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September 2023



Community and outreach

Dear Saints,

Summer at St Mary's could become the title of a book. It has been my experience when living and working in The Netherlands in the nineties, that summer was really a time for "chillaxing" (not really a word, I can't remember the word existed then). Summer and the Summer Holidays were then and are still now really about relaxing and ensuring that you are in a chill state. Enjoying free days, sunshine, and doing nothing as the theme of the season. In church the new season of being busy would only start in September with all kinds of activities.



So just imagine the surprise when I was expecting the same to happen in our chaplaincy. At St Mary's we seem to be going into top gear during the Summer. This gearing is seen and felt at the end of June, when our vocabulary is punctuated with words like hosting, rotas, freezing space, cake baking, recruiting people. All this for a period where we are on our best behaviour! For six weeks as from early July we have the Summer Teas in which we welcome between 25 to 45 people every Sunday afternoon for tea and nibbles. All those people who have "chillaxing" on their minds as they are hiking, walking, cycling, admiring the environment on the Weldam Estate. Our role in this whole affair is to ensure that any visitor who stumbles in the direction of our Church and Hut have the opportunity to have some homemade "ambachtelijke" cakes, scones, pies and the like. We ensure that our Church has members of our community to share with these guests a little about our beautiful Chapel, how we got to this special spot and who we are as a Christian community with a location here in the woods. Guests who normally don't come to church, but who can experience our community and our community spirit of course.



So Summer for us at St Mary's is a time of sharing who we are and who we are becoming with the broader community. This is what we call outreach! As if this is not enough for such a small community as ours! Towards the end of the Summer we go even into a higher gear. Well this process has started in the winter already. We make final arrangements for the biggest Outreach/Fundraising event of the year, the Castle Fair. If I am correct this could be the 20th year we have this event.



St Mary's Chapel News



Castle Fair

The Castle Fair will take place on Saturday 9th September 2023. A flyer about the Fair is attached to this email message. Please put the date in your diary and tell your family and friends about it. The Castle Fair is a big event on our calendar and we need a lot of helpers. There is a list in the Hut where you can put your name down to help.

Definitions:

ADULT:

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

CANNIBAL:

Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST:

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF:

Cold storage.

INFLATION:

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO:

An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN:

Grape with a suntan.

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Racial Justice Conference

The Diocese in Europe is organising a Racial Justice conference from 8th to 11th November in Freiburg in Germany. If anyone is interested in attending, details are available on the diocesan website via the following link: <https://www.europe.anglican.org/racial-justice-conference-8-11-november-2023>

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

Please do continue to pray for peace and particularly for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Ecumenical service

There will be an Ecumenical Service for the 'Vredesweek' on Sunday 17th September in the Roman Catholic Church in Goor. The local churches will take part. We will be represented at that service by Erica and Lea. Our Chaplain Jacque will be away on holiday then. The service at St. Mary's on that day will be taken by Simone.

Prayer for the charities that we support.

Please continue to prayer for the charities we support:

"Our Daily Bread" working in Ukraine,
"Young Achievers" working with young people in Namibia, and

The Food Bank in Goor.

The "Our Daily Bread" charity has the following prayer request:

"Our partner Eugeniya trains facilitators for the mental and spiritual resilience course Beyond Disaster. This helps people deal with emotional and psychological pain due to the war. The course is being rolled out through churches across Ukraine. Pray for Eugeniya and the team of trainers as they meet this week to develop their skills. Pray that many people will find the basic help they need through this course."

Foodbank

At St. Mary's we continue to make a weekly collection for the foodbank. There is a box in the chapel where you can put non-perishable food items for the foodbank. Please do continue to support this action.



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.

Magazine Donation

A polite request to the people who receive a paper copy, to make an annual donation to cover the costs. During 2020, Lub Gringhuis took over the job of arranging the printing. With some skilful home printing and costing the magazine so far manages to cover its costs. With Lub's skilled management and your prompt donations, the magazine will survive in its present format

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

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

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SECRET:

Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON:

Bunch of bones with the person scraped out.

TOOTHACHE:

The pain that drives you to extraction

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labour-saving devices today.

