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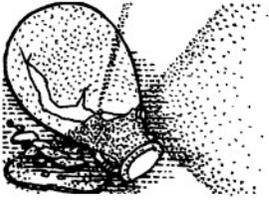
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November 2023

Give to God what belongs to God.

Dear Saints,

The world is in turmoil. Violence is the order of the day. Intensification of the war on our doorstep (Ukraine and Russia). Words like refugees "streaming" into Western Europe, citizens having war fatigue starting to be numbed by the atrocities of the war, wanting to shut ourselves to the consequences of this unbridled violence, not wanting to think of the ensuing winter months, which can only complicate and intensify people's suffering in Ukraine. To make matters worse, the war between Palestine and Israel is taking sub-human proportions of attacks and counter-attacks by Hamas and Israel. Unspeakable human suffering and a polarised world citizenship depend on the side you are on.

Taking sides in a war that dehumanises our neighbours justifies our revenge efforts. We are all onlookers, yet participants. Alliances are formed, yet none facilitate life, only death. There are also wars in other parts of the world, Mali, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Somalia, Armenia and Yemen, to mention just a few. And we are sitting here in the now, feeling powerless, knowing if we do not work toward peace today, the lose-lose situation we find ourselves in will only intensify.

Sunday's gospel reading, 22nd October, *Matthew 22:15-22*, is a continuation of the plot to accuse Jesus of wrongdoing by the socio-political and religious elite (Pharisees and Herodians), aimed at killing him. Politically, just about the only thing Pharisees and Herodians had in common was their dislike of Jesus. The Pharisees sent their disciples with the Herodians to engage Jesus in such a way that he could be tricked into a death trap.

So they put aside their many differences for a moment and come together to pose Jesus a question that they hope will put him between a wall of fire and a sheer drop: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" (verse 17)

St Mary's Chapel News



Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque on the church's side wall. The plaque was covered with names and seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, 9 or 11 o'clock?"

Cheese

Ban sliced cheese.
Make Britain grate again.

Scare it

A man had the courage - but not always the skills - to tackle any home-repair project.

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Sunday 5th November 2023, All Souls' Day

(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

On Sunday 5th November 2023 there will be a Eucharist at 10:30 in the chapel for All Souls' Day, with the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. At this service the names of our dearly departed loved ones will be read out and candles will be lit. There is a list in church where you can write down the names of those people you would like to be mentioned in that service. You may also send the names to Simone via email.

Sunday 12th November 2023, Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday service will be at 10:30 on Sunday 12th November 2023. The preacher will be Lay Minister Simone Yallop. Poppies are available in the Hut.

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.

Our Daily Bread

The "Our Daily Bread" charity working in Ukraine has a request this week to pray for the young people in the city of Sumy in Ukraine:

"There is now an active youth group at our partner's church in Sumy. This is our Launchpad project. Unfortunately, some young people have difficulty attending the group. That is because their parents use physical and psychological violence against them in an effort to stop them from going."

Extra General Meeting (EGM) for the election of new wardens

There will be an Extra General Meeting after the service on 5th November for the election of new wardens. A nominations list is on the notice board in the Hut. For anyone standing for election as warden there needs to be a signature from the person making the nomination and a signature from the person seconding the nomination. There also needs to be a signature from the person being nominated to say that they accept the nomination. At the meeting on 5th November the Archdeacon will be present to admit the new wardens.

Taken from Simone Yallop's Weekly Notices

Prayer for November 2023

Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Rev. Daphne Kitching

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 for the 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 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.

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For example, his garage was littered with the pieces of a lawn mower he had tried to fix.

One day, his wife found him in the living room, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "I can't get this thing to cooperate!" he exclaimed.

His wife replied, "Why don't you just drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawnmower?"

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

Answered prayer

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews.

Tommy's mother was horrified. She shook him into silence and, after church, asked, Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

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Clocks

It is told of the great preacher C H Spurgeon that after preaching at length one Sunday, he said: "I don't mind people looking at their watches, but I do dislike to see them holding them to their ears, to see if they are still going."

