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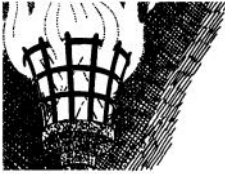
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# November 2021

This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

*The world is not ours:*

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

*We belong to Christ:*

We also belong to the one in whom: 'all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.' (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the COP26 climate conference



## St Mary's Chapel News



### Parade for Remembrance Service

Local newspapers advertising church services don't always get it quite right. Such as the local paper advertising a Remembrance Day service, who should have printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organisations.*

Instead, they printed: *There will be a parade of uniformed organists.*

### Iniquities

A keen young boy, attending his first Mass as an altar boy, was very attentive to everything the priest said. He was especially struck by the priest's prayer: "Lord, wash away my iniquities, and save me from sin!"

In the sacristy afterwards he humbly asked the priest where he should pour the

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### Congratulations

On behalf of all the readers of St Mary's Magazine to Carol van Straten and Jan Schage, who were wed on the 19 October in Hengelo Town Hall.

Carol has provided the musical entertainment at many a church function over the years.

May the couple have many happy years together.



### A Word from Wales

At St Deiniol's Church, coffee and tea is taken in the Tithe Barn, a 17th Century building standing just outside the churchyard. Originally used to hold the tithes for the parish, the barn was converted into a schoolhouse in 1814. At the end of the 19th Century, the Gladstone family paid for its conversion into a church hall. Although it is built on a grander scale than the Hut, at Weldam, even having a professional kitchen attached, it somehow lacks the informal warmth of the Hut. It is, however, ideal during these times of plague and pestilence as it is possible to sociably distance!

Likewise, The Voice, the parish magazine for Hawarden and the church, is on a grander scale. For a start, it is printed in full colour. But then again it is published quarterly and is obviously financed by the great deal of advertising. There is a section called the Curate's Corner, in which the Revd. Gail Woodward, the curate, has her say. With her permission, I repeat her latest offering.

### Curate's Corner

*I was walking in the dogs through local woodland and thinking how lucky we are to have easy access to open countryside.*

*As I walked, I noticed that one of the big trees had been decorated at its base with a miniature door and decorations by a child earmarking it as a special place where fairies live.*

*It prompted me to think about how fairies have become*

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*part of our culture and way of explaining those things we don't understand. The fairies living in the base of the tree of the tree represent a magical world we can never enter except through the imagination of a child.*

*But there is also the 'poo fairy', and when communities want to highlight that owners are not acting responsibly, they inform one and all that the 'poo fairy' will not magically take the issue away.*

*As we work our way out of the pandemic, there will be no magic fairy to heal the hurt and concern that many people have, but in Psalm 46:1 it says God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

### **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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water from the ablutions bowl: "Please father, where shall I put your iniquities?"

### **Daily Mail**

At a recent church meeting, our Sunday School teacher requested that a notice be put into the weekly pew-sheet, asking for church members to bring in any old copies they had of the Daily Mail. She wanted the newspapers for a big Christmas project involving lots of paper mache, and thought that the ink on the Daily Mail would be less messy.

The secretary made a rough note, and the notice went in: 'Wanted by our Sunday School teacher: lots of daily males.'

### **Stewardship**

Our church launched a new Stewardship Campaign, which instead of holding a series of events, decided to focus entirely on one big fund-raising event. The evening became known as "putting all our begs in one askit."

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### **Tee-shirt**

My kindergarten-aged daughter announced, just before school, that she needed to take a clean tee shirt to class. The teacher was going to iron an anti-drug message on it.

My wife frantically swept through my daughter's room, finding nothing usable but one tee shirt that already had something printed on one side. She sent it off to school with my daughter. That afternoon, my daughter returned and happily showed off her shirt.

On one side it said, 'Families are Forever.' And on the other, 'Be Smart, Don't Start.'

