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March  
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*The Chaplain Writes*

Dear Saints,

**Sharing our faith**

About a week ago, I received an interesting question from a young university student. A straightforward question indeed until one tries to answer it without the regular theological jargon. She wanted to know why people take communion.

After struggling for a while, I sent her the following response:

*The short answer is we take communion because our Lord Jesus Christ asked/commanded us to do so at the last supper he had with his disciples before he was crucified/executed and died. At that supper, a once-a-year event in Jesus' tradition (Jewish tradition), they celebrated their liberation from oppression as a people from their oppressors (the Exodus story).*

I then promised that I would send a more detailed response. Some hours later, I continued in the following manner:

*Because Jesus knew he would be executed, he prepared his disciples for a future without his physical presence. So, during their last dinner, he interrupted their conversations; he then took a piece of bread, broke it, and gave it to each of his disciples. He said the bread represents his body, broken for them, meaning he will be killed. So they should remember that he is killed because he brought into being a new way of life. They continued their supper, and at the end of the supper, he took a cup of wine and said the wine is a symbol of his blood, which is being spilt when he dies, and that should remind them that his blood seals a new covenant (sort of a contract) between the disciples and God. This reminds us that what we do as people and for each other should be sealed in a commitment to life and not death. Below are the actual words Jesus used according to Christian records (Bible):*

*"... in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave God thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'" "In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave God thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"*

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### **Snoring**

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. "It has to STOP," he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: "Does it really bother you that much?"

"Well, it's not just me," confided the minister. "She is bothering the whole congregation."

### **Beware of these contagious diseases in church.**

*Frontophobia:* A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and so collapses in the nearest back seat.

*Ear Frequency Destruction:* Caused by sitting near the loudspeaker when the minister is singing full volume, off-key, etc., into the microphone.

*Sermonic Throat:* A dreaded choking caused by the start

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### **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. Please also continue to bring non-perishable food items for the food bank collection in church.

### **Our Daily Bread**

Our Daily Bread has the following prayer request this week:

*Our Daily Bread friend Ludmilla lives in a village near the frontline town of Lyman in the Donbas region of Ukraine. She writes: "Unfortunately, the shelling hasn't stopped, and we have it in our village too. In my village, I want to organise a women's club (for non-believing women). Please support me in prayer that the Lord will give time for preaching the Gospel and salvation for these women."*

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is on 5 March. There will be a Eucharist, with the imposition of ashes, in the chapel at 19:00.

### **Lent course "Celebrating Nicaea"**

On Saturday mornings during Lent this year, from 8 March to 5 April, we will be following the Lent course "Celebrating Nicaea", which has been specially commissioned and written for chaplaincies in the Diocese in Europe. The Lent course will be repeated on Monday evenings in our Zoom Evening Prayer sessions.

### **Stations of the Cross during Lent**

There will be services of Stations of the Cross at 18:00 on Fridays from 14 March until 4 April. Some will be in the chapel, and others at homes in different parts of our "parish".

### **Lenten Booklet "A Journey through Lent with Jesus"**

The Lenten booklets prepared by our Chaplain with the title "A Journey through Lent with Jesus" have daily meditations based on readings from the Gospel according to John. The booklets are now available in the chapel. A donation of 5 Euros would be appreciated to help with the printing costs.

### **Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal 2025**

The Bishop's 2025 Lent Appeal is to raise money to help refugees in Europe. This Lent, Bishop Robert is asking for help to continue the mission of the Diocese in Europe to provide safety, care, and hope to families displaced by

war or other tragedies. The money raised will go towards four specific projects to support refugees and asylum seekers and to help provide them with a source of light and hope. The letter from Bishop Robert about the appeal is attached to this email.

### **Retreat in Daily Life with Julian of Norwich**

From Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, 7 March 2025, there will be an online Retreat in Daily Life with readings from Julian of Norwich organised by Sister Julian from Holy Trinity Brussels and Simone Yallop. The retreat will run for just one hour daily, beginning at 20:15 and ending with a short service of Compline (night prayer). The retreat is open to everyone. If you would like to attend, please register with Sister Julian: [sister.julian@europe.anglican.org](mailto:sister.julian@europe.anglican.org)

### **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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of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

### *Double Auricular*

*Clearance:* A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and leave the other without any absorption thereof. Condition is acute during Bible reading and sermon.

### *Accelerated Vocal*

*Response:* A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

### *Retarded Vocal*

*Response:* A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

*Theexits:* A condition where the sufferer rushes for the exit before the minister gets there.

### *Church Meeting*

*Paralysis:* This can strike suddenly, when a post in the church needs filling. A good dose of enthusiasm works wonders with this sad affliction.

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## New meanings

**Dogma** - a puppy's mother

**Polygon** - a lost parrot

I'm giving up eating chocolate for Lent.