Thine

A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife's grave to read:

'She was Thine'.

The engraver mistakenly put 'She was Thin'. The man wrote to explain that they had left off the 'e'.

The next attempt read: 'E', She was Thin.'

Notice on a church in Cheshire:

'This is the House of God, this is the gate of Heaven.'

(This door is locked in winter months.)

Drops

Notice on an order of service: The service will close with 'Little Drops of Water'. Mr Brown will

St James the Least of All

On using Glebe land for allotments

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments - although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden of Eden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the under-gardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair, and a flask of coffee. He then settles down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read.

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage fluffy bunnies, darling foxes, and sweet squirrels. She seemed to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches.

Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.



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I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you get a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Note

Glebe Lands In ecclesiastical law, an area of land within a parish used to support a parish priest. It may be either agricultural land or commercial property. In the Church of England glebe lands and the proceeds therefrom are now administered by the Diocesan Boards of Finance under the Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976.



My Greenhouse.

When people want to know where I live, I always add to my directions: "You can't miss it. It's the house that is totally green." And indeed, my house is green, from top to bottom, at least in the summer. In autumn, the green turns to red and yellow. For yes, my house is covered with climbing plants and the front with a vine. In the autumn, the vine changes its green into yellow and red: a feast for the eyes.

Another phenomenon in the spring: the nearly invisible green blossoms attract many insects. Many people come to my door and warn me of the dangerous insects. And every time, I tell them that I enjoy the buzzing sound and that the insects have better things to do than attack me with a sting. To me, it is a yearly feast to hear and see the insects. However, this past spring, the buzzing was significantly less than it was in the years before.

People also warn me about the damage a vine can do to your house. And then I laugh. Because my house has gotten an extra way of insulation. In the summer, my house is remarkably cool; in the winter, bare branches and evergreen climbers add to the pleasant temperature inside.

There is only one climber I don't want to cover my house: it is the ivy. Where the other plants and the vine leave some black spots from the suction cups on the walls, the ivy squeezes itself between the stones and tries to push them apart. That's why ivy is so fond of ruins.

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start quietly, and the rest of the congregation will then join in.

Wanted

A lady was advertising for a travelling companion and ended with these words: 'Christian wanted, cheerful if possible.'

Light

A small boy was fascinated by the red Sanctuary lamp during a relatively long sermon. Finally, he whispered: 'Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?'

As for those signs found outside churches:

Church car park sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised.

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed.

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Forthcoming Services

If you are unable to come to church on the day that you are on duty, please swop with someone else and let the wardens know

November 5 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

t.b.a.

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Ann Powell

Lamentations 3. 17-26, 31-33

Arthur Cass

Romans 5. 5-11

Gospel

John 5. 19-25

November 12 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Remembrance Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

t.b.a.

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Elizabeth v.d Heijden

Amos 5. 18-24

Erica Bonting

1 Thessalonians 4, 13-end

Gospel

Matthew 25. 1-13



November 19 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Second Sunday before Advent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden:

t.b.a.

Intercessor

Caroline Siertsema

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erick Wanjala

Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end

Jan de Beij

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

Gospel

Matthew 25. 14-30

November 26 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Christ The King

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

t.b.a.

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Jeanet Luiten

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24

Joyce Wigboldus

Ephesians 1. 15-end

Gospel

Matthew 25. 31-end

December 3 2023

10:30 Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

t.b.a.

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Isaiah 64, 1-9

Patrick Saridjan

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Gospel

Mark 13. 24-end

December 10 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Lessons & Carol Service

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Intercessor:

Sidesperson/Reader

The Wardens will ask
Members of the
congregation to read the
Lessons

Readings



Gospel

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A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.

