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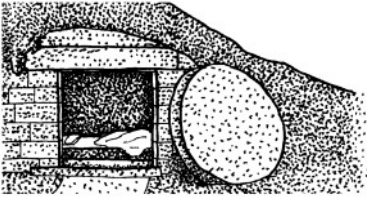
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Our Lenten Journey

Dear Saints,

This coming week, we will reach the halfway mark of our Lenten Journey. It seems proper to me that I update you on where we are in our communal journey up to this point. We have set out a programme and are diligently following it. We are intentional about our journey, following a path where each of us can travel in a manner that honours our respective spirituality, yet allowing for some challenges on the way, stretching us and deepening our faith.

Central to our programme is the opportunity to engage with the Word of God as individuals and in the community. We do this firstly through our daily meditations, which are systematic focuses on the Passion of Christ through the eyes of Mark, chapters 14 to 16. The Lenten Booklet gives the **daily readings, meditations and prayers**, as well as the diary for the Lenten activities in our Chaplaincy.

Secondly, the four **Bible studies**, which take place on Saturday mornings in the Hut or on Monday evenings online, flow from the Diocesan Racial Justice Conference of November 2023. The daily conference programme and activities were done in such a way that it gave the opportunity, from a racial justice perspective, for communal reflection on *Grieving the Past*, *Challenging the Present* and *Envisioning the Future*, respectively. Each focus was undergirded by a biblical text, which was seen as the foundation for engaging in transformation processes from racial injustice to racial justice.

Grieving the Past:

We studied Mark 1:4-15: "The uncivilised outsider" John the Baptist.

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Our journey through Lent program



Destination?

Lenora, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Every one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"

Oops

Did you hear about the Dutchman who invented inflatable shoes? He popped his clogs.

Ikea pain

When one door closes, another opens.... I wish I'd followed the instructions when I assembled my Ikea wardrobe.

With Mothering Sunday in mind

Mother's reward

A man was decorating his new den and decided it was a good place to display all the awards he and his two sons had won at various athletic competitions.

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- March 2 Lenten course in the Hut at 10.00
March 4 Zoom repeat of Lenten course at 19.00
March 8 Station of the cross in Rita Kizito, Havermaathoek 14, 7546MK Enschede
March 9 Lenten course in Hut 10.00
March 10 Mothering Sunday
March 11 Lenten course repeat on Zoom
March 15 Stations of the Cross at Annie Oosterhof, De Voortmors 136, 7595AG Weerselo.
March 16 Lenten course in the Hut
March 18 Lenten course repeat on Zoom.
March 22 Passover meal at 18.00 at the Chaplain's house
Oude Needseweg 18, Markelo
(Please register with Jeanet Luiten before March 17. Donation of €10)
March 24 Palm Sunday procession from the Hut. 10.30
March 28 Maundy Thursday Service at 19.00 in the Chapel.
March 29 Good Friday Service in the chapel at 19.00
March 30 Cleaning of the church, decorating for Easter.
March 31 06.00 Easter Vigil
10.30 Easter Day Service.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal focuses on the Anglican Centre in Rome, which provides a link between the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The Centre makes a space for hospitality and the encounter between Christian traditions. It is a vital base for building Christian Unity. The Anglican Centre in Rome also works closely with the St Egidio community in Rome, ministering to the poor and disadvantaged. Details are given in the letter from Bishop Robert, which are available via the following link: *Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024: Anglican Centre in Rome | Diocese in Europe*. On one of the Sundays in Lent, there will be a door collection at St. Mary's for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

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.

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

"We do not fund humanitarian relief. However, the need for this help will increase because, from 1 March onwards, the Ukrainian government will cease paying allowances to many Ukrainian refugees who have fled to safer parts of Ukraine. Several contacts of Our Daily Bread help such people. They struggle to meet their needs now, and from 1 March onwards, the strain on their resources will increase. Pray in particular for the Avilova family in Kremenchuk (central Ukraine), who help many internal refugees in this city."