Oh, wait, sorry, bad punctuation.

I meant, I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for Lent.

*With Mothering Sunday approaching,*

## PARENT'S DICTIONARY

**Bottle feeding:**  
An opportunity for Dad to also get up at 2 a.m.

**Defence:** What you'd better have around de garden if you're going to let de children play outside.

**Family planning:**  
The art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you just on the edge of financial disaster.

**Feedback:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

**Grandparents:**  
The people who think your children are

## On the perils of parking near the church

The Rectory  
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I cannot be wholly sympathetic because your church car park has only space for 100 cars. Your solution of advising congregation members to park in the adjoining supermarket car park may not have been wise. The maximum time people can stop there is 90 minutes, and as your services often reach that length, returning to find their cars clamped may not make you universally popular - although it may allow your congregation to practise Christian forgiveness.

Since the medieval architect who built St James the Least of All was not overly concerned with car parking, the only space we have is along the road by the church. Inevitably, it gets blocked, which causes us all immense satisfaction when those not attending church but intending to have a morning shopping find themselves unable to get out of the village until Mattins is over.

I once encouraged people to walk to the church across the fields, but after we had nearly lost the present Earl in that swampy bit near the brook, I decided the idea was best dropped.

For most, the inconvenience of parking only makes attending church more of a pleasurable challenge; we so enjoy having something to complain about. Major Hastings, who has complained endlessly about parking problems, made a point last Christmas by leaving his car in the middle of the vicarage lawn. I was so pleased he happened to park just where I had only had a garden pond filled in the previous week. He returned to find that the car had sunk up to the windscreen and needed a crane to remove it.

A farmer allows us to use the field adjoining the church for weddings. While he rarely attends church on Sundays, he is always there the week before - I suspect praying for heavy rain so he can make a fortune charging to tow out with his tractor to those who have got stuck. Perhaps the greatest act of witness your church could perform would be to get everyone attending church to park on the ring road, bringing the entire town to a halt until your Sunday morning Service is over.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



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## Science and a sense of the Transcendent

*What is the difference between a cathedral and a physics lab? Are they not both saying: 'Hello'? - Annie Dillard*

Scientists often speak of a reality beyond the objects they are studying. For some, this is encountered in powerful - if rare - episodes of wonder and awe. The Christian writer J.W. Sire quotes this line from Annie Dillard in his book *Echoes of a Voice*, which explores spiritual or 'transcendent' experiences.

In his analysis of these experiences, Sire describes moments that are "emotional, intellectual, highly charged, usually sudden, unannounced, often odd, some weird, others glorious" and places them on three different levels:

A material object that points beyond the material reality. For example, someone might develop a sense of what is good and evil based on the actions of others.

Experience of "something personal...just behind the surface of what we are directly experiencing, often something with which one feels at peace or even at one, or, perhaps, as dangerous or threatening."

A felt presence with a specific character or presence, e.g., holiness, inspiring humility, fearful awe or wonder.

According to Sire, level 1-2 experiences are relatively common, but level 3 experiences are rare. He gives a wide range of examples, including scientists. Some people are religious or interested in spirituality; others are atheists. Some of their moments of transcendence carried a particular meaning; others sparked curiosity.

The famous geneticist Francis Collins described several significant moments when he was young: "being transported by the experience of looking through a telescope", or "a Christmas Eve where the descant on a lovely Christmas carol...left me with a sense of unexpected awe and a longing for something I could not name".

These experiences meant that when Collins faced the question of belief in God, "all [his] arguments seemed very thin". Now, as a fully-fledged scientist and a believer in God, he can say, "For a scientist who occasionally is given the remarkable privilege of discovering something not previously known by man, there is a special kind of joy associated with such flashes of insight."

*Dr Ruth M Banciewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes this series about the positive relationship between science and the Christian faith.*

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wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

**Independent:** How we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

**Puddle:** A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

**Show off:** A child who is more talented than yours.

**Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

**Temper tantrums:** What you should keep to a minimum so as to not upset the children.

**Top bunk:** Where you should never put a child wearing Superman pyjamas.

**Two-minute warning:** When the baby's face turns red and it begins to make those familiar grunting noises.

**Miscellaneous observations on daily life**

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

## 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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### 2 March 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Next Sunday before Lent

**Celebrant  
Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams  
Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Jaccolien Molenaar

Exodus 34. 29 - end

Psalm 99

Louw Talstra

2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2

Gospel

Luke 9. 28-36

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### 5 March 2025

10.30 Eucharist

Ash Wednesday

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Lea Meijnen

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Diane Wesseling

Joel 2.1-2,12-17.or Isaiah 58. 1-12

Psalm 51.1-18

Lea Meijnen

Corinthians 5. 20b-6.10

Gospel

John8.1-11, or Matthew6.1-6, 16-21

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### 9 March 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Lent1

