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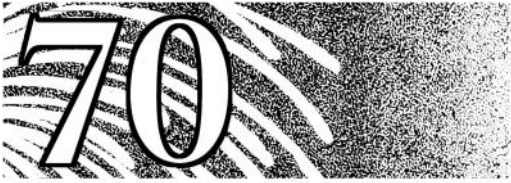


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The Chaplain Writes

Dear Saints,

Some years ago, an extremely serious young server conversed with me after our Sunday morning Eucharist on the Day of Pentecost. He must have been all of 12 years old. He looked at me with a very concerned and pitying look, saying, "Pentecost comes every year, and every year you have to preach on it. What more can you say about it?"

Since then, I have thought fondly of this very young man around Pentecost. I was touched by his question. He is my reminder that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Yet, we are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow more and more into the likeness of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This 50th day after Easter, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on more than 120 disciples waiting in Jerusalem, as instructed by our Ascended Lord, for the gift of God, the Holy Spirit. This very gift, which witnesses Jesus' faithfulness that he will be with us even to the end of time. That we are not alone, that we are not invisible, that Christ is not invisible but physically present in the world through us, the body of Christ, the People of the Way.

This very gift, which made timid and fearful men and women proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. This gift, which makes men and women witness the fact that we have been given a spirit of power and not of fear. This Spirit does not only bear witness to the Lordship of Christ, but is also God.

It is this very God that we are celebrating, proclaiming, inviting, worshipping and resting into once more in a corporate act of worship on Pentecost Sunday!

So, what new can we say about the Holy Spirit! Maybe we can sing with the hymnist:

*New every morning is the love,
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought;
restored to life and power and thought.*

(Common Praise 6, verse 1 by John Keble 1792-1866)

So let us continue the witness of the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit in us, and may the nations proclaim in amazement as on the First Day of Pentecost.

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ... - in our own languages, we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.

Yours in Christ as always,

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Revd Jacque

St. Mary's Chapel News



Judgement

The poster read:
Where will you be on
judgement day?

The graffiti below
read: Still waiting
for the Stafford
bus.

Happens

Stress makes you
believe everything
has to happen
immediately.

Faith reassures you
that everything
happens in God's
timing.

Miscellaneous observations on life

One who boasts of
being a self-made
person relieves the
Lord of a lot of
responsibility.

Living on Earth is
expensive, but it
does include a free
trip around the sun
every year.

You know that
indestructible black
box that is used on
airplanes? Why
don't they make the
whole plane out of
that stuff?

The most effective
way to remember
your wife's birthday
is to forget it once.

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Congratulations

At the end of May it was announced that Jan de Beij had been made a Member of the Order of Orange Nassau for his services to the Anglican Church in the Netherlands. Flowers were presented at the Sunday service on behalf of the congregation by Warden Klaas Prins.

Congratulations Jan, you join an ever growing group at St Mary's. At last count you are the fifth member of the chaplaincy to be honoured in recognition of the great work you do.

Farewell

This month, the congregation were saddened to learn of the passing of Wim Veltman. The story of his life and a Memoriam appear on pages 8, 9 and 10.

Ascension Day Picnic

After a two year break due to the pandemic, the Ascension Day picnic returned. This year it was held at the Chaplain's house. From what has been read it was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

A Word from Wales

Last week there was the first full Baptism service held in St Deiniol's Church since the pandemic began. There have been baptisms during the various lockdowns, but numbers were at a minimum, everyone was masked and all trying to stay as far away from each other as possible.

At last there was baptism where parents and godparents could stand and talk to the priest without masks muffling their voices.

At the beginning of the service, the baby and the christening party, were invited up from the back of the church. (the reason they were at the back of the church being that the family dog was also attending, and it was thought best to keep him close to a door!). The child was named, anointed and the baptismal vows were taken by the godparents. At the end of the service, the baptism, with water from the River Jordan, was conducted at the huge stone font in the Crossing.