'When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

As we remember All Saints Day, here are some observation on the Christian life

The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably they are generally the same people. - GK Chesterton

Your love weaves for me a crown in the future. - St John Chrysostom

We can make up our minds whether our lives in this world shall wound like thorns and nettles, or be

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The problem for Jesus, of course, is that the questioners ask a question which they think allows only a yes-or-no answer. Their purpose in doing so is to limit Jesus' options so that he has no choice but to answer in a way that will compromise him. If Jesus answers that the taxes are lawful, he will alienate those who hate the tax and the coin. If he answers that the taxes are not lawful, the Romans will arrest him for sedition. Either way, Jesus loses, and his "enemies" win.

Jesus, who always goes to the heart of the matter, answers the question with another question. His question reframes the issue subtly by asking to see the coin used to pay the tax.

"Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he asked them, "Whose image is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

The biblical understanding of humans, male and female, is that we are God's image bearers. What is the inscription on us? Lover of God and lover of neighbour as we are lovers of ourselves?

So what good news lays within God's words to us in this scripture in our present confusing day, where we live in a world which expects us to choose the side of those from dominant cultures? We do not have to be between a rock and a hard place because our choice is to have relationships and make choices that give God what is God's. All of us are made in God's image! Our choices, therefore, should reflect this.

Our Emperor said: "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." We must never forget to render unto God the things that are God's.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque Williams

**Statement from the Church Council of the Anglican
Church Twente
regarding the resignation of the Churchwardens.**

October 2023

- Council deeply regrets the decision by the current wardens to resign as from 1 November.
- We understand that in the past there have been differences in management approach and communication style between the wardens and the chaplain, which have led to the decision to resign.
- Council sincerely appreciates the deep commitment and efforts made by the wardens over the past years. Their contribution to the functioning of our church has been of great importance.
- We wish to ensure the good functioning of St. Mary's, also into the future. To this end an Extra General Meeting will be held on 5 November to elect new wardens.
- Council greatly values the enthusiastic leadership and liturgical guidance provided by the chaplain. We wish to ensure that the chaplain can continue her essential work as priest at St. Mary's.
- In order to ensure that in the future wardens and chaplains can smoothly work together, Council proposes to set up a review mechanism that will allow wardens and chaplains to voice any concerns, in confidence, at an early stage. Those involved from the Council in this mechanism will report to the full Council about their findings, respecting always the confidentiality in which any concerns may have been raised.
- Council recognizes that this is a time for healing, prayer, and a search for reconciliation. It will do its utmost to make this possible.
- Council wishes our church to move forward as a vibrant, inclusive, diverse and inspiring community, where all are welcome.

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beautiful and
fragrant like the
lilies of the field. -
Fr Andrew SDC

It matters not how
a man dies, but how
he lives. -
Samuel Johnson

Where there is no
penitence there can
be no progress. -
Fr Andrew SDC

And to the faithful,
death the gate of
life. -
John Milton

Death, that final
curb on freedom,
has itself suffered
a death blow
through the
resurrection of
Jesus. -
Michael Green

Prayer is the
contemplation of
the facts of life
from the highest
point of view. -
*Ralph Waldo
Emerson*

Every Christian
needs a half hour
of prayer each day,
except when he is
busy, then he needs
an hour. -
Francis de Sales

If people want a
sense of purpose,
they should get it
from the
archbishops and
not from
politicians. -
Harold Macmillan

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In his prayers he says, 'Thy will be done' but means his own, at least he acts so. -
William Penn

We should spend as much time in thanking God for His benefits as we do in asking Him for them. -
St Vincent de Paul

O Lord, Thou knowest I have nine houses in the City of London, and have lately purchased an estate in Essex. I beseech Thee to preserve the counties of Middlesex and Essex from earthquakes and fire. -
Joshua Ward, 18th century

With the Football in mind:
The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins. -
T Canterbury

Arty Theft!
Did you hear about the art thieves get-away Transit van that ran out of fuel? Apparently they had no *Monet* to buy *Degas* to make the Van Gogh.

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Once a year, a gardener, without fear of heights, comes to cut away the offshoots from the roof and the window frames, in addition to pruning the other shrubs in the garden.