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES:

Something other people have. You have character lines!

Off to school

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"
Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

Going to college

Lecturing is transferring information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through the minds of either.

Cat

I know, I know, when people see a cat's litter box, they say,

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"Oh, have you got a cat?"
But someday, just once I want to say, "No, it's for visitors."

These exchanges were taken from real-life Courtroom cases...

Attorney: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?
Witness: No, this is how I always dress when I go to work

Attorney: Do you recall the time when you examined the body?

Witness: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

Attorney: And Mr Denton was dead at that time?

Witness: If not, he was by the time I finished.

Attorney: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

Witness: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

Huh?

You're not as young as you used to be. But you're

St James the Least of All

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

On the absurdity of a vicar ever retiring

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Beware of being invited by bishops to drop around for a chat. My first mistake was to answer the phone when he rang; what are answer phones for, but to avoid having to talk to anyone - ever. My second mistake was not to be able to think of a meeting I had to attend - preferably on another planet - on the day he suggested.

I, therefore, found myself in his study this morning, waiting for the point of the meeting while we negotiated the obligatory five minutes discussing the weather and his summer holiday in France. I made it quite clear that I had been too busy to swan off to foreign parts - although I suspect the implication of what I said passed him by.

We then got to the point. He was toying with the thought of my retirement and linking us with the adjoining parish of St Agatha's. I patiently explained, using simple words and speaking slowly for his benefit, that at 85 and with 40 years at St James the Least of All behind me, I was just getting into my stride and that the vicar of St Agatha's, a stripling at 63, had nowhere near enough experience to organise the hymn list, let alone two parishes. This, too, seemed to drift somewhere above his head.

He had clearly done his homework. There were already plans for *selling my Queen Anne rectory and turning my five acres of garden into a housing estate*. Our parishioners would receive this news with as much equanimity as if they were told that Buckingham Palace was to be converted into a sports centre.

The matter, I was told, was confidential - which meant that I only relayed the news to one parishioner at a time. By the end of the day, everyone in the village knew, and a counterattack was being planned. Inevitably, the most outraged were those who never attended church. People do so love having a church not to go to. Congregations have soared, gardeners are being brought in to tidy the

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rectory grounds, and the church council is now well-attended. The latter is a mixed blessing, as I always think that the time to get worried is when people start to turn up to meetings.

It may surprise our bishop, but the threat of a merger has been the greatest impetus to our mission outreach in years. Retirement indeed! I'm sure Zadok was never asked about his pension plans.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace,



Reflecting faith - pews and chairs

Most of us think of pews as being installed at the same time the church building was built, with occasional upgrades over time. But that's not the case.

Originally, church floors consisted of little more than stone flags or beaten earth on which grasses or rushes were laid as a renewable winter covering for cleanliness and insulation. Each year, in late summer, the old and rotten rushes were cleared out, and new ones taken to the churches in carts. Several English towns, particularly in the north of England, still celebrate 'Rushbearing' each year.

The people stood for all the services. However, it was recognised that the infirm and elderly needed support, and stone benches - often backless - were placed by the walls for them. It was not until the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s that wooden pews were introduced for everyone to be able to be seated.

Naturally, people being people, there were pews, and then there were *pews!*

Society was organised in classes or hierarchies, and the richer and more important folk had the best seats near the front so they could hear what the priest was saying and watch the service.

One's place to sit was arranged by your place in Society, so the poorer and least important were at the back.

Sermons alone could be lengthy; two hours was not unusual, and if you could pay for privacy to doze off and some form of personal heating for winters, then clearly, that made sense.

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not as old as you're going to be

Huh2?

Two professors were sitting chatting on a veranda overlooking the sea, watching the sun set. The history professor asked the psychology professor, "Have you read Marx?"

To which the professor of psychology replied, "Yes, and I think it's these pesky wicker chairs."

Points to Ponder

Here's a fool proof way to tell right from wrong: If the thought 'could I get caught?' runs through your mind, it's wrong.

When I was young, I was poor. Now, after several years of hard work, I am no longer young.

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be... much easier to spell.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.

