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February  
2024

## Our Lenten Journey

Dear Saints,

Christians around the world prepare themselves during Lent for Easter. A period of forty days, around six consecutive Sundays, in which we look to Christ to challenge and encourage us as we seek to grow in faith and love for God and each other. We pray, fast and give to those in need. This year, we start this journey on Ash Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.



Lent reminds us that we are creatures created by God: our physical bodies have been made from the earth, from dust, and at death, we return to the earth, to dust. This reminder encourages us to invest our time and energy to intentionally follow the lead of the Spirit beyond the physical body. Making our Lord Jesus Christ's promise to give us life in its fullness real in us and through us.

Lent is one of the church's gifts. An opportunity to deepen our resilience as servants, co-workers, and those who are not of the world but in the world, part of Christ's mission to bring salvation to the world.

### Lent at St Mary's in Twente

This year, we journey through Lent through the lens of Mark's Gospel, chapters 14 to 16. Our Lenten Journey consists of the following elements:

#### Personal reflection

- o As individuals, we try to understand and experience what Lent means for us by daily Scripture reading, reflection, and prayer through the Passion narrative in the Gospel of Mark.

#### Communal worship

- o We pray and worship God together as a church community on Ash Wednesday, the six Sundays of Lent and on weekdays during Holy Week, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter.



## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February will be the Sunday next before Lent. On that day after the service, we will have pancakes in anticipation of Shrove Tuesday.

## Ash Wednesday

On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 it will be Ash Wednesday. There will be a Eucharist in the chapel with the imposition of ashes at 19:00 in the evening.

## Lent booklets

The Lent booklets with the Lenten programme will be available as from next Sunday.

## Prayer for peace in the world

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

## Prayer for the charities that we support.

Please continue to pray 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.

*Taken from Simone's Notices 28 January 2024*

## A Word from Wales

The beginning of our fifth year in Wales was literally blown in with howling gales sweeping across the Atlantic and over Wales. Abby, our dog, was happier with the high wind as it kept the fireworks to a minimum. Although she was born in the Netherlands, Abby is a pyrotechnophobic. That is a morbid fear of fireworks, the sound, sight and smell.

On New Year's Eve in the Netherlands, we had to soundproof our bedroom with duvets over the windows and door. Then, clutching a terrified dog filled with as many tranquilizers as the vet deemed safe, we would see in the New Year with classical string music blasting from the CD player.

On our return to the United Kingdom, we hoped the New Year fireworks custom had not reached these shores. Sadly, it had. However, there are only a few cottages with youngsters near us, which is not as bad.

Where we live on the west bank of the river Dee, the view to the east is reminiscent of the Netherlands as we gaze out over the flat Cheshire plains. Turning around, we see the Clwydian Range of hills rearing up to the west.

*With Valentine's Day in mind... just for fun, why not invite your children, grandchildren, the same questions, and to report back any interesting answers!*

**Romance, love, marriage and all that stuff - the way children see it....**

**How do you decide who to marry?**

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming.

- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

**What is the right age to get married?**

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

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The spire of the church we attend, St Deiniols, can be seen over 80 metres above.

Sundays are especially when we often have homesickness for our life with St Mary's Chapel. We leave St Deiniols down a steeply descending, winding road. A third of the way down, we negotiate a bend, and before us spreads out a glorious view across Cheshire. On a good day, we can even see the City of Chester ten km away. We experience great peace and joy in our chosen place, inspired by service, song and view.

### **A Reflection on Old Age**

Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant time. It is true that you are gently shouldered off the stage, but then you are given such a comfortable front stall as spectator, and, if you really have played your part, you are more content to sit down and watch. - *Jane Harrison*

### **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.

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

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No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.

- Freddie, age 6

**How can a stranger tell if two people are married?**

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

- Derrick, age 8

**What do you think your mum and dad have in common?**

Both don't want any more kids.

- Lori, age 8

**What do most people do on a date?**

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough.

- Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

- Martin, age 10

**What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?**

I'd run home and play dead.

The next day I would call all the

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newspapers and  
make sure they  
wrote about me  
in all the dead  
columns.

- Craig, age 9

**When is it okay  
to kiss someone?**

When they're  
rich.

- Pam, age 7

The law says you  
have to be  
eighteen, so I  
wouldn't want to  
mess with that. -  
Curt, age 7

The rule goes like  
this: If you kiss  
someone, then  
you should marry  
them and have  
kids with them.  
It's the right  
thing to do. -  
Howard, age 8

**Is it better to  
be single or  
married?**

I don't know  
which is better,  
but I'll tell you  
one thing. I'm  
never going to  
have sex with my  
wife. I don't  
want to be all  
grossed out. -  
Theodore, age 8

It's better for  
girls to be single  
but not for boys.  
Boys need  
someone to clean  
up after them.  
- Anita, age 9

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## St James the Least of All

**On why rural church-goers  
like to freeze in church**

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

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Winter certainly exposes  
the difference between  
those of you who live in  
cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your centrally  
heated flat, and complain about the half an inch of slush  
outside, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses,  
open all doors and windows to let the heat in and battle  
through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning  
paper.

Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower,  
of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the  
Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around  
the church. Working outwards from the church door, the  
path to the church soon became snow-free. Unfortunately,  
he only realised when his job was complete that the blown  
snow then formed a ten-foot drift under the lych gate.

Miss Margison, ever helpful in the worst sense of the  
word, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A  
blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the  
resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice  
sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village  
badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily  
changed sport to ice hockey.

Inevitably, congregations have soared. There is nothing  
like adversity for making people want to prove they have  
the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to  
be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture out,  
which is taken as judgement on their strength of  
character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving  
on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling  
rug, while his wife pulled it. As they both explained, they  
couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my  
sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and  
the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our  
organist complained that the cold made his fingers so numb  
that he couldn't play properly - although I didn't notice  
that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, a few flakes of wet snow may close  
your car park for health and safety reasons, but we shall

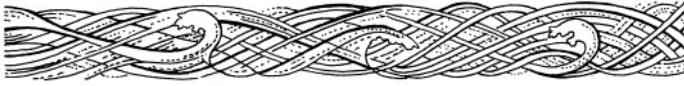


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continue to triumph heroically over adversity. We return home after Mattins, knowing we have proved our Christian commitment in being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



### **Celebrating the now and future Creation**

I find that watching buds swelling on trees and plants during the winter months gives me a tremendous sense of hope. After creation's winter shutdown, the sight of tiny flowers poking out of brown earth may be more important than ever.

Getting outdoors during daylight hours, enjoying green spaces and getting some fresh air and exercise are great ways to keep ourselves healthy at any time of year. A psychologist colleague wrote, "Attending to the details of nature can also inspire awe, which has been linked to positive mood and increased life satisfaction." I expect it is this sense of awe that makes it easier for many of us to connect with God outdoors.

Helping ourselves and others to thrive is a good start to 2024, but it is also vital to have hope for the future. In the face of climate change, we urgently need to care for all of Creation, both human and everything else, with God's help.

Our ultimate hope is in God's promise that He will bring about a new heaven and a new earth. We can look forward to the day when Creation will be fully redeemed and liberated from evil. The Greek word used to describe the new creation is the same as that used to describe someone who becomes a Christian, whose humanity is restored and renewed. There will be continuity between the old and new earth as it is cleansed and purified, surpassing and perfecting what has gone before. There will also be some discontinuity, as there will be no more suffering or death.

So, one source of hope for 2024 is that we can enjoy both caring for and meeting God in Creation. But the parts of Creation that we find most beautiful, giving us a sense of awe and helping us to worship, are also a reminder that there is something much better to come.

*By Ruth Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director, The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge*

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**How would the world be different if people did not get married?**

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

- Kelvin, age 8

**How would you make a marriage work?**

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a lorry.

- Ricky, age 10

*Continuing the theme*

**Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. ..**

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset.

"You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

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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

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### February 4 2024

10:30 Eucharist	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>
<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
<b>Duty Warden</b> Jeanet Luiten	<b>Intercessor:</b> Jeanet Luiten
<b>Sidesperson/Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Joyce Wigboldus	Proverbs 8. 1
Linda ten Berge	Psalm 104. 26-end
Gospel	Colossians 1. 15-20
	John 11. 1-14

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### February 11 2024

10:30 Eucharist	<b>Sunday before Lent</b>
<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
<b>Duty Warden</b> Jeanet Luiten	<b>Intercessor:</b> Joyce Wigboldus
<b>Sidesperson/Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Rita Kizito	2 Kings 2. 1-12
Patrick Saridjan	Psalm 50. 1-6
Gospel	2 Corinthians 4. 3-6
	Mark 9. 2-9

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### February 14 2024

10:30 Eucharist	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
<b>Duty Warden:</b> Jeanet Luiten	<b>Intercessor</b> Simone Yallop
<b>Sidesperson/Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Arthur Cass	Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58. 1-12
Lea Mijnen	Psalm 51.1-18
Gospel	2. Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21 or John 8.1-11

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**February 18 2024**

10:30 Eucharist

**Lent 1**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Lea Mijnen

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Louw Talstra

**Readings**

Genesis 9, 8-14

Psalm 125. 1-9

Elisa Hannan

1 Peter. 3.18-end

Gospel

Mark 1.9-15

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**February 25 2024**

10:30 Eucharist

**Lent 2**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Jan de Beij

**Readings**

Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22. 23-end

Erica Bonting

Romans 4 13-end

Gospel

Mark 8. 31-end

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**March 3 2024**

10:30 Eucharist

**Lent 3**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Readings**

Exodus 20. 1-17

Psalm 19 [19.7-end]

Linda ten Berge

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

Gospel

John 2. 13-22

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### **Do what we can to help...**

Several women in the church prayer group were visiting an elderly friend who was ill. After a while, they rose to leave and told her: "We'll do what we can to help. We promise to keep you in our prayers."

