With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call: "Darling," I began (I always call her 'darling' at moments like this). "Darling, I have left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a little gasp. "You did not *have the car*. I dropped you off. Remember?"

My heart sang as relief flooded through me. "Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick - I am already running late... what is keeping you?"

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My wife replied with ominous calm: "What's keeping me? I'll tell you what's keeping me. The police are here. They think I've stolen our car..."

Finger

The Moving Finger writes, and, having writ, moves on. And so, I stare and wonder - where does the ink come from?!

Ah - but where are they now?

The children had been grouped together around the minister to pose for the annual Sunday School photograph, and the minister was smiling encouragement.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up," he said. "You could point to each other and say: 'There's Jennifer; hope she's made it as a solicitor,' or 'That's Michael, hope he's made it as a doctor.'"

A small voice at the back rang out, "And there's the minister - hope he made it to heaven..."

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The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... this letter was written before the pandemic.

On the perils of holding a Rose Queen celebration

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although it was less happy that some of them should have chosen to dress up as coronavirus bugs, full of those nasty spike proteins - that startled some of the timid residents in our community.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies, however, were less sympathetic when one of your hay bales was spun off on a tight corner and went through our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for speeding, and not social distancing, should boost our constabulary's figures for the next 12 months.

I must concede that the group who decided to make a *papier mache* swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a pity that they did not know a 15-foot-high swan would be driven under a 12-foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, I don't think our parish really wants a full-blown social media campaign for next year's Rose Queen, and so we will have to decline your offer.

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The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the 'gold' crown is only metal foil, and the 'diamond' sceptre is only a piece of glass? So, whoever it was in your crowd who walked off with them, please may we have them back before next year?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



News from the Vacancy Front.

It would have been great to tell you that our efforts to find a new chaplain for ourselves have been successful, but honestly, it is not.

Due to the Covid regulations, combined with all of the travelling restrictions, we face far more problems than expected. Up to now, we have advertised the vacancy 3 times and got very little response.

From May on, we will restart advertising. We hope and pray that people will be more tempted to cross the Channel or move to our country to have a life-changing experience in Twente from the summer on.

So far, finding locums suffers from the same problem as mentioned above. The locums that were ready to join us were all stopped to come over. Happily, Sam van Leer provided us with some super priests residing in the Netherlands, enabling us to cover most Sunday services. And with the help of Simone, we have managed.

From June onward, we will be having help from the UK till autumn. We ask for your help in prayer and personal to keep St. Mary going in the usual open and welcoming way as we are used to.

Now that public worship has started again, please start looking at the rota and show up when you are supposed to read and welcome people. The coffee rota also needs filling up again because fellowship after the service will also restart, weather permitting.

The upcoming AGM is planned for May 30. It would be great if we could welcome some new people into the council. People with different talents and ideas about what we can do to make sure St. Mary stays a vivid, welcoming congregation. A place where everybody can take part in working towards the future as Christ's example on earth. Please do not hesitate to bring yourself forward as we need fresh input.

Jeanet and Klaas.

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The puppies

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realised it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So, the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too."

Anaesthetic

As the manager of our hospital's cricket team, I was responsible for sorting out the

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Forthcoming Services
Links to the services can be found on
www.anglicanchurchtwente.com

May 9 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer
(Holy Communion from the
Reserved Sacrament)

Easter Six

Officiant and Preacher

Ms Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

There will be no
sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Victor Pirenne

Acts 10.44-end

Gospel

John 15. 9-17

May 13 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer

Ascension Day

Officiant and Preacher

Ms. Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

There will be no
sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Carolyn Braaksma

Acts 1. 1-11

Gospel

Luke 24. 44-end

May 16 2021

10:30 Eucharist Service

Easter Seven

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Howie Adan

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

There will be no
sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Arthur Cass

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end

Gospel

John 17. 6-19

Forthcoming Services

May 23 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Pentecost

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Howie Adan

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Maureen Underwood

There will be no sung
hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Frances Gothard

Acts 2. 1-21

Gospel

John 15. 26-27, 16. 4b-15

May 30 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Richard Capper

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Jeanet Luiten

There will be no sung
hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Elizabeth vd Heide

Isaiah 6. 1-8

Heleen Rauwerda

Romans 8. 12-17

Gospel

John 3. 1-17

June 6 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 1

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Richard Capper

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

There will be no sung
hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Jonathan de Groot

Genesis 3. 8-15

Maureen Underwood

2. Corinthians 4. 13-5.1

Gospel

Mark 3. 20-end

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equipment for the games.

One day as I walked through the surgery department carrying a bat that belonged to one of the surgeons, I passed several patients and their families in a waiting area. I heard one man say to his wife, "Look, darling, here comes your anaesthetist."

Do the maths

A teacher posed the following problem to one of her maths classes: "A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million pounds. One-fifth is to go to his wife, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?"