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Forthcoming Services

September 3 2023

10:30 Eucharist **Trinity 13**
Celebrant and Preacher Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden **Intercessor:** Klaas Prins
Caroline Siertsema
Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**
Elisa Hannan Exodus 3. 1-15
Erica Bonting Romans 12. 9-end
Gospel Matthew 16. 21-end

September 10 2023

10:30 Eucharist **Trinity 14**
Celebrant and Preacher Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden **Intercessor:** Simone Yallop
Klaas Prins
Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**
Arthur Cass Exodus 12. 1-14
Geert Janssen Romans 13. 8-end
Gospel Matthew. 18. 15-20

September 17 2023

10:30 Morning prayer with **Trinity 15**
Reserved Sacrament
Officiant and Preacher Lay minister Simone Yallop
Duty Warden: **Intercessor** Jeanet Luiten
Caroline Siertsema
Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**
Lea Meijnen Exodus 14. 19-end
Jaccolien Molenaar Romans 14. 1-12
Gospel Matthew 18. 21-35

September 24 2023

10:30 Morning prayer with
Reserved Sacrament

Trinity 16

Officiant and Preacher

Lay minister Simone Yallop

Duty Warden:

Caroline Siertsema

Intercessor

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Elisabeth vd Heide

Erick Wanjala

Gospel

Readings

Exodus 16. 2-15

Philippians 1. 21-end

Matthew 20. 1-16

How Not to be a Grumpy Old Man (or Woman)

Marvel. Marvel every time you see a child learning to walk and speak at the same time. Share in their delight. Wonder at the dawn of each new season: sunshine and shadows, falling leaves, frost, sudden new growth. You are still alive to take it all in. That's an unexpected bonus.

Appreciate. Have a look around your living room and concentrate on items designed for your comfort and entertainment, which your forbears never had. Think of someone you don't like; now ponder a couple of their good points. Try to desire their welfare more than their downfall.

Forgive. (That's a condition for being forgiven). You may have to do it over and over again for the same person. Unearth grudges which have been lying under the surface. Are they worth preserving that much? Think of the damage they are doing you.

Married or Single? Don't envy. The grass on the other side of the street isn't greener, it's just different. Count your blessings - some will be uniquely yours. Be concerned for the welfare of someone whose circumstances are unlike yours.

Deal with disappointment. If you have become grumpy it's probably caused by a deep-down dissatisfaction with yourself. Stop raking over past failures. Each morning when you wake up, say with the Psalmist, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Change. No, it isn't too late. It will only be too late to change when you are in a coffin. In the meantime, there's still room for manoeuvre. Remember John Henry Newman's words, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

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Cats and dogs

Behind every cat that crosses the street, a dog is saying, "Go ahead, you can make it."

Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

Paradise lost?

A young mother stood in her kitchen and watched her baby screaming, her sons fighting, her daughter crying, the washing machine leaking, and the dog being sick. She sighed and told her friend: "I sometimes wish I'd loved and lost."

Peace

After a long and tedious sermon, the parishioners glumly filed out of the church past the minister.

Towards the end of the queue was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons.

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From Rome to the Cayman Islands

When I arrived in Rome in June 2022, I was surprised to learn that there were only two of us, a Lay Reader from France and myself, who had enrolled to take part in the pilgrimage to the sites of St. Paul.

All the other participants were friends and family of Archbishop Ian Ernest, the director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. Travel had only recently opened up after the pandemic, and although the invitation to Readers arrived only a few weeks before the event, I knew immediately this was for me.

As two Lay Readers we felt very privileged to take part in a pilgrimage with the family and friends of the Archbishop. It was a pilot for an event that would be held regularly in years to come.

One of the participants was Bishop P.J. Lawrence, an old friend of Archbishop Ian Ernest, who had travelled to Rome from the Cayman Islands where he runs a theological training centre.

During the week we got to know him and he told us about the theological courses offered by his training centre. He gave us a brochure and encouraged us to consider joining. I had for some time been thinking about taking my theological studies further. When I returned home, I decided to get in touch with Bishop Lawrence.

He invited me to join the BA Theology class starting that September. The Centre for Theological Leadership Training (CTLT) in the Caman Islands is a non-denominational organisation. The degree courses it offers are accredited by the Academy of Higher Education in Bangalore, South India, near where Bishop Lawrence originally comes from.