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor**  
Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Erica Bonting

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 27

Ilonka de Beij

Romans 10.8b-13

Gospel

Luke 13.31 end

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### 16 March 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Lent 2

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Simone Yallop

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Rita Kizito

**Readings**

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

Psalm 27

Elizabeth v. d. Heide

Philippians 3. 17-4.1

Gospel

Luke 13.31-end

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### 23 March 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Lent 3

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Louw Talstra

**Readings**

Isaiah 55, 1 -9

Psalm 63, 1-9

Arthur Cass

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Gospel

Luke 13.1-9

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### 30 March 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Elizabeth v. d. Heide

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Rita Kizito

**Readings**

1 Samuel 1. 20-end

Psalm 27 1-4

Jaccolien Molenaar

Colossians 3.12-17

Gospel

John 19. 25b-27

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A healthy adult consumes one-and-a-half times his weight each year in other people's patience. □

Unless you thought of it yourself, a pun is the lowest form of humour.

Based on my calculations, I can afford to retire five years after I die.

Birthday cake is the only food you can blow on and spit on, and still, everybody rushes to get a piece.

Coffee: starter fluid for the morning impaired.

Hospitality: making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner - all it was doing was gathering dust. □

My dog will eat anything until you put a pill in it. Then he's Gordon Ramsey.

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## A Word from Wales

No doubt most of the congregation remember reading the following email from Simone:

*Dear Members of the Congregation of St. Mary's,  
In the past few days, some of our members have received email messages from someone pretending to be our Chaplain and asking for assistance.*

*These messages come from a false email address and ask for a reply.*

**PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE MESSAGES.**

*They are not being sent by our Chaplain. They are so-called phishing messages from criminals trying to extract money from people.*

*Please take care and be vigilant.*

*Best wishes,*

*Simone Yallop*

*Anglican Church Twente*

Most people who are scammed, the current term for criminals using the internet to defraud people, are too embarrassed at how they were tricked to go public. I am not. On a Sunday afternoon at the beginning of February, my wife Marilyn and I received emails from the Chaplain.

Written in the same style as most correspondence we exchanged about the magazine. We, therefore, did not carry out any basic checks. Until then, my only contact with the Chaplain had been by email. I had never met her or even spoken on the phone with her.

The story was that the Chaplain was caught up in a meeting that afternoon. She remembered that she had promised a friend, a woman who had cancer, a present of an Apple Gift card. The problem was that the woman lived in the UK, and the Apple Gift Card would, therefore, have to be bought in the UK. This was because, ironically, as it transpired, the measures introduced by Apple to prevent fraud. The "Chaplain" asked me if I could buy them in the UK, and she would reimburse me.

The story was strange but still believable. On Monday, I found a shop about 15 km away that sold Apple Gift Cards. By this time, there had been a string of several emails from the "Chaplain" about the fraud. Once I had the Gift Cards, I was to photograph the card and the receipt with the security code. These images would then be attached to an email and sent to her.

Fortunately, I could not figure out how to attach the pictures to the email string. I then sent a new email to the

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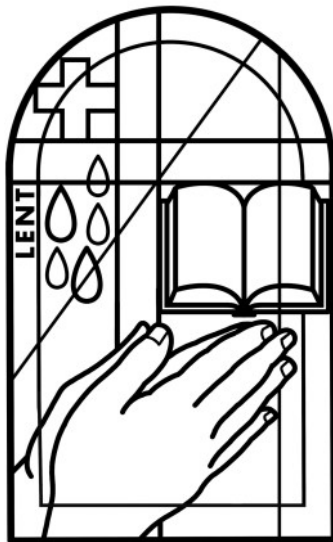
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Chaplain with the images attached. Of course, I used the Chaplain's I knew, the real email address. Within minutes, I received a frantic phone call from Lub Gringhuis telling me I had been scammed. The Chaplain, puzzled as to why she had received an email from me containing Apple Gift Card images, showed them to her husband. He realised it was a scam and not having my phone number, contacted Lub, who in turn called me.

The result was that, as I could not get a refund, I gifted the Apple Gift Cards to my nephew's wife, who has been so kind to us over several years. Through Action Fraud, I reported the matter to the police. Two police officers came and took a detailed statement to add to the accumulating scams under investigation. According to the information booklet they gave me, there are now more than 35 million!

If you get an email from any person or organisation you know, asking you to do anything you consider strange, check the address. You may need to click on the upside down V next to your name on the email to see the sender's full email address. If I had done that initially, I would have realised the sender was not the Chaplain. In addition, if you are scammed, do NOT be embarrassed. Tell everyone you know about the details. Contact the police. Contact Action Fraud. The more fuss we make, the harder the criminals job is.

