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The Chaplain Writes

Dear Saints,

Hearing the news on the radio while travelling back from Arianne and Jonathan's beautiful wedding ceremony on Monday, 31 March 2025, we were confronted with one of the social complexities that play out in our communities. Hot in the news was how political parties use important social moments on the national agenda to their political advantage. On this occasion, it was the turn of the "lintjesregen". The minister responsible for migration refused to sign the document to award volunteers a decoration for their long and dedicated service to society in helping refugees to integrate.

Some years ago, there was another national conversation/disagreement, whatever you want to call it, around the "Zwarte Piet" debate. The emotions in the debate went so far that some previously decorated people returned their "lintje".

On Friday, 4 April, we are having our last Stations of the Cross service of this Lenten period. We are meditating at each of the Stations in a service at the Open Hof Protestantse Kerk in Kampen, which is also the venue "Kerkasiel Kampen". The church is hosting a family whose application for asylum has been declined after more than 10 years of procedures. A family whose children are fully rooted in Dutch society. A family that is not to be deported as long as they stay in a church where a service is being held. In having our Stations of the Cross service in the Open Hof, we are supporting the church in her work of standing with those voices that may not be seen to be important or too problematic to support or whatever other reason we may make not to be engaged in complex and difficult questions.

The text that comes to mind at this time is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the judgement of the nations. Where nations and peoples are judged by God in the way they have responded to the "least of these". And the list of the "least of these" consists of: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and those imprisoned.

"³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?' ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited

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St Mary's Chapel News



Good Friday

I was standing in line at the bank when a commotion broke out at the counter. A distressed woman exclaimed, "Where will I put my money? I have all my money and my mortgage here!! What will happen to my mortgage?! You can't do this to us!"

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read:

WE WILL BE
CLOSED FOR GOOD
FRIDAY.

What can I eat for Easter?

Can't eat
beef.....mad cow.

Can't eat chicken.....
bird flu.

Can't eat eggs.....
Salmonella.

Can't eat pork...
fears that bird flu
will infect pigs.

Can't eat fish.....
heavy metals in the
waters.

Can't eat fruits and
veggies.....

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New Electoral Roll

Every six years, in accordance with the rules of the Church of England, we have to prepare a brand new Electoral Roll for the Chaplaincy. This year (2025) our electoral roll is due for renewal. In a year of renewal, everyone who would like to be on the Electoral Roll must make a new application to be included.

Hard copies of the Electoral Roll form will continue to be available in church and in the Hut for the coming weeks. If you would like to be on the new Electoral Roll, please fill in an Electoral Roll form and give it (or send it) to Simone Yallop (Electoral Roll Officer).

All the forms need to be in by **12 April 2025** at the very latest. The new roll comes into effect on 13th April and will be frozen until after the AGM on 27th April. Thank you to all those who have already filled in a form this year.

We have received **40** application forms so far. *Please note that on our previous Electoral Roll we had 73 names and were allowed nine members on council.*

If we have less than 50 on our Electoral Roll, we will be allowed only six members on council. (The Church Representation Rules M15(8)(a) and (b) state that the number of representatives of the laity on the church council is six if there are no more than 50 names on the roll, and nine if there are more than 50 but no more than 100.) The number of people on the Electoral Roll therefore has consequences for the representation of the congregation on the church council.

Passover Meal (Friday 11th April)

There will be a Passover Meal at the Chaplain's House (Oude Needseweg 18, 7475 MG Markelo) on Friday 11th April at 18:00. If you would like to attend, please put your name on the list in the Hut. If you are attending, a donation of 10 Euros is requested.