### **Heaven**

An elderly couple died and were received by St Peter through the Pearly Gates into heaven. They found it a wonderful place. The husband said to his wife: "If you hadn't fed us such healthy food all our marriage,

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

### **St James the Least of All**

*There are more frightening things than bishops out there...*

My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once - and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final

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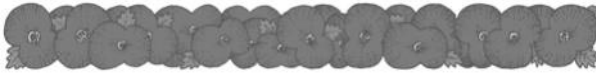
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piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



## A letter to Johanna

Dear Johanna,

This is wonderful! You like my description of habits and quirks in the Anglican church. Well, more is coming!

This Sunday morning, we were back in using our service books, and we were also singing the parts as we were not allowed to do so in the Covid-19 time. Did I tell you I lost my voice? Yes, old age did not give me the grace to keep my voice high and clear. No longer Bach or Handel or sometimes a descant in the church. But the well-known service music is within my possibilities, and I enjoyed singing it again instead of merely speaking the words.

Preaching was beset with more problems. The microphone no longer does its job, and the sermon was from where I sit, not at times audible.

I considered this Sunday to buy a big horn, the sort used in the old days by deaf people. But to be serious, it is a pity missing a good sermon.

Now I will return to telling you about the priest's clerical clothes

The most obvious and recognisable item from a distance is the white collar. Informally and jokingly called a dog collar.

Sjoerd always said to me when I was pondering about having a dog: "You already have me, and I am wearing a dog collar in the service of my Big Boss. This dog collar makes me the watchdog of the Lord. If you want to walk a dog, attach a leash to my collar, and you can walk me."

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we could have reached here years ago."

### Know what to do

The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning, and you have a number of people, spread throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.

### Rooms

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own

## Forthcoming Services

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7 November 2021

10:30 Eucharist

**Third before Advent**

**Officiant and Preacher**

Revd. David Mumford

**Duty Warden**  
Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**  
Dave Thomas

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Patrick Saridjan

Jonah 3. 1-5, 10

Victor Pirenne

Hebrews 9. 24-end

Gospel

Mark 6. 1-13

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14 November 2021

10:30 Eucharist

**Remembrance**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. David Mumford

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Simone Yallop

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Frances Gothard

Daniel 12, 1-3

Erica Schotman

Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25.

Gospel

Mark 13. 1-8

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21 November 2021

10:30 Eucharist Service

**Christ the King**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. David Mumford

**Duty Warden**  
Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**  
Klaas Prins

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Elizabeth v d Heide

Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14

Jonathan de Groot

Revelations. 1. 4b-8

Gospel

John 18. 33-37

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# Forthcoming Services

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28 November 2021

10:30 Eucharist

**Advent One**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. David Mumford

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Vivian Reinders

Jeremiah. 33. 14-16

Ann Powell

1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end

Gospel

Luke 21. 25-36

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5 December 2021

10:30 Eucharist

**Advent Two**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. David Mumford

**Duty Warden**  
Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**  
Dave Thomas

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Linda ten Berge

Malachi 3.1-4

Philippa te West

Philippians. 1. 3-11

Gospel

Luke 3. 1-6

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room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

**The congregation**  
A minister was considering a move to a busy town-centre church, and wanted to know what the congregation were like, and especially the church council. So, he rang the minister who had just retired from that church.

The retiring minister hesitated a moment and then replied: "Some of them are wise; some are otherwise."

**Harold**  
A little girl attempted the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is your name. Amen."

**One out of Ten**  
A Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. The teacher asked if anyone could recite one

## St. Mary's Chapel as part of the Fair.

In the previous issue of St. Mary's Magazine, you have all read an enthusiastic and happy report about the latest Fair (September 11), and I fully agree with what was said. There was one activity; however, that did not get any coverage in that report. Since it is clearly part of the entire Fair "happening", one might even say an essential part of it. Therefore, I would like to tell you about the activities in the Chapel itself. The primary purpose is to allow interested visitors to "experience" (as it is called these days) various aspects of the Chapel.