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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When he had filled two whole walls, he remarked to his wife that it was a shame she had no awards to contribute.

The following day, she produced, neatly framed, the birth certificates of their two sons, and added them to the display.

Mothers and teenagers

A woman was confiding in her neighbour just how hard it was for her to get her teenagers out of bed in the morning.

The neighbour replied that she never had any trouble at all with her son. "I just open the door and throw the cat on the bed," she explained.

The woman was puzzled, and asked how that might help.

"Easy. My son sleeps with the dog."

Just like mum...

That desert was delicious. Did you buy it yourself?

Hard to find

Curate's wife: I'd like to open a joint account.

Bank staff: With your husband?

Curate's wife:

Heavens, no. With someone who has some money!

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Violets?

When my husband was six years old, he thought the creed included the line: "He suffered under a bunch of violets." It took him years before he realised that he should have been saying: "under Pontius Pilate."

Flight time

A couple going on holiday for Easter were amazed when the airplane pilot came on and advised the passengers that he had lost his way. He explained that the radar was not working, the radio beam could not be picked up, and the compass had broken. "But," he added soothingly, "you will be glad to know that we are making very good time."

Noah had problems, too

When Noah sailed the waters blue, he had his troubles same as you.

For 40 days he drove the Ark before he found a place to park.

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St James the Least of All

On why pews SHOULD be uncomfortable

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Visits from your parishioners to our church are always welcome. But I did not expect them to return to you complaining because our pews are uncomfortable.

Pews are meant to be uncomfortable. The unshakeable belief of our congregation is that the more uncomfortable the pew, the holier the worship must be. By the same token, an 8am Service is more fervent than one at 11am, since it is much more socially inconvenient. If you add on enduring sub-zero temperatures and damp, then sainthood clearly beckons. Your people may be used to lolling in upholstered chairs in tropical temperatures, but I am sure such comfort places their souls in grave peril.

Our pews were built 500 years ago, when people were several inches shorter and many pounds lighter, and so could accommodate themselves on them perfectly adequately. The fact that a twenty-first century body is in constant danger of sliding off the seat and requires knees to be folded somewhere near ears at least helps to keep minds focussed - apart from Colonel Wainwright, who still manages to sleep peacefully throughout Mattins every Sunday.

I could point out that your chairs make kneeling almost impossible - although I suspect that posture is not encouraged in your church, as people would then be unable to read the words on your overhead projector or wave their arms about quite as easily during the hymns. While the majority of our congregation find the Anglican crouch perfectly adequate, you can see those who flop to their knees on hearing "let us pray" from the clouds of dust sent up from suddenly compressed hassocks, which were purchased to commemorate Queen Victoria's Accession.

I may also point out that our box pews are very useful for modern times. Once a family is seated, with the door firmly shut, then any toddler is penned in and unable to use the aisles as a racing circuit. Medieval carpenters were clearly forward-thinking people. Admittedly, box pew doors do tend to stick, and few manage to look dignified while they wait for step ladders to be brought before they can climb out.



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If only you would remove your chairs and substitute benches without backs, turn off all heating and replace carpets with slate slabs, I am sure your congregation's religious zeal would soar.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

17th March: St Patrick, beloved apostle to Ireland



St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

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Missing socks in your life

What does it mean when all the socks in your laundry match, with none left over? You're now losing them in pairs!

St Patrick's Day groaners

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day? Regular rocks are too heavy.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short.

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time? He's Dublin over with laughter!

What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick's Day? St O' Claus!

St Patrick's Day

"I married an Irishman on St Patrick's Day."
"Oh, really?"
"No, O'Reilly!"

Musings on life...

I'm taking care of my procrastination issues. Just you wait and see.

I hate it when I see an old person, and then realize we went to school together.