Prayer for peace in the world

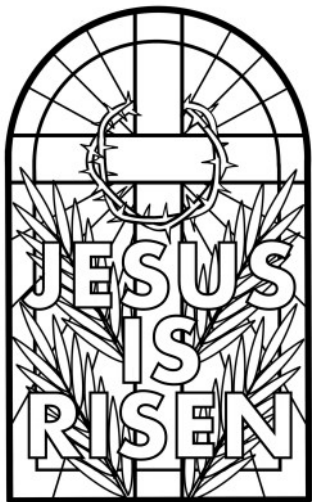
Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

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 have the following prayer request this week:



"Please pray for Volodymyr and Tetiana Avilova our partner in Kremenchuk, as they visit wounded soldiers in hospitals in the city. They bring the soldiers a set of civilian clothes, some basic toiletries and a New Testament. They briefly talk with the soldiers as well. The soldiers are pleased that somebody from outside the hospital visits and cares about them. And the hospital staff really appreciate Avilova's care for the soldiers, too."

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.

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insecticides and herbicides.

Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice..... nasty carbs.

Hmmmmmmmm! I believe that leaves.....chocolate.

Easter chocolate dilemma

We tell our kids 364 days a year: "Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground or anything from strangers!"

On Easter morning, we ask them, "Why don't you go outside and search in the dirt for chocolates that a strange giant bunny has left for you?"

10 Easter one-liners

What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear?

An eggsplanation

What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear?
14-carrot gold

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music?
Hip hop

What do you call an Easter Bunny wearing a kilt?
Hopscotch

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What do you call a bunny with fleas?

Bugs Bunny

What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards?

A receding hare-line

How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group?

Just look for the grey hares.

Why do people paint eggs for Easter?

It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

What do rabbits say before they eat?

"Lettuce pray."

Where does Christmas come before Easter?

The dictionary.

Wrong number?

Yesterday, I dialled the Red Cross but got His Majesties

Revenue and Customs in error.

When the HMRC operator asked me what number I had meant to dial, I explained:

"The Red Cross, you know, where they take people's blood."

She said, "Well, you aren't too far off, are you?"

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On why you should never encourage your congregation

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Sometimes, I indulge you too much; why did I ever let you lead our congregation in 'Taking Responsibility for Your Church'? I am unable to understand.

I hoped it might encourage a few more people to volunteer for the flower rota or give occasional help mowing the churchyard. I even had a vague fantasy that someone might turn detective and discover who had been eating the chocolate biscuits between Sundays, condemning the rest of us to munch on Rich Tea after Services.

Unfortunately, your course was inspirational, inspiring our members to take on new initiatives. Enthusiasm in a congregation can be perilous, especially if people start making decisions independently.

Those who formed a welcoming group are admittedly well-meaning - although it was more than a little traumatic for those coming through the door the following Sunday to be greeted with frenzied handshakes, big toothy smiles, and even hymnbooks. That is unheard of in this church - we always ignore people and leave them to find their own hymnbooks if they can.

Naturally, all those offering to take the prayers, produce new Orders of Service, and even give the occasional sermon have been booked for the appropriate training courses. I can only hope they will have gone off the idea by the time they have been completed.

But the group that decided to "beautify" the church proved the most tiresome. Hanging the Christmas tree lights around the altar made it look as if I was standing behind a fairground stall, waiting to invite people to throw hoops around teddy bears - although I would have rather enjoyed making winners sit for the rest of the Service holding a polythene bag containing a goldfish.

Our pulpit has also been given a makeover, with the various panels painted in contrasting colours; I am sure the sixteenth-century Flemish woodcarvers would be delighted with the result, although the next time any medieval historians come to view it, I shall take the day off - probably travelling abroad.



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My dear Darren, your course took the stopper out of the bottle; would you please run another to put it back?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

EASTER

Thoughts in a Churchyard

It's a yearly paradox. You've brought some flowers to the churchyard to lay on the grave of a loved one. All around you are graves and headstones, reminders of the inevitable end of life's earthly journey. But it's Easter Day, and you can hear the singing from within the church: 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!'