When I returned from receiving communion, I came back to my pew via the Crossing. Opposite the font sat the baptism party. I looked up to see the baby, slumped back in her mothers arms, head back, audibly snoring. On the floor, in the aisle next to the mother, lay the dog, on his back, audibly snoring. I think this is the only time I have returned from receiving communion with a huge grin on my face.

At the time of writing, Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom is pretty much shut down for the four days of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and she has a profound deep faith. Consequently, anyone watching the BBC will have seen there is a strong Christian thread in many of the events.

After all the pandemic restrictions of the past two years, everyone appears to be enjoying the opportunity to party together.

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Love is grand;
divorce is a hundred
grand.

I had a ploughman's
lunch the other day.
He wasn't very
happy about it.

A gesticulation is
any movement made
by a foreigner.

As long as there are
exams, there will be
prayer in schools.

Everybody talks
about the weather,
but nobody does
anything about it.

Doggy Love

Whenever my family
leaves the house,
our Shetland
sheepdog's animal
instincts start to
kick in.

He runs circles
around us and nips
at our heels to keep
us all together.

Watching this
display, my friend
couldn't resist: "You
always herd the
ones you love."

Sea Dog

Q: How are a dog
and a marine
biologist alike?

A: One wags a tail
and the other tags a
whale.

Cross Breed

Q: What do you get
if you cross a Beatle
and an Australian
dog?

A: Dingo Starr!

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>

Cats are Smarter

Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.

Sermon Time

During our priest's sermon, a large plant fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the ground. Acknowledging his reputation for long-windedness, he smiled sheepishly and said, "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep."

The Good News

With Bible in hand, I read to my high school religion class, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife."

"Okay," I said, "from this Scripture, what do we learn is important in marriage?"

A student blurted out, "Cleavage."

Huh!

Why are atoms Catholic?
Because they have mass

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The Rectory St James the Least of All

Beware all donations!

My dear Nephew Darren

This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.

For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the Dowager Duchess of Stansby - given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The Dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.

Then - our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But something more interesting happened. Some of the Dowager's oil was chipped off - to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.

The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.

By evening, mutually opposed camps had already formed. Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St James the Least of All becoming a place of pilgrimage, and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here. Another group wanted to sell it as soon as possible and use the money to repair our church tower. A third group insisted the fortune it would raise be

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given to African missionaries. Meanwhile, the tenth Duke was consulting his solicitors to see how he might get the canvas back to his castle.

We compromised by getting the thing X-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying the first set for the work that they had done to retrieve the painting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Up to 500,000 children's story books on faithfulness distributed for Platinum Jubilee

Up to half a million story books are being given to primary school-aged children for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by the Church of England and Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's global prayer movement.



The book, 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle', is the latest development from the Cheeky Pandas, a children's online cartoon series.

The free storybook, based on the theme of faithfulness, helps children understand the faithfulness of God - in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of faithful service.

The book is part of plans for this year's Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, which unites Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide to pray for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost. It is also an official Church of England schools resource for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Alongside the book, similar in size to Mr Men and Little Miss books, there will be a brand new five-part online TV series of the Cheeky Pandas, based on the Fruit of the Spirit and inspired by the Bible.

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More details at: <https://cheekypandas.com/product/queen-cj-and-the-bouncy-castle/>

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Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: Same reason we sing Hymns instead of Hers!

Q: What do donkeys send out near Christmas?

A: Mule-tide greetings.

Q: Did you hear about the Freephone service they have for atheists now?

A: You dial the number and it rings and rings but nobody answers (rather like trying to get a doctor post pandemic)

Just got attacked by 6 dwarves.
Not Happy.

You do know, there's a fine line between fishing and standing on the river bank like an idiot.

Q: What did they give the guy that invented the door knocker?

A: The No-bell prize.

Q: Why did the ancient Egyptians like to keep their heads shaved?

A: To be more Pharaoh-dynamic.