"Thank you," she said. "But really, I can do my own praying. The thing I can't do is the dishes in the sink in the kitchen...."

### **Bye bye**

I like long walks, especially when taken by people who annoy me.

### **Unhappy in love**

I think my girlfriend's hallucinating. She keeps telling me she's seeing other people.

### **Off to the vet**

In his younger days our golden retriever Catcher often ran away when he had the chance. The vet's surgery was about a mile down the road, and Catcher would usually go there. The

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### **Fasting**

- o We strive to be spiritually disciplined by denying ourselves things we long for. Fridays are recommended as days of fasting. On four Fridays, we meditate on the Stations of the Cross, after which we break our fast. On the fifth Friday, we break the fast with a communal Passover meal.

### **Giving**

- o We look out for those in need and give to the church specifically for the charities that our chaplaincy supports and for the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, which is this year for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome in its work amongst the poor and disadvantaged.

### **Bible Study**

- o Together, we explore how we can practically apply our faith in our daily lives from a biblical perspective. This year, with the "Breathing Life" Lenten course on four Saturdays.

### **Lenten booklet to support us on our journey**

We have a booklet that supports us on our Lenten Journey. The Lenten booklet is a daily guide with the daily biblical texts, reflections and prayers, as well as all the Lenten activities of St Mary's on the respective dates.

Lent can be a gruelling journey, as it takes us past some shameful places en route to the Cross, but the Good News is, it doesn't end there. Our final destination, via the tomb, is the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Jesus has gone before us to prepare a place for each of us. So, let us follow Him.

Yours in Christ as always,  
Jacque

## Justice?

The Law Professor entered the lecture hall. He looked at the rows of faces gazing back expectantly.

"You there in the 8th row. Can you tell me your name?" he asks a student.

"My name is Susan" says a voice

The professor asks her, "Please leave the lecture hall. I don't want to see you in my lectures."

Everyone is quiet. The student, clearly upset and embarrassed, slowly packs her things and stands up.

"Faster please" she is asked.

She doesn't dare to say anything and prepares to leave the lecture hall. The professor holds up a hand to stop her, then looks at the other students. They all look frightened.

"Why are there laws?" he asks.

All quiet. Everyone looks at each other.

"What are laws for?" He asks again.

"Social order". One student volunteers, Another says, "To protect a person's personal rights." Someone else offers, "So you can rely on the state."

The student Susan, who is still standing, says, "Justice."

The professor smiling, turns his attention to her. "Thank you very much. Did I behave unfairly to you earlier?"

Susan, along with all the other students nods.

Turning to address the rest of the students, the professor continued. "Indeed I did. Why didn't anyone protest? Why didn't anyone of you try to prevent this injustice.

Nobody answered.

"What you just learned you wouldn't have understood in a 1000 hours of lectures, if you hadn't lived it. None of you said anything because you weren't affected yourself. The attitude speaks against you and against life.

You think as long as it doesn't concern you then it is none of your business. I'm telling you, if you don't say anything today and don't bring about justice, then one day you will experience injustice like Susan here, and no one will stand up for you. Justice lives through us all. We have to fight for it

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nursing staff knew him and would call me to come pick him up. One day I called the vet to make an appointment for Catcher's yearly vaccine. "Will you bring him," asked the receptionist, "or will he come down on his own?"

### And if love should die. . . .

While we were working at a men's clothing store, a customer asked my colleague to help her pick out a tie that would make her husband's blue eyes stand out. "Ma'am," he explained, "any tie will make blue eyes stand out, if you tie it tight enough."

**Definition of old Grandchildren**  
don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.

### Muddy woof

What do you get if you cross a jeep with a dog?  
A Land Rover.

### Learning to drive

As a learner driver in London, I was taking the road test for my driver's license.

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When someone cut me off, I held my temper so I wouldn't look out of control. "You have a lot to learn," said the inspector.

Then at a red light, the car behind me tapped my bumper. I still remained calm, but the inspector shook his head. When the light turned, I accelerated, but the car behind me then sped up and cut me off. That did it! I hit the horn as hard as I could.

The inspector turned to me, smiled, and said, "Now you're getting the hang of it."