After a very long silence in the classroom, one little boy raised his hand. With complete sincerity, he ventured, "A solicitor?"

Gift?

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child.

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A call for climate action

This is the central part of a broad call for climate action read recently in most of the churches in the Netherlands:

"The global warming and all the consequences worry us all. From various religious groups and philosophies, an alarm has been raised. Because we believe that the Earth is trusted to us, forcing us to take responsibility. We raise the alarm just because we have confidence in the future!

The scenarios are known: at the moment, there is a two, three or more degrees Celsius warming up the Earth. We are already experiencing problems with dry summers. And the sea level is rising. Perhaps other great disasters will occur in West Europe later on. But who wants to grant this to their children and grandchildren? Our trust is challenged, and it sometimes seems like the hope that a mother will give her child trying to flee from a burning house without knowing where to find an exit..... These words have a kind of alarming effect.

We have to realise that it does not help to frighten others or make them cynical. The climate problem is so enormous that it can paralyse people while others hardly realise how urgent the situation is. That is why it is essential to achieve a better understanding by talking about climate change, as getting trust is so important. It is not a naïve trust but an involved trust that opens people's eyes and calls for them to take responsibility. That trust touches our souls and lies at the foundation of our philosophy of life.

We have a lot of confidence in the growing group of people making conscious choices for a sustainable lifestyle as consumer and producer. We trust farmers who no longer want to take part in the revenue model that made Dutch agriculture so great but draws too much of a burden on the liveability of the Earth.

And we have confidence in judges who grant poor farmers in Africa justice and point out multinationals to their fault and responsibility. We do this because immemorial stories and rituals from ancient religious traditions hold up a mirror and give us power and hope. They help us to have trust in what seems to be impossible. We see hope and faith in religious people and at least as strong in others.

And we think about Wubbo Ockels (1946-2014), the former astronaut who wrote just before his death a burning letter to humanity. In this letter, he called for the protection of the Earth. "We can move humanity in a better direction if

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we work together" was his message. And this collaboration, we believe, can take shape in all diversity.

From this necessary confidence, we sound the alarm. Because there is a lot at stake: the most precious gift that we have received on loan, our communal home, the Earth! We sound the alarm, just because we have confidence in the future and in all the good powers, to take responsibility together from there."

This call is signed (in alphabetical order):
Cristien Crouwel, general secretary of the Counsel of Churches in the Netherlands; Aydin Ilgar, board member of the Islamitic Foundation Nederland; Mechteld M. Jansen, rector of the Protestant Theological University; Manuela Kalsky, professor Religion and Cooperation and chairman Nieuw Wij; Gerard de Korte, bishop Bisdom 's Hertogenbos; Bikram Lalbahadoersing, hindu and president of "In Vrijheid Verbonden"; Dom Bernardus Peeters, president Conferentie Nederlandse Religieuzen; René de Reuver, scribe Protestant Church in the Netherlands; Awraham Soetendorp, rabbi and member International Green Cross (and many more religious leaders).



Is caring for creation part of your faith?

In April, the Diocese in Europe organised five interactive Zoom sessions on Caring for Creation. Each session had an expert speaker, and the participants came from Norway down to Portugal and across to Turkey. We covered many different topics. For example, theology, practical tips for making your church community more sustainable, and just how urgent the problems of pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity are.

I'm not going to try to summarise everything we covered, as that would do justice to neither the subjects nor the speakers. Instead, I'd like to share what struck me most. And that was a very well-known Bible verse, namely John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Apparently, the Greek word for "world" in this verse is cosmos. God loves the cosmos. God loves all he created and his created order of things. Revd. Dr Dave Bookless (Director of Theology for A Rocha International -

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She said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

Chicken run

Idealistic politician: "I dream of a better tomorrow where chickens can cross the road and not have their motives questioned."

Fear

The only thing to fear is fear itself... and spiders.

Coronavirus - warning about vaccine

This happened recently and is an important lesson for our friends and family in the older age group. A friend had his second dose of vaccine at the vaccination centre. Shortly afterwards he began to have blurred vision and struggled to get home.

He rang the vaccination centre and asked if he should go straight to the hospital for help. He was told NOT to go to the hospital, but instead to return at once to the vaccination centre

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and pick up his glasses....

True love?

I was officiating at a wedding and during the preparations the bride and groom wanted to have two turtledoves on the altar as a symbol of their forever love. I politely said no birds or animals.

They hid the birds in a back room, anyway. Immediately after the service they went outside, each of them with a bird in its cage.

They opened the cages in unison. One bird flew out and made a hard right turn. The other flew out and made a hard left turn.

We all stood there watching the symbols of their forever love fly off in opposite directions.

A true story from the Revd Mark Martin

A Wish Granted?

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer.

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www.arocha.org), who explained this theological aspect, also quoted other portions of scripture that emphasise God's love for all creation and his plan to redeem all creation. However, for the sake of brevity, this verse suffices to illustrate the point.

