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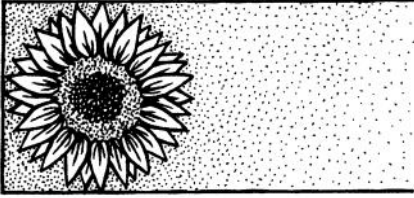
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August 2021

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the holiday season

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. This year will be very different, with many opting for a 'staycation'! The good news is that Jesus offers us a true rest:

'Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matthew 11: 28-29).

Are you feeling tired or burdened and in need of a holiday? Jesus invites you to spend it with Him!

The Invitation: Our holiday destination is Jesus Himself: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.' We can come just as we are, with all the burdens and sadness we carry from the last 18 months. Jesus doesn't offer a 'quick fix' to deal with our issues; He simply offers Himself!

The Promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen to enable them to work the fields. Jesus says: 'My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to me and get yoked to Me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in Me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you!'

What's so amazing about this holiday is that you can get rest by simply staying at home!

St Mary's Chapel Castle Fair 2021

News



Cut!

A vicar told his congregation, "Every blade of grass is a sermon."

A few days later a parishioner saw him mowing the lawn. "That's right, Father," the man said, "cut your sermons short."

Manners

A paediatric nurse had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day she entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her injection. "No, no, no!" she screamed.

"Lizzie," scolded her mother, "that's not polite behaviour." With that, the girl yelled even louder, "No, thank you! No, thank you!"

What Doc?

An Anglican priest was a Doctor of Divinity, while his wife was a Doctor of Medicine. Somebody called at the rectory and called to see the "Doctor".

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We are pleased to announce the Castle Fair will take place again on September 11. Only some new sharp regulations can keep us from it now.

We did invite many interesting people again and so far managed to fill more than 30 stalls. Some are new, and others are old favourites, such as the music. Our thanks to our lovely bakers. They have already committed themselves to fill the freezer with marvellous cakes and scones.

We have already done much of the work behind the scenes to achieve this. Now we rely on all able-bodied members of our congregation to make it all happen. We still need a lot of help, in the Tea room, at the entrance, and in the kitchen to allow a smooth running of our hospitality.

The children's corner needs manning and lots of other small tasks need doing on the Friday before the Fair. That is when we will all come together to work. It will be an exhausting but rewarding, happy and fellowship building event to help us all get together again after 18 months of limited contact.

So please put your name on the list in the hut, or call or app Jeanet. We are looking forward to yet another sunny Fair.

A Word from Wales

Life in Wales is slowly starting to return to what we fondly remember as normal. On the 21 July there was a Coffee Morning held at St Deiniol's. Due to pandemic restrictions, it was held outdoors, and fortunately the sun shone.

Marilyn, Abby, and I went to the Tithe Barn, that serves as the church hall, where we paid for our coffee and biscuit. Someone kindly carried our coffee across the road into the grounds of the Gladstone Library, which neighbours the church.

Founded by William Gladstone, four times Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, to allow people access to his huge private book collection, the library claims to be the inspiration for the US Presidential libraries. Gladstone maintained he was merely bringing books with no readers in contact with readers who had no books.

In the splendid garden, there were chairs set out on the lawn in front of the magnificent, red sandstone Edwardian building. Here we could at last meet our fellow

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parishioners without looking like we were attending a bank robbers convention. There was also a raffle, a plant sale, and a cake sale. Abby was suitably fussed by all and sundry. The Rector also invited her to attend services whenever she wanted. It took Marilyn and I back to those wonderful Sunday afternoons at Weldam serving Afternoon Teas.

Earlier that week, the three of us went for a walk in Wepre Park, about four miles away from where we now live. A beautiful park laid out in the grounds of a now demolished country mansion, and the ruins of Ewloe Castle. We were at first startled to encounter bands of youth roaming the park. On getting closer we saw they were all wearing work gloves and carrying plastic bags or pick-up sticks. Laughing, chattering, and having a wonderful time, these young

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

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The housekeeper asked, "D'yuh want the preachin' or the practicin' one?"