### **Family**

Last night our Wi-Fi stopped working, so I had to spend a few hours with my family. They seem like good people.

### **Fun with Puns**

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing, but it let out a little whine.

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In life and at work, we often live next to each other instead of with each other. We console ourselves that the problems of others are none of our business. We go home and are glad we were spared.

But it's also about standing up for others. Every day injustices happen in business, in sport, on public transport. Relying on someone to sort it out is not enough. It is our duty to be there for others. Speaking for others when they cannot."

Anon.



## **The Seasons in our life**

Maybe you have heard of the Winter Solstice, when the days in the northern hemisphere are at their shortest, and the nights are the longest. Perhaps you have heard of the Summer Solstice when the days are at their longest. Maybe you've heard of the Spring and Fall Equinoxes when our days and nights are at the same lengths.

February 2nd brings us another calendar phenomenon, one of the four so-called "cross-quarter" days. Many ancient civilisations and cultures also observed not only the solstices and equinoxes but also the four midpoints between them, the cross-quarter days. They are not always exact and go by different names, but their observance can assist us.

You've certainly heard of one of them: Halloween, which always seems to feature recognition of the dead. Horrors! Because the midpoint between the Autumn Equinox and the Winter Solstice is a recognition of things passing - the middle of Autumn.

February 2nd is another cross-quarter day: the midpoint between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. The week in which it falls is often recognised as the very depth of winter. Winter, after all, only began around December 21st; it was still relatively warm then. This week recognises the middle of winter - it's depth.

Christians incorporate this physical phenomenon, whether we realise it or not, when we keep the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas when the child Jesus is presented in the Temple. Just as we celebrate Jesus's birth on December 25th, we celebrate his being shown in the Temple 40 days later, on February 2nd.

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Over time, that feast has incorporated candles, so its other name is Candlemas. Whether we realise it is a cross-quarter day or not, Christians yearn for light on February 2nd: we have lit candles on that winter feast for hundreds of years.

The American culture has another name for February 2nd. It's Groundhog Day! It's a different name and a rather silly-looking event. Still, its features are the same as the cross-quarter features of other cultures. On Groundhog Day, we wonder about light and shadow and how much more prolonged winter will be!

Something in our human condition will always long for and yearn for, the light. We yearn for its energy, especially when we miss it the most - in the bleak midwinter.

I found this article between the papers of my late husband, the Reverend Sjoerd Bonting. He added a prayer.

O, Lord, provide light for us. Give us direction and confidence. Give us good health and the light of solid and wise civilisation. In your name, we pray, AMEN.

*Erica Bonting Schotman*



14<sup>th</sup> February

### The very first Valentine card, a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but who couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14<sup>th</sup> February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So, the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

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How does an attorney sleep?

First, he lies on one side, then he lies on the other side.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind?

A maybe.

**From the days when insulting was an art form**

I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend, if you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill..

"Cannot possibly attend the first night, I will attend the second ....if there is one" Winston Churchill, in response

'He is a self-made man and worships his creator'.- John Bright

'His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork'; Mae West

'He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire'. Winston Churchill

'He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up'. Paul Keating

'He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends'. Oscar Wilde

## Your Mission

by G.M Grannis

If you cannot on the ocean  
Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
Rocking on the highest billows,  
Laughing at the storms you  
meet;

You can stand among the sailors  
Anchored yet within the bay;  
You can lend a hand to help  
them  
As they launch their boat away.

If you are too weak to journey  
Up the mountain steep and high,  
You can stand within the valley  
While the multitudes go by;  
You can chant in happy measure  
As they slowly pass along;  
Though they may forget the  
singer  
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver  
Ever ready to command;  
If you cannot toward the  
needy,  
Reach an ever-open hand;  
You can visit the afflicted,  
O'er the erring you can weep;  
You can be a true disciple  
Sitting at the Saviour's feet.

If you cannot in the harvest  
Garner up the richest sheaves,  
Many a grain both ripe and  
golden  
Will the careless reapers leave;  
Go and glean among the briers  
Growing rank against the wall,  
For it may be that their shadow  
Hides the heaviest wheat of all.

If you cannot in the conflict  
Prove yourself a soldier true,  
If where fire and smoke are  
thickest

There's no work for you to do;  
When the battlefield is silent  
You can go with careful tread:  
You can bear away the wounded,  
You can cover up the dead.

If you cannot be the watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Offering life and peace to all;  
With your prayers and with your  
bounties  
You can do what Heaven demands,  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Do not, then, stand idly waiting  
For some greater work to do;  
Fortune is a lazy goddess-  
She will never come to you.  
Go and toil in any vineyard,  
Do not fear to do or dare;  
If you want a field of labour  
You can find it anywhere.

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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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