Forthcoming Services

5 June 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Pentecost

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Victor Pirenne

Acts 2. 1 -21

Jeanet Luiten

Romans 8. 14 -17

Gospel

John 14. 8 -17



Forthcoming Services

12 June 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Caroline Siertsema

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Gerdien Sloof

Proverbs 8. 1 -4, 22 -31

Andy Klom

Romans 5. 1 -5

Gospel

John 16 .12 - 15

19 June 2022

20:00 Eucharist

Trinity 1

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Isaiah, 65. 1 -9

Elisa Hannan

Galatians 3. 23 - end

Gospel

Luke 8, 26 - 39

26 June 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 2

Celebrant

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Caroline Siertsema

Intercessor:
Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erick Wanjal

1 Kings 19. 15 - 16, 19 -end

Geert Janssen

Galatians 5. 1, 13 -25

Gospel

Luke 9, 51 -end



Wim Veltman

On the 22 January 2021, Wim Veltman reached his 100th birthday. Due to strict Covid protocols, the celebrations were somewhat muted. Which may have suited the wonderful gentleman whose birthday it was. On the occasion of Wim's 90th birthday, because the chapel was under refurbishment, the Sunday service was held in the hut. Immediately followed by a celebration of the birthday. As everyone sang, "Lang zal je leven... ... in the Gloria," Wim was heard to heavily stage whisper, "God forbid!". In the care home, into

Weight

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put you weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (78 Kg)'

Request

A clergyman phoned his rural dean. "I regret to have to inform you that my wife has just died. Could you please send me a substitute for the weekend?"

Sermon

A young curate who had just been ordained stepped in to take the sermon at very short notice, because the vicar was ill. At the end of the sermon, he explained apologetically:

which he had recently moved, he entertained the mayor with whom he shared slices of multi-candled cake and stimulating conversation. The two of them covered such topics as the negative pressure in space, whilst sipping champagne!

On a sunny afternoon in May, I visited Wim Veltman in his friend Anneke's beautiful farmhouse, in Markelo. I had come to know Wim over the years as a devoted and unwavering Christian. He trained for three years with the pastoral care ministry I was giving to several church members: the Chesmonds, Stephanie Prins, and Malcolm McBride. Wim also participated in a discussion group called 'The Doubters,' which we held monthly in our house for some years.

Over tea and strawberries, while we sat in the garden, Wim gave me some details about his life. Born in 1921 in Amsterdam, where he grew up and attended primary and secondary school (Hervormd Lyceum). Afterwards, he went on to Delft where he studied mining, and later, mechanical engineering.

During Wim's time at the Hervormd Lyceum, he came in touch with the S.C.M. (N.C.S.V.; Ned. Christen. Studenten Vereniging.) His parents sent him to the Eglise Wallonne Sunday school, as a way to help him learn to speak French better. Wim remembers well participating in a *tableau vivant* (a silent and motionless group of people arranged to represent a scene or incident) at Christmas. He regrets very much that this kind of entertainment is no longer common.

He also visited camps of the N.C.S.V. as a teenager. At the camps, he made many friends with whom he has remained in touch throughout his life. It was a time of forming international collaboration on technical issues during his studies because everyone could see that they were stronger together than as separate disciplines. Consequently, contacts were made with a student's organization in England that was equivalent to the N.C.S.V.

During Wim's visit to friends in England, he was taken to a weekend conference of old SCM-members. One of the English girls wanted to take a photograph of the whole group. Her name was Liz, and she had been a teacher. Now she was a nurse. As she was not tall, she had to stand on a

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table to take the picture. Wim took a photo of her wobbling on the small table. Just after taking her photo, she complained to Wim that he should have asked her first. Later, when Wim met her again in The Hague, she told Wim she had shown his photo to her mother, and she liked it very much.