This year, thanks to much extra information about the Fair in various media and all the additional signs put up on the Castle grounds, many people visited the Fair. They also took the opportunity to walk up to the Chapel. People come for various reasons: just curiosity, or to re-live some personal memories, or just feeling a need to visit a lovely chapel and sit quietly for a while, or light a candle, or enjoy the music, etc.

Visitors expressed the curiosity aspect in many remarks and questions, such as: "we have been to the Chapel many times when riding our bikes, but we never could get in and see it, because it is always closed", or: "ah, we got married here, 10/20/30/40/50(!) years ago", or "one of our children/uncle/aunt/cousins/friends got married here, we are happy to see the Chapel again", or: "we never expected to find such a nice Chapel here, it is wonderful" or: "this looks like a nice place to get married". Other questions frequently heard are: "how come there is an Anglican Church here in this chapel, in the middle of nowhere?" and "do they still have services here? In English?" .... (puzzled look) Every Sunday? Really? And a general question: how old is this Chapel? The most interesting talks happen when people are "triggered" to ask a question or give some comment.

Many people initially seemed to "avoid" the "officials" and do their sightseeing independently. Over the years, we have found out that it is better to welcome people and not "jump" on them with an "official story". Better to ask them a simple question. Such as, "did you know the Chapel?" or "have you been here before?". This approach nearly always leads to them making remarks or asking questions like above. Then a friendly chat evolves, e.g., about life in our church, the problems, the joys, as well as discussions about the style and other characteristics of the building, etc.

Since people usually come in numbers of 1, or 2, or 3 at a time, you will understand that this keeps the "hosts" very

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busy throughout the entire day. Doing this from 11 to 4 o'clock can be fairly exhausting, but we feel it is all for a good cause! Moreover, it is great fun!

This year the hosts in the Chapel were Everhard (part-time), Jonathan and yours truly. Many thanks to Everhard and Jonathan for what they did. Moreover, there were a few musical activities: Jonathan sang a few beautiful Italian 18<sup>th</sup>-century arias. A guest organist indicated beforehand that he would like to know the organ better and would also like to play a bit. He played various well-known English Hymns in a friendly, humble way, not overpowering, and certainly adding to the atmosphere. Thank you both, Jonathan, and Marcel, for your musical contributions.

During the day, we tried to keep track of the number of visitors in the Chapel, and we counted ("ticked") 117 for sure but probably missed a few as well. But I feel confident to say that we had at least 125 visitors. That number was much higher than in other years and comparing it to the total number of visitors to the Fairgrounds, it means that roughly 1 in every seven visitors came to the Chapel! That is an excellent score. Of course, there is no money or fees involved in visiting the Chapel. Hence, the financial yield is "minimal" (some people make an occasional donation), with three visitors coming back the next (Sunday-) morning to attend the service, which we may consider to be an "immaterial profit"!

So, all in all, although I did not see the Fair "in action", I feel we had a great day in the Chapel. [ The only thing I regret is that there was no time at all to go and get a tasty, preferably big, cake in the Tearoom...., something to be organized better next year. ]

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### Life in outer space

"I do not know if there is life on other planets, but I'm a person who hopes there is life on other planets. As a person of faith, I think God has a huge amount of creativity. What we know is we are so far from understanding everything about the universe that the possibilities are endless."

*The Revd Pamela Conrad, Astro-biologist for NASA and priest in the Episcopal Church, based in Maryland, talking to Church Times.*

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from memory. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbour's wife."

### Family tree

At a drinks party at a wealthy golf club, the conversation turned to the subject of ancestry. "Of course, we trace our family back to coming over with William the Conqueror," observed one lady with satisfaction. She turned to a second woman, who was new to the club, and asked, "What about you dear? Can you go back very far?"

"Not very far," came the reply. "You see, all the early family records were lost in the Flood."