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

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

Psalms 19 [19.7-end]

Linda ten Berge

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

Gospel

John 2. 13-22

March 10 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Rita Kizito

Readings

Exodus 2. 1-10/Sam1. 20-end

Psalms 34 11-20 / 127. 1-4

Patrick Saridjan

Corinthians or Colossians t.b.a. on service sheet

Gospel

Luke or John

March 17 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Lent 5

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Arthur Cass

Readings

Jeremiah 31. 31-34

Psalms 51. 1-13/ 119. 9-16

Lea Mijnen

Hebrews 5. 5-10

Gospel

John 12. 20-33

March 24 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Palm Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Mijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Louw Talstra

Liturgy of the Palms/ of the passion

Readings

t.b.a. on service sheet

Elisa Hannan

t.b.a. on service sheet

Gospel

t.b.a. on service sheet

March 28 2024

19.00 or 20.00 Washing of
the Feet

Maundy Thursday

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Jaccolien Molenaar

Exodus 12. 1-4, [5-10] 11-14

Readings

Psalm 116. 1-10

Anne Powell

1 Corinthians 11. 23-26

Gospel

John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

March 29 2024

20.00 Stations of the cross

Good Friday

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Joyce Wigboldus

Isaiah 52. 13-end or 53

Readings

t.b.a. on service sheet

Linda ten Berge

t.b.a. on service sheet

Gospel

John 18. 18-end or 19

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My boss calls me 'The Computer'. Nothing to do with intelligence; I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

Helping

If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?

Moses and climate change

When Moses went up the mountain one day to meet with God, the Lord said he had both good news and bad news for him. Moses asked, "What's the good news?" God replies, "Moses, I shall visit plagues upon the Egyptians. I shall cause their rivers to run red with blood. I shall cause frogs to infest their houses, and lice to infest their bodies. I shall cause flies to swarm upon them. Their cattle shall die; boils will infect both man and beast. I shall cause hail to destroy their crops; and locusts shall

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Challenging the Present:

We studied Matthew 15:21-28: "The cheeky outcast", The Canaanite woman.

Envisioning the Future:

We studied Galatians 3:25-29: "The uncanny empire" No longer slave or free.

Reflection:

A local response and the Conference Statement.

At the Lenten halfway mark, we would have done two "Stations of the Cross" reflections in the Chapel on Friday evenings, which have been experienced as both meaningful and confronting. The following two "Stations of the Cross" reflections will be on Fridays, March 8 and March 15, at the homes of Rita Kizito in Enschede and Annie Oosterhof in Weerselo, respectively. Some of us **fast** on Fridays or give up or take up something this Lent to enhance our awareness of the period.

I trust that your spirit of generosity grows during this Lenten journey and that you generously **give towards the work of the Church** in general and towards the work done through the Charities the Church sponsors. The Diocesan Lenten Appeal is earmarked this year for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome amongst the poor and disadvantaged.

On Friday, March 22, we will have the opportunity to share the **Passover meal**, where we can experience how and why Christ had the last supper with his disciples. The Passover meal will once again take place at the Chaplain's House. Please ensure you have registered with Jeanet before Sunday, March 17, 2024. A donation of Euro 10 is very welcome.

Lent ends with Holy Week, with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his Last Supper with the disciples on Maundy Thursday and his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. It 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

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Resurrection of our Lord. Jesus has gone before us to prepare a place for each of us.
May you continue to have a blessed Lenten journey.

Yours in Christ as always,
Revd Jacque Williams



Mothering Sunday

Thinking two kinds of Mother's Day on 10th March

Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, is the day for honouring our Mother Church and has been celebrated since the Middle Ages.

Mother's Day is an annual day to honour our mothers, and it began in America in May 1907.

Mother's Day is still held in May in the US, Canada, Australia and Mexico. In Britain, Mother's Day is held on Mothering Sunday, so the two days are often merged in people's minds.

You won't find much if you ask Google for ideas of how to be nice to your church on that day. But if you want to be kind to your mother that day, you will be spoilt for choice. High on all the lists are suggestions for taking her to lunch, giving flowers, a card, or paying for her to have a day doing something she loves.