Hard to tell

During a summer music festival, a punk rocker stopped at the front desk of the reception tent to ask if there were any messages for her. The desk clerk handed her an unsigned note, and she asked for a description of the person who had left it. "That's easy," replied the clerk. "He wore tight pink-leather trousers, high-heeled black boots and a T-shirt with strategically cut holes. There was a row of coloured safety pins through the outside edge of one ear, and he wore purple eyeshadow. And his hair was orange and spiked."

"Oh, man!" she said, obviously disappointed, "that could be anybody!"

Quiet

Sad teenager: "Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was 'shut up'."

Baby

A four-year-old walked over to a pregnant woman on the beach. "Why is your stomach so big?" he wondered out loud.

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"I'm having a baby," the woman replied, amused.

The little boy, with a puzzled look, ventured: "Is it a good baby?"

The woman smiled. "Oh, yes. It's a real good baby."

With even more surprise the toddler asked: "Then why did you eat him?"

The purpose of the font

That Sunday our Family Service included two baptisms and many young children were there. In his talk, the Vicar asked the children if any of them knew what the font was for

- and the answer came back: "For washing babies' hair"!

Middle

The middle class consists of people who are not poor enough to accept charity and not rich enough to donate anything.

Break out

With the exception of world unrest, nothing breaks out in more places than an old garden hose

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The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

Press one for vicar, two for curate....12 for prayer....

My dear Nephew Darren

Now you have got your new telephone system in the parish, I shall not be calling you again. I refuse to wait for ten minutes every time I ring to have to listen to the cycle of 'press 1 for the vicar, 2 for the curate, 3 for the secretary', until we end with '12 for requests for prayer.' I was tempted to leave a message on 12 to ask that the wretched machine would break down, but then realised I would have to call a second time to leave a message on 13 for making a confession.

And if I have to listen one more time to someone playing 'Thine be the glory' on one finger on an electric organ while I am 'on hold' I will have him excommunicated. At least you have the grace not to ask me not to hang up, as my call is important to you. I would even warm to your system if a voice occasionally said that they couldn't care less whether I hung up or not, as my call was utterly irrelevant to them.

Those poor people who have to wait to reach 7 for leaving messages regarding marriages might as well leave a second message on 8 for baptisms, and save on a large phone bill in months to come. As for 9 for funerals, entire families could be born, marry and die before they reach that one. And may I suggest that your car parking attendant who stuck a note on my windscreen telling me not to park there again is given the number 666.

My own answerphone tells people firmly that the machine does not accept incoming messages, and that I only answer personally on Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon, provided nothing better has turned up. Alternatively, they could write me a letter which may (or may not) be answered, at my convenience.

As for the few who have got hold of my mobile number, my response is to say that I am just about to enter a tunnel and then to switch it off. Callers from other parts of the country now believe that the parish of St James the Least is



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honeycombed by mile-long tunnels, making communication all but impossible.

You can now be assured that your new system means you will be contactable at any moment, wherever you happen to be. But don't call me to complain and expect to receive sympathy; I shall be just about to enter a tunnel.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



As St Mary's is in interregnum, this article on the recent review on spay in the C of E was I thought was appropriate

Are clergy paid enough?

Clergy are getting enough money, and their pay will stay at its current level. That is the conclusion of a review of the remuneration package for stipendiary clergy officeholders in parochial ministry.

But the review did call for targeted support for a minority of clergy who face hardship. And the review acknowledges that the "pandemic has brought additional challenges to affordability."

The review was requested by the House of Clergy in 2018, as there had been no review of the clergy package, which currently equates on average to £50,000, since 2001.

©Parish Pump

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volunteers were scouring the park for litter. There were other groups, working under the supervision of the park rangers, who were carefully weeding the extensive flower beds.