### Champagne

My husband and I were delighted the day we finally bought our own home. After years of renting, it was wonderful to own something. Our minister even gave us a bottle of champagne to

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mark the occasion. But in the hustle and bustle of getting moved in, his champagne was put in a cupboard and forgotten.

Months later, we held a Baptism party for our third child. Wine flowed until, running short, we suddenly remembered the housewarming gift of champagne. So, in front of our guests, I opened the attached card from the minister and read it aloud:

"Dave, take good care of it - this one is really yours!"

**Hold her hand**  
While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

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We are told by ecclesiastical historians that clerical collars began being worn around the sixth century. They provided a comfortable barrier to protect the neck from the coarse wool of the outer black robes generally worn. More recently, since full cassocks have been used less as streetwear, they have provided a way to easily identify clergy outside the church. Indeed, even when the collars started to be worn, they proved to be a valuable means to identify clergy within those societies where everyone wore robes in everyday fashion. Fashion is certainly not just a modern phenomenon!

This reminds me of an amusing story recalled once for me by our last Chaplain. (Although it may, in fact, be apocryphal since he recounted it with rather a naughty twinkle in his eye)!!!

Apparently, one day our Chaplain was sitting on a train, quietly reading, when, at the next station, a young boy with his father came to sit in the seat opposite to him. After a while, he noticed the boy staring intently at him. He smiled and continued reading. Again, moments later, he felt the boy's eyes still fixed, gluelike, upon him.

"Hello", he said: "Can I help you?"

The boy looked to his father for confidence. He again returned to his gaze and said: "Why is your collar on the wrong way round?"

"Because I am a Father," was the reply.

The boy glanced up at his father again and said: "Well, he's a father; he's my father, and his collar is the right way round!"

"Ah, but I am a Father to many children!"

The young boy fell silent for a few moments, reflecting deeply and earnestly. Slowly, pulling himself up to his full seated height, he said indignantly, if not accusingly,

"Well, I think you should rather wear your trousers the other way round!"

Hmmm!

Dear Johanna, in my following letter you will hear more. Enjoy the preparations for the celebration of the Saint Nicolas feast. I have some really naughty surprises in mind, and you know, I always enjoy making up funny poems. Is your poet's blood already starting to flow through your veins?

Until my following letter, I send all my good wishes to you and your husband.

Your friend

Erica

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## Lest We Forget

*'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses,  
row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks,  
still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'*

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan. But why do we remember?

*'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah 4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

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

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it.

"It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

### Miscellaneous musings on modern life...

In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'

Member of the congregation to minister: "I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you."

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

Don't worry about avoiding temptation...as you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill

## Repatriation

The leviathan of the sky does land  
In England's green and pleasant Land  
Its cargo is more precious than gold  
The body of a hero, bold

Once the giants' engines stopped  
The cargo ramp is gently dropped  
Carried by six on shoulders true  
The hero is saluted by the crew

The coffin draped in a union jack  
Is slowly carried out the back  
Out of the dark and into light  
Slowly down the ramp and to the right

The six approach the hearse all black  
And place the hero gently in the back  
The six then turn and march away  
Their duty has been done this day

Politicians usually have much to say  
No sign of them near here today  
They hide away and out of danger  
Much easier if the hero is a stranger

The hearse with its precious load  
Moves slowly out onto the road  
The floral tributes line the route  
While comrades snap a smart salute

At the edge of a Wiltshire town  
The cortege slows its pace right down  
The streets are packed, many deep  
Some throw flowers, most just weep

The crowd have come to say farewell  
The church bell rings a low death knell  
Regimental standards are lowered down  
As the hero passes through the town

The cortege stops and silence reigns  
The townsfolk feel the family's pain  
The nations' flag lowered to half mast  
Our brave hero is home at last

Sgt Andy McFarlane  
A veteran of the war in Afghanistan



## 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.*