So if I take this theological line of thinking, my faith is not just about God's love for me and other human beings (important though that is). No, it is about God's love for all created things. So how I use or abuse the resources God's given me on this planet matters. Not caring about creation is just as much a sin as anything else I might do that goes against God's love and will. That does not mean I have to join the Green Party, become a strict vegan or only shop at an eco supermarket. Although if that's your choice, then that's absolutely fine. And neither do I have to feel guilty every time I travel by car. It's not about good or bad. It's about making choices that fit me and enable me to demonstrate my thankfulness to God for his creation, which he lets me use during my life here on earth. And it's about including creation in my worship of God. So, for example, we have some beautiful Anglican hymns about creation (such as Hills of the North Rejoice) and the Celtic Christian tradition is imbued with and inspired by the natural world.

If I may, I'd like to give you a challenge. How does creation fit into your faith? Is your faith solely concerned about saving people, or does it involve creation "groaning for redemption" (Romans 8: 19-23). And without going on a guilt trip, how could you demonstrate your appreciation for God's cosmos? Could you consume less or make choices about what you buy or how you travel so that you damage God's world less? Or, a step further, is God calling you to get involved in environmental campaigning? And thinking about the story of Mary and Martha, faith goes beyond what we do. So just like Mary sat at Jesus' feet, do you ever take the time to marvel at the created world around us? In your garden, perhaps, or while out for a walk, jog or cycle ride?

How we view God's creation is our individual choice and responsibility. But I hope and pray that we will increasingly reflect God's love for all he created as a church community.

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Church of England backs VaccinAid campaign to 'Give the World a Shot' to help defeat Covid-19

The Church of England is supporting the 'VaccinAid' campaign which aims to help fund the biggest vaccination drive in history.

Led by UNICEF UK, with the online fundraising platform Crowdfunder, the campaign offers people a practical way to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccination, by making a voluntary donation to help pay for jabs for others around the world.

It aims to help fund almost two billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high-risk and vulnerable people on our planet. The money raised will also help UNICEF provide tests and treatments to people in 190 countries around the world through the global COVAX initiative.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is encouraging people and congregations both to donate, and also to spread the word in their community, as a practical demonstration of Jesus's command to love our neighbour.

VaccinAid is being supported by other faith groups, businesses, celebrities and the NHS.

Using the Crowdfunder platform, individual donations can be given, or communities - including parishes - can sign-up to fundraise together.

Local churches are being encouraged to join the campaign, with resources available to download for free on the AChurchNearYou.com Resource Hub to share on social media, newsletters or notice boards.

The recently launched campaign has been developed in just a few weeks following a meeting convened by Archbishop Justin with faith leaders, Government and NGOs to discuss how people in the UK could do something practical in response to the real sense of gratitude they have felt as they and their loved-ones receive their vaccines.

Archbishop Justin said: "The Covid-19 crisis has had a profound impact on people here and around the world, but vaccines offer the hope of a brighter future. I'm delighted that churches and other faith groups in the UK are supporting the VaccinAid campaign.

"There is no better way to show our deep gratitude for the gifts of science and medicine than making sure vulnerable people around the world are also given a shot.

For more information on the campaign go to www.vaccinaid.org to donate or begin fundraising.

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Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over there any time I want." The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honour and glorify me." The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says 'nothing's wrong,' and how I can make a woman truly happy." The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Nigel Beeton writes: "A few weeks ago, the UK paused to remember the devastation that Covid-19 has caused. Who could imagine that in just a year such a thing could happen. What a tribute to those who laboured long and hard to achieve that. I realise that some of us still await the first dose of the vaccine, and I hope that they will soon get it. I also realise that some vaccinators are men; it was just that, for me, on both occasions I met A Lady with the Shot. So, begging pardon for the awful pun, and to Alfred, Lord Tennyson for crimes against his masterpiece, here is my poem:"

A Lady with the Shot

*On either side the dangers lie
We may sicken, we may die;
We cannot drive, we cannot fly,
We must wear masks, but some ask, "why?"
"It's just a massive plot!"
Though some may protest loud and shrilly
We have to tell them, "don't be silly,"
There's just one route from fear so chilly:
The covid vaccine shot!*

*Through long and anxious toilsome days
They sought for virus-killing ways,
It's hard to find the words of praise -
Their skill and knowledge just amaze!
They loosed a Gordian Knot!
For months the news had gone so badly
How nice to turn from thinking sadly
And go and meet so very gladly
A lady with the shot!*

*And now must all folk gladly share
The vaccine which, with equal care
Protects all people, everywhere
If it's use is wise and fair.
We must share what we've got.
And then at last this virus stealthy
Will threaten no-one - poor or wealthy
No more masks to keep us healthy
This clever vaccine shot!*

By 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.*