There were a few adults, loitering in the background, keeping an eye on the groups, but they weren't really needed. Having read so much bad press about the youth of today, it was an inspiration to see so many in the park, having so much fun while serving their community. Abby, Marilyn, and I enjoyed our walk in the park so much more that day.

In closing, we won a prize in the Morning Coffee raffle. Appropriately, with all the extra walking we are doing, it was a box of foot care products!

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What it takes

In some countries any man with a good voice, a large vocabulary and a microphone seems certain to develop into a political party.

Going, going....

A good test of blood pressure is to watch someone being liberal with the money he owes you.

Work ethic?

If you build a big business, you're a sinister influence; if you don't, you're a failure.

Definitions

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and lasts hours.

EGOTIST:

Somebody who is usually me-deep in conversation.

MOSQUITO:

An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN:

Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET:

Something to tell to one person at a time.

Forthcoming Services

1 August 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer

Trinity 9

Officiant and Preacher

Ms Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Vivian Reinders

Exodus 16. 2-4, 9-15

Ann Powell

Ephesians 4. 1-16

Gospel

John 6. 24-35

8 August 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer

Trinity 10

Officiant and Preacher

Ms Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

1 Kings.19. 4-8

Philippa te West

Ephesians 4. 25-5.2

Gospel

John 6. 35, 41-51

15 August 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Officiant and Preacher

Ms Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Rachel Koster

Isaiah. 61, 10-end

Arthur Cass

Galatians 4. 4-7

Gospel

Luke 1. 46-55

Forthcoming Services

22 August 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 12

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Dan Eze

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Elisa Hannan

Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18

Simone Yallop

Ephesians 6. 10-20

Gospel

John 6. 56-69

29 August 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 13

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Dan Eze

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erick Wanjala

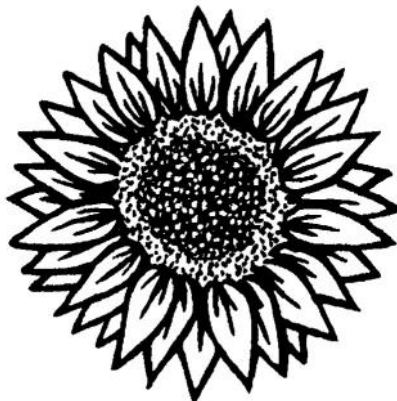
Deuteronomy 4. 1-2, 6-9

Jan de Beij

James 1. 17-end

Gospel

Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23



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SKELETON:

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE:

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES:

Something other people have. You have character lines.

For sale

Notice in local newspaper:
Wedding dress for sale.
Worn once by mistake.

Good camping advice

Going camping this month?
Take along a tuba or a drum and carefully place it beside your tent. It will keep the spaces on either side of your tent well and truly vacant.

Before - and after

Conscience is what hurts when everything else

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A letter from the Council, July 2021



Dear members and friends of St. Mary's,

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We are experiencing a different and difficult year with covid restrictions and an interregnum as well. Jeanet and Klaas have been able to guide us through this difficult time, of course with much help from Lub, Simone and Louw. A big thankyou to this Team.

Financially we are not coping so well. We have not received collections for a longtime, although quite a number of people have donated collection money via bank drafts. This first half year we only received 28% of the budgeted collections and only 30% of the Free Will Offerings via the bank. Up till now (almost $\frac{1}{2}$ year) we have a loss of € 7.271 !

We do not receive any grants or other financial support from the Church of England or any local authorities. We have to survive on our own, depending on the financial support of everyone in the chaplaincy. With the help of a number of members volunteering time and help, with the prayers and moral support of the Diocese of Europe and with the invaluable help of our Archdeacon, we managed to keep costs to the minimum.

We ask you all to review your financial giving, and please, do try to be as generous as possible. You could also consider to donate an extra gift for these difficult times. The treasurer and churchwardens will be pleased to offer advice or answer any questions with regards your personal situation, e.g. information on the available possibilities for income tax rebates.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

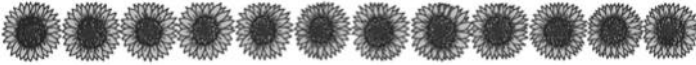
Best wishes from your council.