Perhaps then you notice a few other things. You're standing among the fresh daffodils and the grass that's suddenly green and growing again. For a moment, you pause and reflect on the reverse of an old saying. In the midst of death - we are in life!

That essentially is what Easter is about - an annual reminder that death is not the end of the story. Cookham, in Berkshire, was once the home of the great 20th-century painter Stanley Spencer. Perhaps his most famous painting is 'Resurrection in Cookham Churchyard'.

It depicts local residents - many of them recognisable village characters - rising out of their graves to be greeted by the risen Jesus, standing on the church porch. It's a glorious, vivid, shocking reminder of an extraordinary assertion. The graveyard is not a terminus but a junction.

The Resurrection of Jesus (and hence our resurrections, too) is the defining claim of Christianity. Christians don't follow the teaching of a prophet who died many centuries ago or of a holy man whose life is an example to follow, excellent as that may be. They put their trust in a Saviour whom they believe is alive and with them now. They also believe that through Him, they too will move through the junction of death to the journey that lies beyond - a journey he talked about to His followers.

The annual paradox lies in the inescapable fact of death, indelibly represented by those graves and headstones, and in

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Mr. Bones

The orthopedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and we, his staff, were helping transport many of the items. I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his bony arm across the back of my seat. I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious. I looked across and called, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office."

The other driver leaned out of his window. "I hate to tell you, lady," he said, "but I think it's too late!"

Miscellaneous observations on life:

In the 60s, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now, the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

When a minister rehearses his sermon, is he practising what he preaches?

If walking/cycling is good for your health, our postmen will be immortal.

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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

6 April 2025

10:30 Eucharist Next Sunday before Lent

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**

Ilonka de Beij Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalm 126

Jan de Beij Philippians 3. 4b-14

Gospel John 12. 1-8

13 April 2025

10.30 Eucharist Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Passion

**Celebrant
Preacher** Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**

Lea Meijnen Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-16

Louw Talstra Philippians 2. 5-11

Gospel Luke 22. 14-23end or Luke 23. 1-49

17 April 2025

10:30 Eucharist Maundy Thursday Washing of the feet

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden:
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**

Erick Postma Exodus 12. 1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116. 10-end

Nicolette Christiaanse 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26

Gospel John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

18 April 2025

19:00

Good Friday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Jacolien Molenaar

Readings

Isaiah 52. 13-52

Psalm 22

Patrick Saridjan and Others

Hebrews 10. 16-25 or Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9

Gospel

John 18. 1-19 end

20 April 2025

06:00 Easter Vigil

10:30 Eucharist

Easter Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Elizabeth v. d. Heide

Sidesperson/Reader

Arthur Cass

Readings

Louw Talstra

to

And Others

be

Gospel

Announced

27 April 2025

10:30 Eucharist & AGM

Easter 2

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Mijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Irene Snijders

Readings

Acts 5. 27 -32

Psalm 118. 14-end

Rita Kizito

Revelation 1. 4-8

Gospel

John 20. 19-end

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The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.

Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Aww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"

Just like God

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

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the equally inescapable fact that - in apparent defiance of all logic - human beings down the ages have clung to the belief that death is not the end.

Every culture has its story of the life beyond - the Elysian fields, Valhalla, Nirvana, Abraham's bosom. But only with the coming of Jesus and the events witnessed on that first Easter morning has our instinctive belief been given wings.

The paradox is the heart of everything. Death is a fact, but life is greater than death. 'Because I live', said Jesus, 'you will also live'.

Canon David Winter considers graveyards - and the Resurrection



Remembering Albert Einstein

Seventy years ago this month, on 18th April 1955, Albert Einstein, the German-born theoretical physicist, died. Considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century, he is known primarily for developing the special and general theories of relativity.

He formulated possibly the best-known theory in the world - the special theory of relativity (including the iconic equation $E = mc^2$) - in 1905 while working as a technical expert, third class, at the Swiss Patent Office in Bern. He became widely known and admired as a genius physicist. He died in his local hospital in New Jersey of a haemorrhage, having become an American citizen. He was also a Swiss citizen.