One day, A good friend involved in caring for the environment said, "If more people would have such a greenhouse, it would make a difference for the environment."

So...I hope you will also have a greenhouse in the future.

Conscious living and no waste

We are slowly learning not to waste a lot of things in our daily lives. What kind of things do we waste? What goes in the containers that the municipality collects? To name a few products: textiles, appliances, and, not to forget, food.

About the last, it is necessary to say the following: Every year, about 30 kilos of food per person is still thrown away in the Netherlands (we are not the biggest throwaways in the world). This food all ends up in the green container, so it is not eaten. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT!

Here are some valuable tips:

*Buy no more food in the supermarket than you need until your next shopping day. Nowadays, you find a refrigerator in most supermarkets, where food that is exactly on the date and discounted is presented. (I discovered that it often can be kept for two more days.) So it is economical and still okay to eat.

* While preparing the meal, remember that you don't cook too much So you are not getting too many leftovers. But if you have leftovers, use them in the following day's meals, such as soup or a salad. Crusts of bread are perfect for making tosti's. And the birds like them too, but be careful not to throw them on the ground because they attract rats, but put them in a birdhouse or on a shelf attached to a single pole.

And, of course, if you have a freezer, lots of food can be stored in them. When my children were little, I used to save the leftovers for three or four days and bake or grill each with other ingredients like fried onions, fried mushrooms or cheese. And they were eating with great pleasure the little heaps on their plate, curious to discover the new taste.

The Netherlands restaurants together throw about 55 million kilo's of good food yearly! Not to imagine! Doggy bags are relatively unknown in the Netherlands.

Do you always empty your plate in a restaurant? If you do, it is a compliment to the restaurant owner and... nothing from your plate will end up in the waste-container. A win-win situation!

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting

The Poppies of Remembrance

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



*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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You're Joking!

I woke up from a coma thinking I was Swedish. My wife said I wasn't Bjorn yesterday.

What do you call a Spanish man who has lost his car?
Carlos.

How many Spanish men does it take to fix a car?
Only Juan.

I told my wife our neighbour had been in an accident, She said, 'Who Ray?' I told her there was no need to cheer.

I was happy when I found and married my "Mrs Right". After several years of marriage I was I was less happy to discover her first name was "Always"!

What's the word feared by most nuclear scientists?
Oops!

Why did James Bond cancel his hair colouring appointment at the local hairdresser?
Because he had No Time to Dye!!

What about the guy who has been stealing wheels off police cars?
They're now working tirelessly to catch him.

The Eternal Soldier

*I am the eternal soldier; I'm there when you need me
Fighting for your liberties down every century
Standing on the front-line, bleeding for your cause
Just a name on a memorial, at which you never pause.*

*I halted the Armada, stood my ground at Marston Moor
I was in the line at Minden and I heard the Zulu roar,
I was in the square at Waterloo and fought the fearless Boers
And I was gassed in the trenches of the war to end all wars*

*I piloted a Spitfire, stormed the beach at Normandy
Froze to death in Korea and I yomped to Port Stanley,
I was bombed to hell in Basra, under fire in old Kabul
I am a deadly Exocet, a politician's tool.*

*Yet all I ask is wages and three square meals a day
To lay my life upon the line, to live in harms way,
But it's the same old story, when your victory is won
Then I'm just an embarrassment, with a loaded gun.*

*And the debt is soon forgotten, when the nightmares come to call
When each night I hear my best friend scream and helpless, watch
him fall,*

*I'm told to snap out of it, I'm told big boys don't cry
And I'm left to drink myself to death and on a cold street die.*

*I march on your decision, anywhere in this wide world
In places where our flag had no right to be unfurled,
And I'm not asking for riches, I want nothing for free
The only thing I'm asking for,
Is a measure of dignity.*

*For I am the eternal soldier; I'm there when you need me
Fighting for your conscience down every century
And I'm standing on the front-line, bleeding for your cause
Just a name on a memorial, at which you never pause.*

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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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