Contact details

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Wardens: wardens@anglicanchurchtwente.com

Secretary: simone.yallop@planet.nl



We can sing again!!!

After a long and silent period at St. Mary's, we can again sing our hymns in the service. To me, this is so uplifting!

There is something mysteriously fortifying about singing together. Our lips are moving in the same way. Our chest cavities are vibrating in a rhythmic unison - corporate singing - and it creates a peculiar companionship among people who, apart from their creed, may have little else in common. You barely know the person in the pew next to you. But when you sing a familiar song or hymn, it may well be your best friend or even your grandpa or auntie.

It is one of the tragedies of modern Western life that people so infrequently sing together. We may sing in the car or the shower, but mostly we listen as soloists gurgle out the nonsense lines of pop songs. Somehow, with the rise of radio and recorded songs in the last century, we stopped singing together. Singing also disappeared from the school schedule.

Singing has a strange power over us. You can feel strong emotions and singing together makes it even impossible to feel hostile towards your fellow singers.

After finishing my education as a singer and voice coach at the conservatory, I followed a three-year training course to become a musical therapist. That was an eye-opener: I never had an inkling that singing, and music had such an impact on our health and brains. And that was about half a century ago.

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feels so good.

Stupidity got us into this mess - why can't it get us out?

Stress

I don't suffer from stress. I'm a carrier.

How old

A young child asked a woman how old she was. She answered, "39 and holding." The child thought for a moment, then wondered, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Mad

You can't please everyone. But it is possible to make 'em all mad at the same time.

Bread

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

Who first

While flying home, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son. Mum couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember - run to Dad first, then the dog."

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Laugh

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat and you could tell she thought the cat understood every word. I came back home and told my dog. We got a big laugh out of that.

Flies

A woman went into the kitchen to find her husband swatting flies. "I killed three female and two male ones," he said triumphantly.

She asked him how on earth he knew that.

"Easy. Two were on my beer can, and three were on the phone."

Hard

One of the hardest decisions in life is when to start middle age.

Talk

Did you hear about the self-help group for compulsive talkers? It's called On & On Anon.

Miscellaneous observations on life as a Christian...

One day we stand
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Now scientists have discovered even more. For instance: children who learn to sing songs before they master talking will have better study results with their school performance and studies later in life. Alzheimer patients can speak much better when they hear music. People with dementia can sing the old children songs properly, even if they cannot form words. So, I recommend singing for babies and with children as much as is possible.

But unlike other forms of music in decline, singing together stands a chance of reversal. Now we're permitted to remove our facemasks and gather for a church service; we can sing our uplifting hymns with gladness. All together now.

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A letter about St Mary's



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Dear Johanna,

You were always very interested in my stories about Saint Mary's. You expressed a wish to attend a service soon. That makes me very happy because you will surely be just as enthusiastic as I am.

You asked me to tell you more about what you can expect and what you must do in such a service. Of course, you are coming by car. Well, there is sufficient parking space. But then you must walk 50 meters along a small path to the chapel. I say small because the big shrubs of rhododendrons are not pruned this year, and the way is just half as wide as usual. There are also many weeds where there was always a neat driveway. The chapel and all the surroundings belong to the Castle Weldam Estate. Perhaps they have the same problem as everybody now: are gardeners difficult to get this year? Would corona be the cause, or are there other reasons? Nevertheless, it is just even more a surprise to see the chapel rising from behind the bushes.

If you are lucky, you will be welcomed by the sweet sound of the church bell. You will remember how the bells of the Protestant churches ringing the quarter of an hour before the beginning of the service and the Roman Catholic bells only 5 minutes in our youth. That was because Protestants then had time to have a friendly little chat. How the Catholics did it, I

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don't know. Still, within those 5 minutes, the whole congregation entered the empty church in silence, and all the pews were filled without pushing. Nobody came too late. At St Mary's, there are no rules for ringing the bell. It depends if someone is available to ring it.