Liz came to The Hague in the early fifties to work for half a year as a nurse in Bronovo, and they met again. She stayed on, and they became engaged. They married before Wim even started his first job. Still not having a house after the wedding, they continued to live in their own rooms for a while. That was until a friend offered them two rooms in his house, a living room downstairs and a bedroom in the attic. After working for six years at Kabelfabriek Delft, and then a further two years at TNO (Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Applied Scientific Research) Wim deciding he had been in The Hague long enough. He took up a job at Hengelo Signaal. The work there suited him better than what he has been doing in Delft. Liz, who had initially been a member of the Union Church in England, later became an Anglican. Wim and Liz found a warm place in the Dutch Reformed Church in Hengelo. One of his bosses thought Wim was the right person to be the churchwarden they were looking for in the Bethlehem Kerk, close by. In those days, you did not necessarily go to a church just because it was in your neighbourhood. People also chose to go to a church because of the parson's preaching. The Revd. Miskotte was a very well-liked preacher.

One day Wim and Liz heard about the being held Anglican services in the Weldam Chapel. They divided their church visits between the two churches. That was relatively easy because, at the time, there was only a service every other week in the Weldam Chapel. Wim was an elder in the Bethlehem Kerk as well as being on the P.C.C. at Weldam Chapel.

After Liz died, Wim decided to attend the Weldam Chapel weekly because of the warmth, friendship, and compassion he felt there. I asked him what he liked best about our church now. Wim answered: 'to be there with kindred spirits, accepting each other for what they are, always being welcome.' He regrets that he can no longer be active in the church and that his chapel visits are now limited, due to his age. He is always happy to be there and hopes to do so for a long time.

Erica Schotman Bonting

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"At such short notice I'm afraid I just had to rely on the Holy Spirit. Next week I hope to do better."

Don't fool me

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

Stairs

As you get older, you've got to stay positive.

For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

Raise needed

I told my boss that three companies were after me and therefore I wanted a raise from him. My boss asked what companies wanted me. "Gas, water and electricity."

With Pentecost in mind:

He who does not know God the Holy Spirit cannot know God at all. - Thomas Arnold

To the one who remembers the Spirit there is always a way out, even in the wilderness with the devil. - Herbert Brokering

The Holy Spirit ... writes His own gospel and He writes it in the hearts of the faithful. - Jean-Pierre de Caussade SJ

Miscellaneous observations on life and faith

Anger is just one letter short of danger. - Anon

The world is the first Bible that God made for the instruction of man. - Clemens Alexandrinus

Nature is the art of God. Thomas Browne

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but to be able to hold your tongue in one language is priceless. - Anon

IN MEMORIAM WIM VELTMAN

The funeral service for Wim Veltman was impressive. The chapel was filled to the brim, and the hymns were beautiful. My thoughts were going their own way during the sermon. I thought about Wim at a time, somewhere in the nineties, when we did the training for Stephen Minister.

That is training to assist the parish priest in their work. After intensive training, every Thursday evening for three years, you were able to help people who were going through a difficult time in their lives. Wim was one of the six pupils I had, and he was a very dedicated student. He had such a clear insight into the way he could be a help to other people, and often he gave a problematic situation a push in the right direction. He also had the gift of sometimes showing us things by looking from another perspective, making the group occasionally full of laughter or relief.

Now the Stephen Ministers are blown away by the wind of time.

Wim also participated in a discussion group we had once a month in our house in later years. After a series of Lenten conversations, Sjoerd thought it a good idea not to stop, and we attacked very different subjects.

We called ourselves The Doubters. Wim was also a man with a clear insight into religious matters and a good opponent in some cases. He was undoubtedly a deeply religious person.

One of the best memories always brings a smile to my face. After the death of his beloved wife Liz, Sjoerd and I sometimes were invited to have dinner with him in his house from time to time. He served us a delicious meal from a nearby pick-up restaurant, one of the old-fashioned Indonesian/Chinese ones that are now all gone. But the best moment always was the desert. Wim had invented this himself: three balls of ginger on a dollop of ice cream and whipped cream on top. The ingredient that made it such a success with us was the big shot of whiskey he added to all this. After this desert, the conversation was always very animated and very often on complex religious topics.

In every aspect, the funeral service was a worthy farewell to a dear member of our congregation.