Before becoming a bishop, he served as a missionary in the Caribbean, returning there on his retirement to found CTLT, which has been running now for six years. The president of CTLT is Bishop Clayton Martin who is General Presbyter for the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands.

The CTLT courses are all on line via Zoom. Lectures are given by local theologians and some from overseas. They have no building of their own, but they make use of Victory Tabernacle, a large church building in Grand Cayman, for meetings and the annual graduation ceremony.

This summer, I travelled there to attend the graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful occasion, where I met my fellow students and received my degree.

It has been an inspiring journey that God has taken me on over the past year. I could never have imagined that a trip to Rome would end with a graduation in the Cayman Islands,

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although I was given an indication that it would be a special time of spiritual refreshment.

On my way to Rome, this verse sprang out during Morning Prayer: 'With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation' (Isaiah 12.3). That has most certainly been true, as I have been refreshed by that life giving water.

Contributed by Simone Yallop

There is further information about this journey in the article on the diocesan website, which has a picture of Simone receiving her BA degree from CTLT President, Bishop Clayton Martin: <https://www.europe.anglican.org/news/latest-news/building-bridges-new-and-previously-unimagined-communities-far-away>



A Word from Wales

The 11 September is the Feast Day of St Deiniol of Bangor - Famous for bringing disagreeing bishops together.

St Deiniol was a 6th-century monk of Wales who came to be the 'first bishop of Bangor'. And a mighty bishop he was, too: Deiniol founded the two monasteries of Bangor Fawr (on the Menai Straits) and Bangor Iscoed (Clwyd), which, according to Bede, became the most famous monastery of British Christianity and came to number over 2,000 monks. Sadly, they were defeated at the battle of Chester by the pagan Aethelfrith, king of Northumbria. Deiniol is also remembered for getting disagreeing bishops to come and talk things over at a Synod..... surely a skill his 21st-century successors have had to put to great use! He died about 584 AD.

I had to start with the above reminder about who St. Deiniol was, as I now attend the church named after him in Hawarden. The original church was built about 700 years after the saint's death. A church that has been enlarged, rebuilt, burnt down and rebuilt yet again over the past 643 years to the present. Despite our increasingly secular society, the congregation is still large enough to justify the three services on Sunday.

All are made welcome, four-legged, two-legged and wheeled. A space at the rear has been set out for infants and children. Today's service was particularly memorable.

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"Vicar, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God."

The vicar was thrilled. "Nobody has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why."

"Because it endured forever."

Knock knock

A conscientious minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his church.

So he visited them one Spring evening.

After his knock on the door, a lilting voice from within called out,

"Is that you, Angel?"

"No," replied the minister. "But I'm from the same department."

Obvious

Q. What do you give a man who has everything?

A. Antibiotics.

Disperse them

Fresh out of training, a young clergyman thought it would help him better understand the harsh realities his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a

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policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions, he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?" He thought momentarily and then said, "I would pass an offering plate. "He got the job.

Puzzling Jigsaw

A little, silver-haired lady called her neighbour and said, "Please come over here and help me. I have a complicated jigsaw puzzle and can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbour asks, "What should it be when it's finished?"

The little lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbour decides to go

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It began when the second reader read the wrong reading. As the woman read the text, the congregation shuffled their service sheets and looked around, worried they might have the wrong sheet and everyone else had the right one. After the readings, the Rector opened her sermon by assuring us that we had indeed heard the incorrect reading of the New Testament. Her sermon that day was based on the second reading, so she read the correct text.

Halfway through the sermon, a light fitting high, very high, above the pulpit started streaming smoke. A warden, the organist and an electrician, handily in the congregation, potttered about trying to isolate the light. Nothing seemed to work, but no worry, the light appeared to run out of material to make smoke with and just went out. Throughout all this, the Rector carried on with her sermon.

Then, as the congregation lined up to receive Communion, one of the children escaped from the Children's corner. Squealing with delight, the child, a boy of about three, ran amok around the church, hotly pursued by his mother, the two wardens, and various congregation members trying to corner him. It is a big church, and the boy was swift, but he was eventually recaptured.