There usually are two ushers at the door to welcome the visitors and hand them over a hymnal and a service sheet. They always accommodate and bring you to an excellent place to sit, with or without a kneeling pillow. I have tried a pillow once because the benches are very uncomfortable for our old bottoms. But halfway through the sermon, I tumbled over and ended under the pew. They are best for kneeling on if you want to do so. Since the doors are always open (corona rules), there are plaids available. Still, they tend to slide on the floor, and there is nearly no room between the pews for bending over to pick them up, or you must lay your head on the lap of your neighbour.

Enjoy, while you are reading all the holy texts on the walls, the beautiful music from the organ. Organists are rare these days, so we are delighted to have a wonderful organist and a well-tuned organ.

People usually have some quiet conversation till the lovely sound of the handbell rings. That is the moment to be silent and to have an inner preparation for the coming service. You will see some people enter, still talking loudly, because they missed the bell ringing. I am often so unkind to have a little giggle to suppress. So come in time to enjoy all these events.

One of the problems is that The Anglican church is a world church with a uniform service plan. However, every congregation has a different way to let you know what the changing items are, like the hymns, the readings and what else throughout the church year. So, there you are with a hand full of sheets and books and don't have a clue what you have to do with them all. You are surrounded by friendly people, but they do not always see what problems you may have as they are absorbed in meeting their own religious needs. So don't hesitate to ask for help. But do not expect too much, as the social distance is also maintained in our church.

Later this month I shall write to you some more. But for now, I wish you all the best and give your husband a hug from me.

Your friend
Erica

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to lose everything -
except those
qualities that have
eternal value.

- David Watson

The weaker we feel,
the harder we lean on
God. And the harder
we lean, the stronger
we grow.

- Joni Eareckson
Tada

Never make the
blunder of trying to
forecast the way God
is going to answer
your prayer.

- Oswald Chambers

In commanding us to
glorify Him, God is
inviting us to enjoy
Him. - C S Lewis

We may pray most
when we say least,
and we may pray least
when we say most. -
Augustine

God has nothing to
say to the self-
righteous.

- D L Moody

For every act of
kindness and
compassion done by
any man for his fellow
Christian is done by
Christ working in him.
- Julian of Norwich

It used to irritate a
friend of mine that
when he went to
confession, he never
got the chance to tell
the priest the good
things he had done. -
Monica Furlong

In Hawarden Churchyard

*Behind the hill, the sun slips, slow,
Casting long shadows here below.
The old church, high upon the hill
Reflects the crimson rays until,
The sandstone has a rosy glow.*

*Over beside the grave yard wall,
Upon a gravestone, standing tall,
As shadows deepen and grow long
The robin sings his evensong.
As deeper the dark shadows fall.*

*The fir tree standing stiff and straight,
Lichen clad cross beside the gate,
Goldcrests twitter in the fir tree,
The thrush repeats his reverie
From the cross, in the fading light.*

*Pigeons roost in an ancient yew,
And collared doves repeat "Coo, coo."
The blackbird high in the oak tree
Sings to claim his territory
So the birds in the churchyard knew.*

*The sun is sinking lower still,
The barn owl screeches clear and shrill.
The blackbird calls a loud alarm,
So other birds come to no harm,
As the sun drops behind the hill.*

*The owl leaves his roost, taking flight
Above the gravestones in the night,
On silent wings he hovers low,
Unheard by creatures down below
And far above their range of sight.*

*The sun can now be seen no more.
But light streams from the old church door.
As birds fall silent, now we praise,
And to our God our hymns we raise.
With songs no sweeter than before.*

*By Michael Bourton (aged 12)
Winner of
The John Betjeman Poetry Prize
for young people
2013*

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.*