Erica Schotman Bonting

Footnote: The funeral of Wim Veltman took place at St. Mary's Chapel on Wednesday 25 May 2022. The service was extremely well attended. The church was packed with more than 130 people. Wim was well known. He was loved and respected by very many people. Simone Yallop

4th June
The feast day of St Petroc, the founder of Padstow

If you would like to be in Cornwall this summer in search of peace and quiet, Petroc is the saint for you. Especially if you used to find Padstow a bit too crowded for your liking! He would have sympathised.

This 6th century abbot is Cornwall's most famous saint. Petroc set sail from South Wales, landed at Haylemouth, and founded a monastery at Lanwethinoc - now called Padstow, after him (Petroc's Stow).

Padstow must have been popular even in those days, because about 30 years later Petroc, in search of some peace and quiet, moved on to build another monastery at Little Petherick (Nanceventon). Here he must have decided to try some 6th century equivalent of 'Fresh Expressions', because he engaged with his local community by building a mill and a chapel.

In time, Petroc began feeling crowded again. So he tramped off to the remote wilds of Bodmin Moor, where he lived as a hermit - until some 12 monks turned up to join him. Firmly, Petroc kept them all housed in a monastery on a hilltop, while he enjoyed his private space in a cell by the river.

But even here Petroc was not alone. One day a terrified stag came rushing through the woods, pursued by the hunt. Petroc flung open the door of his cell, and the panting animal took refuge. When the huntsmen arrived on the scene, they did not dare to argue with the famous holy man, and went their way. The stag's gratitude made him tame, and Petroc would come to be portrayed with a stag as his special emblem.

Petroc was buried in the monastery in Padstow but in c.1000 his shrine and relics, including his staff and bell, were translated to Bodmin. Here they have stayed ever since, except for a short, unplanned trip to Brittany in 1177, when they were stolen and carted off by a naughty Canon of the Church. Henry II intervened, and everything but a rib of Petroc was eventually returned.

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Techie trouble

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

Be sticky

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

Maths lesson

The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

Park

A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.

A child's definition

'Ecclesiastic': material used to fasten a minister's robes.

Notices outside a church:

Worn out? Come in for a Service!
This church is not just four weddings and a funeral.

This poem was penned by Brian Bilston following the tragic shooting of 19 young children, at school with two of their dedicated teachers, Uvalde, Texas, United States of America

24 May 2022

America is a Gun

England is a cup of tea.

France is a wheel of ripened brie

Greece a short, squat, olive tree.

America is a gun

Brazil is football in the sand.

Argentina, Maradona's hand,

Germany, is an oompah band.

America is a gun

Holland is a wooden shoe.

Hungary, a goulash stew.

Australia, is a kangaroo.

America is a gun

Japan is a thermal spring.

Scotland, a highland fling.

Oh better be anything,

Than America is a gun.

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Mission Statement

Founded in 1979, the Anglican Church Twente belongs to the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. The Church of England forms a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of more than 80 million people

The Anglican Church Twente, based at St Mary's Chapel, Weldam provides a Christian ministry in the East Netherlands. Most of the congregation live in the towns and villages of the East Netherlands and across the border in Germany. Some come from further afield.

The Anglican Church Twente holds a service every Sunday at 10:30 am in English. The church offers Holy Communion to all baptized Christians, Sunday School to nurture and educate children in the Christian faith, and a warm welcome to people of all nationalities.

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

- † Offer Christian worship by the rites of the Church of England in the English language.
- † Provide pastoral care to all who are in need of such help.
- † Promote a lively fellowship among those who attend the services.
- † Support outreach in Christian ministry wherever there is a need.

Stewardship

We are a self-supporting church and raise all income from our giving and stewardship. As God has blessed us, we thank Him by giving accordingly.

A Prayer for St Mary's

*Almighty and everlasting God
Creator and ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayer for the St Mary's family.
Strengthen our faith,
Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son,
And grant that we may show the power of your love,
To all among whom we live.
Inspire us in our worship and witness,
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your Holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever,
Amen.*

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