*Blair Charles*



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### **Lost in translation**

*Are you travelling this Spring?  
Keep an eye out for those delightful translations into English that didn't quite make it...*

**Danish Airline:**  
We take your bags and send them in all directions.

**Heathrow:**  
No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.

**Japanese taxi:**  
Safety first: please put on your seatbelt. Prepare for accident.

**Kenyan maternity ward:**  
No children allowed.

**Beijing barbershop:**  
Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.

**Swedish furrier:**  
Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

**Medical Advice**  
My doctor told me to watch my drinking. So now I drink in front of a mirror.

**Life and Old Age**  
Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to

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the end the faster it goes.

The problem with dating as you get older is that the pickings get slimmer but the people don't.

When you're 20 and you drop something, you pick it up. When you're 80 and you drop something you don't need it anymore.

I asked my grandfather what he liked most about the 'good old days'? He replied, "I wasn't good and I wasn't old."

One of the best wills ever written - 'Being of sound mind, I spent all the money.'

As I get older, I start to remember all the people I have lost. Perhaps being a Tour Guide wasn't the best career choice?

I've called my dog 'Five Miles', just so I can say I've walked Five Miles everyday.

### **Topical Humour**

What's the difference between a comedian and a clown?

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*When we take communion, we, the Christian family, remember Jesus' offering of himself and proclaim his resurrection. We look forward to fulfilling God's intentions for human beings, which is for us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.*

The student's question triggered more questions in me, for example, "How do we share our faith with others, in a secular society, especially with young people, in plain ordinary day-to-day language? My question to you is, how would you answer the student's question? Please share your response with me, and maybe we can find a way to reflect on our respective responses.

## **The Nicene Creed**

The title of our five-week Lenten course, which commences on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10h00 in the Hut, is *Celebrating Nicaea: seeing afresh the faith that holds us together.*

This course aims to help us in three ways:

- To learn more about the Nicene Creed and the place of creeds in the church's life and liturgy.
- To understand the meaning of the Nicene Creed. The words of the Creed are not straightforward.
- To be inspired by the Nicene Creed. A deeper understanding of our faith is never for our sake only but so that we may serve God more faithfully in worship and mission.

The course consists of 5 Sessions, one each following Saturday morning at 10h00 in the Hut:

### **Session 1 - Why Creeds?**

An introduction to the creeds generally in the church's life and a first look at the early version of the Creed under discussion emerged in 325. We'll call this the Creed of Nicaea, which we'll compare to the Nicene Creed.

### **Session 2 - Which God?**

We'll look in detail at the first part of the Nicene Creed concerning 'one God' and how this description is significant for Jews and Christians. We'll then start to consider the views of two theologians present at the Council, Arius and Athanasius, with respect to the Person of Christ.

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### **Session 3 - One Lord: Definitely Divine**

We turn to the longest section of the Creed, beginning with 'one Lord, Jesus Christ', which looks at both his divinity and humanity. Because of the length and significance of this section, we'll look at it in two parts, taking up two sessions. In this session, we'll consider Christ's divinity.

### **Session 4 - One Lord: Wholly Human**

We then consider Christ's humanity and the parts of the Creed that tell of his life and death. We'll draw together these two parts of the Creed - on Christ's divinity and humanity - and look for their deepest significance.

### **Session 5 - The Spirit & The Church**

In the final session, we think about the last two parts of the Creed, the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, and the Church, and how the decisions made at the Council of Nicaea are fundamental to its worship and mission.

Looking forward to your responses to the student's question and seeing you at the Lenten Course.

Yours in Christ as always,

Rev'd Jacque



### **With Lent and spiritual self-examination in mind...**

'Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.' - *Isaiah 59:2*

'Abide in Me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me... If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. *John 15:4,7*

Between the humble and contrite heart and the majesty of heaven there are no barriers. The only password is prayer. *H Ballou*

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One leads Ukraine and the other leads Russia.

### **You're Joking**

Some people cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go.

I saw a woman getting her ear pierced in my local pub, but now they've have barred me from playing darts.

A policeman saw an elderly woman knitting while driving along. "Pull over!" he shouted at her. "No, it's a cardigan" she shouted back.

A recent study found that wives who carry a little extra weight live longer than husbands who mention this.

They say money talks, but all mine says is "Goodbye".

What do you call a man who has had too much to drink? A taxi.

As grandparents we spent a fortune child-proofing our home... But still the kids got in!

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

Who can drive away all their customers and still make good money? Taxi drivers

## *"Rock Me to Sleep,"*

*Backward, turn backward,  
O Time, in your flight,  
Make me a child again  
Just for tonight!  
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,  
Take me again to your heart  
As of yore;  
Kiss from my forehead  
The furrows of care,  
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;  
Over my slumbers  
Your loving watch keep;  
Rock me to sleep, mother,  
Rock me to sleep!*

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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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