Einstein's family were secular Ashkenazi Jews. He was never convinced that God intervened personally regarding such an idea as naive. But he firmly believed in God as the creator and sustainer of the universe.

He had an ongoing and never-settled debate with Niels Bohr, the Danish theoretical physicist, about how the universe was described by quantum mechanics, holding that chance could not be behind it because "God does not play dice".

Einstein was clear that he was not an atheist - more a "religious nonbeliever". He was disappointed in the end by his failure to prove non-randomness and to come up with a unified field theory by including electromagnetism in his geometric theory of gravitation. He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his photoelectric effect theory.

Not long before he died, he wrote in a letter to physicist David Bohm: "If God created the world, His primary concern was certainly not to make its understanding easy for us."

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Albert Einstein was married twice and had three children by his first wife, Mileva Marić. He also played the violin – hence the subtle reference to him “playing electric violin” in Bob Dylan’s *Desolation Row*.

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Random Thoughts to Consider at Easter

Did you ever ask yourself if you are being a good Christian?
Well, perhaps this can help you:
Do nothing that you would not like God to see.
Say nothing you would not like God to hear.
Write nothing you would not like God to read.

Go to no place where you would not like God to find you.
Read no book of which you would like God to say, "Show it to Me."

Never spend you time in such a way that you would not like to have God say, "What are you doing?"



Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind.



Science and religion are the two most powerful forces in the world. Having them at odds... is not productive.



"It would be imprudent and ungrateful of me to look back on my sins, which in true repentance I have buried in the wounds of your Son, as if they could bring to life again and condemn me to death. They are dead in him who is the fountain of life. At the same time, it would be insolent and presumptuous to think that your present mercy would absolve all my future sins, or that there were no embers, no coals, of future sins left in me." *John Yancey from his book 'A Modern Rendering of John Donne's Devotions*.

And finally: A truck with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday, losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, amazed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed.
Contributed by Erica Bonting

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I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.

The Accountant
An accountant dies and goes to Heaven. He is met by St Peter, who goes through the usual questionnaire.

"What sort of accountant are you?" says St Peter

"General Practice," is the reply.
"Name?"

He gives his name. St Peter goes through some files and pulls one out.

"Oh, yes. We've been expecting you. You've reached your allotted span," says St Peter.

"How can that be?" says the accountant. "I'm too young to go. I'm only forty-eight."

"No, that's impossible."

"Why do you say that?"

"We've been looking at your time sheets and the hours you've charged your clients. By our reckoning, you're at least ninety-three."

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The 10th Commandment

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments.

They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was.

Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbour's wife."

Lord Help me

Dear Heavenly Father, So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centred. I'm pleased about that so far. But in a few minutes, I will be getting out of bed and then I will need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen

Picnics and weddings.

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. One day, they were at a community picnic, and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You

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you?"¹⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:34-40)

I suppose the above underlines that godly politics centralises God's purpose for the human race. So we need to find ourselves on the right side of history, and being on the right side of history has nothing to do with how powerful we are in our abilities to destroy and exploit other nations but how open we are to keep our eyes on the "least of these".

For us to do this, we need to find ourselves engaging and mixing with the "least of these". Scripture clearly defines who these people are and what God delights in. Therefore, our task as people and nations is to ensure that our decisions protect vulnerable people. I actually want to dare to say that we ensure that we do not make people.

Coming back to the beautiful wedding ceremony of Arianne and Johnathan. There was a good representation of St. Mary's at the wedding. The weather also joined the party. The liturgy was a good blend of Anglican and evangelical traditions, the music was fabulous, and the sermon was on point. We trust that God will be their constant companion and that they grow in wisdom and love for each other.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque



Miscellaneous observations on life in the 21st century

One plus one equals one may not be an accurate mathematical concept, but it is an accurate description of God's intention for the marriage relationship. -Wayne Mack.

Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time. - Anon

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for? -Anon

My mind is like an internet browser these days. At least 19 tabs are open, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from. -Anon

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Deanery Day 24 May 2025

There will be a Deanery Day on **Saturday 24th May 2025** for Anglican chaplaincies in the Netherlands. The Deanery Day will be held at the Church of **St. John and St. Philip in The Hague**. The guest speaker will be the Revd Sarah-Jane King, Chaplain of St. Martha and St. Mary's Anglican Church in Leuven in Belgium. The theme will be *'Passing on the Baton'*.

The Deanery Day this year is mainly for lay officers (e.g. churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, archdeacons representatives, safeguarding officers, environmental officers) and for those who might be interested in becoming lay officers in the future. But it is not just for lay officers, everyone from our chaplaincies is welcome. We look forward a time of worship and fellowship together and to inspiring the next generation of leaders in our chaplaincies.

Programme

- 10:00 Arrival and coffee/tea
- 10:30 Welcome, introduction and worship
- 10:45 Session 1 with our speaker The Revd Sarah-Jane King
- 12:00 Break-out groups for Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers etc.
- 12:45 Lunch, which will be provided
- 13:45 Session 2 with our speaker The Revd Sarah-Jane King
- 14:30 Church opens for prayer
- 14:45 Eucharist
- 15:30 Close

Registration

If you would like to attend, please register by sending an email to Simon Urquhart deaneryday25@anglican.nl before **17th May**. When registering, please include the following information:

- Your name
- Your email address
- Your chaplaincy
- Your role in the chaplaincy (if any)
- Any special dietary requirements
- Whether you would like vegetarian food at the lunch

Address of the Church of St. John and St. Philip in The Hague:
Ary van der Spuyweg 1, 2585 JA Den Haag, Netherlands

For information about public transport or parking please see the website of St. John and St. Philip:
<https://www.stjohn-stphilip.org/>

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know," he told his friend, "this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why something as good as this would be forbidden. Why don't you break down and try one?"

To which the rabbi replied, "Sure, at your wedding."

God the Father

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her Father asked the young man into his study for a chat. "So, what are your plans?" The Father said.

"I'm a theology scholar," the young man replied.

"Admirable," the Father said, "but what will you do to provide a nice home for my daughter?"

"I will study, and God will provide," the young man explained.

"And how will you afford to raise children?" The Father asked.

"God will provide," said the young man.

The men left the study, and the mother asked her husband, "How did it go?"

"Very well; I like him. He has no money or employment plans," the Father said. "But on the other hand, he thinks I'm God."

A Common Thief

*I've lived a life of emptiness
A common thief am I;
Of no great use to man or beast
And now I have to die.*

*They've nailed me to a wooden cross
They took my clothes as well;
The pain and shame is all I have
And soon I'll be in Hell.*

*But this man nailed next to me
He's done no evil thing!
His innocence is clear to see -
They say He is a King.*

*There hangs, beyond, another thief
Just hear him swear and curse!
Demanding that He saves us all
He's making all this worse!*

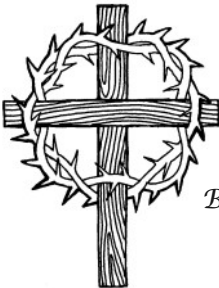
*"We knew that this would be our fate!
"We've known it all along!
"But have respect for this poor man
"For He's done nothing wrong!"*

*"O Jesus, when Your Kingdom comes,
"My Lord, remember me!"
He looked at me with tender love,
Responding to my plea:*

*"The truth of what I say to you
"You'll shortly come to see
"For you will come, this very day
"To Paradise with Me."*

*I wept upon my painful cross
No thing I had to bring;
But yet He looked upon this wretch
And gave me everything!*

By Nigel Beeton



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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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