Fortunately, none of the dogs attending tried to join in or to start barking. The Choir sang the communion hymns through all the chaos, and the congregation patiently queued to receive Communion. However, solemn expressions today were replaced by huge smiles and discreet laughter.

As we left the church, Marilyn went to shake the Rector's hand. The Rector, smiling broadly, encapsulated the day in her parting remark, 'It was a bit chaotic today'.

Footnote: In closing, let us never forget that now on the 11 September, the world commemorates another event. For in 2001, on that day, 2,977 people were murdered in the dreadful terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.



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What is amazing about it is that with each year the event has strengthened its foundations here in the Twentse landscape, so that it has become one of the events recurring in the region on a specific day, in a specific place, with a specific atmosphere, all which leads to one beautiful and glorious day. Over the years we have seen our numbers grow from a few hundred guests to more than a thousand guests in 2022. We are now in the throws of finalising our planning of the event, which is to take place on the second Saturday of September, the 9th this year. Our conversation again gets punctuated by words like cups, saucers, cakes, scones, cream, jams, preserves, stalls, stall holders, flyers, posters, toilets, electricity, dogs, dog show, volunteers, rotas, bagpipes, Morris dancers, chapel guests and more.

As you can imagine at this time, beginning of September, the organisers are eating, drinking and sleeping Castle Fair. Our aim is to ensure that people have a high quality experience; that they feel cared for and appreciated in the look and feel of our event. As much as the Castle Fair is our principle fundraiser as a Chaplaincy, this we also call outreach.

As you have realised by now, we at St Mary's see the importance of sharing who we are as a community with those around us. It is our constant prayer that who we are and how we express ourselves in whatever we do, will draw others to the Lord and to relationships which enhance righteousness and justice in the world.

It is therefore important that we as a Chaplaincy pray for all those involved in making the Castle Fair a success and for all those who are drawn to us in who we are and in what and how we do what we do.

James reminds us that faith without works are worthless. Is sharing who we are and in whose name we are who we are, not works that make our faith worthwhile, in this place and this time we find ourselves as People of the Way?

We therefore pray for ourselves as a Chaplaincy as we open our hearts, minds and spirits to our neighbours, that God may restore and transform us so that others may be drawn to our Lord Jesus Christ and so we pray the prayer from the words of Isaiah 40:31

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint".

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque Williams

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over and help her with the puzzle. When he arrives, the old lady shows him the puzzle spread out all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says:

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." Then he takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." and he says this with a deep sigh... "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Fox

I called the RSPCA today to report I had just found a suitcase in the woods containing a fox and four cubs."

"That's terrible," she said. "Are they moving?"

"I'm honestly not sure," I replied, "But that would explain the suitcase."

Those who hope
in the *Lord*
They will *Soar* on *Wings*
like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

isaiah 40:31



To My Rescue Dog

*There's no need to flinch when I lift my hand
No need to cower each time I stand
No need to run when I come near
No need to tremble - I see your fear*

*You can sleep with both eyes shut,
Don't need to jump when you wake up
Your food is yours to eat in peace
No need to fight to keep your feast*

*You don't need lie upon a hard floor
The beds and sofas are yours to explore
Don't need to sit out in the rain
The house is your shelter, your new domain*

*I cannot erase the memories and fears
I can't compensate for the wasted years
All I have is what you see
But I give you it all and I give you me*

*I give you these arms to comfort and hold
I give you this voice for the joys you'll be told
I give you my heart and abundance of love
I give you my soul and I hope its enough*

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Donations and Bequests

The policy of the Anglican Church Twente is to use donations and bequests to help fund significant development projects in the Chaplaincy, whether buildings, equipment, staff, or other major needs. As circumstances change over the years, it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests, so church members are encouraged to make donations and leave legacies for the general purposes of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy Council will discuss with donors or their executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church: for example, children & youth, music, buildings.

Donations or bequests can be paid into the current account of the Anglican Church Twente, ABN AMRO Lochem, IBAN: NL62ABNA0593634012.

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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