Whatever you choose to do, probably the best thing to give your mother must surely be yourself: some time and some love. Remind her of your childhood's funny and touching stories, and thank her for everything she did for you. Give her some good company and show her some gratitude. Let her know that you love her and appreciate her.

Remember that the Commandment 'Honour thy father and mother' was the first commandment that came with a promise of blessing on you if you obeyed.

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devour anything green that is left in their land.

Darkness will cover their land for three days and nights. I shall then lead you through the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day, and pillar of fire by night. I shall split the waters of the sea. I shall feed you with Manna that forms upon the ground until the children of Israel reach the Land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses replied, "That's GREAT, Lord! What could possibly be the bad news?"

"You, Moses, shall write the Environmental Impact Statement."

With Mothering Sunday in mind...

'Lend me your ears': a phrase used by Mark Anthony, and ever since then, by the mothers of millions of young children. - Anon

Her children arise up and call her blessed. - Proverbs 31:28

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom. - H W Beecher

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Observations for Lent

The shortest distance between a problem and its solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. - Anon

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. - Anon

People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are. - Anon

Many a man has thought himself broken up, when he has merely been made ready for the sowing. - Hugh Redwood

Adversity does not make us frail; it only shows us how frail we are. - Anon

Treasures in heaven are laid up only as treasures on earth are laid down. - Anon

God only asks you to do your best. - Robert H Benson

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns. - Anon

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Easter

Maunder Thursday. Time to wash feet

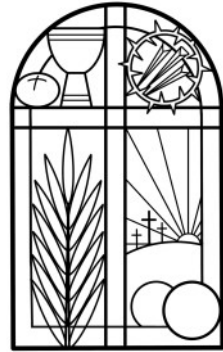
Maunder Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of Jesus's final acts before His death: washing His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' of congregation members became an important part of the medieval church's liturgy (regular worship), symbolising the clergy's humility in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also crucial because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal and that later, Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

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Good Friday, Jesus and the Thieves on the Cross

Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39). In their view, a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also

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confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others when He cannot save Himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

In his last moments, the other criminal's response is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: 'This man has done nothing wrong.' He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a beautiful picture of grace, 'Remember me when You come into Your kingdom', the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; 'Today you will be with Me in paradise.' Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

We must choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want Him to 'remember' us when He comes into His kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus? 'For Christ died for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 3:18)
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Easter faith in atheist Russia

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a tremendous anti-God rally was arranged in Kyiv. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow. For an hour, he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. In the end, there was silence.

Then, a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once, the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, 'He is risen indeed!' It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people that God does not exist when they have already encountered Him? ©Parish Pump

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And then Holy Week...

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. - James Francis

The empty tomb of Christ has been the cradle of the Church. - WR Nicoll

He suffered not as God, but He who suffered was God. - John Owen

The best news the world ever had came from a graveyard. - Anon

The Christian church has the Resurrection written all over it. - E G Robinson

Christianity is the revelation of God, not the research of man. - J A Stewart

The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought. - C S Lewis

He is Risen:

*He is risen-
After darkness had its say,
on the third day the tomb's stone door
rolled away.
Again Jesus walked, talked, touched, and ate.
In awe, witnesses testified,
"Death is not his fate!"*

*He is risen-
The once scared, fleeing disciple crew
turned around realizing
the prophecies were true.
With a faith immensely greater than fear,
they sacrificed it all to
make the Good News clear.*

*He is risen-
Jesus bore the world's sin upon the cross,
sacrificing himself so no one would be lost.
His work was sufficient,
but a response is required;
by grace we are saved
when our belief transpires.*

*He is risen-
Faith sends an invite to start anew.
Give Christ your burdens and notions untrue.
Accept his forgiveness and salvation at the end.
Love the transformation the Holy Spirit extends.*

*He is risen indeed!
When Jesus rose, a new creation began
for all who believe and trust in God's plans.
Through his power, our darkness is rolled away-
"Jesus is the light," his resurrection proclaims!*

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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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