

Poetry and Prose

Diane Z. Shore

Children's author and storyteller, Diane Z. Shore says her favourite thing about writing for children is meeting the kids. She writes picture books, early reader chapter books, poetry, short stories, games/puzzle pages, and non-fiction.

"Humorous stories and poems are my favourite things to write," says Diane. "I try to make them kid-friendly with lots of humour and a twist at the end."

The author lives in Marietta, Georgia with her husband and two children, Jennifer and Sam.

Get Out of Bed!

by Diane Z. Shore

"Get out of bed, you silly fool!
Get up right now, it's time for school.
If you don't dress without a fuss,
I'll throw you naked on the bus!"

"Oh, Mom, don't make me go today.
I'm feeling worse than yesterday.
You don't know what I'm going through.
I've got a strange, rare case of flu.

"My body aches, my throat is sore.
I'm sure I'm knocking on death's door.
You can't send me to school-achoo!-
'Cause everyone could get it, too.

"Besides, the kids despise me there.
They always tease and always stare.
And all the teachers know my name.
When something's wrong, it's me they blame."

"You faked a headache yesterday.
Don't pull that stuff on me today.
Stop acting like a silly fool-
The principal cannot skip school!"



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The Warden's Write

Spring is here. This month of April is truly one of awakening to new life. The March snow has melted, the cold has gone. Nature is coming to life and so are we. Having just celebrated Easter, we are still full of Easter reflections and what this means for us as Christians.

April is also a busy month for us at St. Mary's. We have our A.G.M. to look forward to on Sunday 10th, after the service, which will be the last Sunday service for Revd. Paul Faint. We shall have a coffee and cake/sandwiches and refreshments get together in the Hunting Lodge, where we can all say our goodbyes to Paul and his wife Rita before going straight on with the A.G.M.

The following Sunday will be the baptism and confirmation service, led by Bishop Eric Devenport. Another special Sunday, wishing all the best to those candidates who are preparing for this occasion. By then our new locum, Revd Paul Rayner will have joined us and we look forward to having him share our worship, right through until the beginning of June.

The last weekend of April is that of our pilgrimage to Chevotogne. A time for reflection and renewal and remembrance, visiting both the Roman and Greek orthodox churches, there is a display in the hut which tells us more about where we'll be staying.

Now a word of thanks, it really is amazing how the list seems to grow. It's so wonderful to have so many people contributing so much for our church life. Thank you to Linda for organizing the book sale in March. Together with her flower group, it proved a good display for sale and hopefully a good kitty at the end of the afternoon. Thank you to Pauline for guiding and getting us to Chevotogne, we're looking forward to it.

Thank you to Ria Veltrop, who has given so much of her time over the passed 20 years for St. Mary's. Ria has been Archdeaonry Representative and has also been a stalwart member of the church council for many years. 2005, being an election year, sees a change in the Archdeaonry representation. (Continued on Page 5)



Twente News

Church Notices

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don’t forget your husbands.”

Announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer and Fasting Conference: “The cost for attending the conference includes meals”.

Miss Charlotte Mason sang, “I will not pass this way again”, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Barbara remains in hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack’s sermons.

Our next song is “Angels We Have Heard get High”

Annual General Meeting.

The 10th April is the date of the Annual General Meeting. The venue of the meeting is the Hunting Lodge, and the time, straight after the Sunday service. The meeting is open to all, but only those people who are on the electoral roll may vote. If you want to register your name

onto the electoral roll, contact the secretary Simon Yallop. (contact details inside front cover). As this meeting takes place during the interregnum, the Wardens will chair the meeting. For the same reason, the only offices that can be voted on are the Wardens, and the Archdeaconry representatives. The meetings are always interesting, you find out about your chaplaincy, how it is being run, and the plans for the future. On top of all that, there are scrumptious eats, (non-native English speakers feel free to ask the editors for a loose explanation of ‘scrumptious’.) Therefore, please turn up and participate in the AGM.

Prayer Chain

Has been operating for several months now, during which time there have been many requests for prayer. The Prayer Chain is always open to new requests, preferably in person, but you can also use e-mail You can either make the request to Mariska Olaniyi, or to Frances Gothard. . There are now have six members in the Prayer Chain. If anyone else would like to join us please contact Mariska

RSCM Music Group Archdeaconry NW Europe

Information and Dates for the diary and venues

18 June – Choral Festival 2005

St Bavo’s Cathedral, Haarlem, the Netherlands. Proposed director Andrew Carter.

The service will be a choral Evensong with music from Bob Chilcott, Grayston Ives, Brian Kelly, Edward Elgar and Simon Lole.



There Was an Old Woman

by Larry Cohen and Steve Zweig

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, which wasn't too bad when the winter winds blew. But the strong summer sun was too hot to handle, so she packed up her stuff and moved to a sandal.

Diddle Diddle, Dumpling, My Son Scooter

by Gwen Molnar

Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son Scooter, played around with my computer. He pressed the buttons and hit the keys. Now it only prints Chinese

Yankee Doodle in Paris

by Bruce Lansky

Yankee Doodle went to France, With his golden VISA. But he could not afford to buy Da Vinci's Mona Lisa



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Mary had a little lamb,
 Her father shot it dead.
 Now Mary takes the lamb to school
 Between two hunks of bread.

Mary had a little bear
 To which she was so kind
 And everywhere that Mary went
 You saw her bear behind.

Mary had a little watch,
 She swallowed it one day,
 The doctor gave her castor oil
 To pass the time away.

Mary had a little lamb,
 It's fleece was white as snow.
 She took it to an abattoir
 The rest I'm sure you know..

Is a castrated pig disgruntled?

Birthdays

No one has owned up to having a birthday in April, so we will have to congratulate William Shakespeare, whose birthday is traditionally celebrated on the 23rd April.

Anniversaries

Nettie and Andre celebrate their first wedding anniversary on the 16th April. Congratulations, and may your days together be as warm and sunny as your smiles.

Apologies

Whoops, it has happened again. In last months issue hearty congratulations were offered to Cathie Warmink on the occasion of her birthday on the 9th March.

Unfortunately, the magazine hatched instead of matched, as it was not Cathie's birthday, it was her wedding anniversary. Belated congratulations to Cathie and Frits, and apologies to Cathie for adding several months onto her age.

Input

At last count there are 22 birthdays and four wedding anniversaries on the data base. Come on readers, let us not be shy, but rather let us all share the good days of our lives together.

There are no children on the list, yet there are definitely children in the church. Not many, but the numbers will hopefully grow. Just think, in years to come they can boast that they were mentioned in St Mary's Magazine.

And of course, the other great advantage of publicizing the birthdays is that we get to share them in the hut, where we can all get to accompany Joyce's dog singing Happy Birthday.



Information and festival books will be available from Martin van Bleek, probably in March; Martin van Bleek +31 (0)23 5422133, e-mail; martin.van.bleek@planet.nl. The festival booklet is compulsory for singers wishing to participate.

Il Concerto Barocco

- are professional musicians who specialise in the music of the baroque period, hence the name, the baroque concert. They use instruments made in the period, or accurate replicas, set up and played in the style of the era. The result is music that sounds as close as possible to the way the composers originally intended.

What has this to do with St Mary?

On the 22 May at 15:00, Il Concerto Barocco will perform a program of music titled Music Inattesa (unexpected music) in St Mary's Chapel. There is a variety of music covering the entire baroque period, ideally suited to the smaller venue.

Tickets cost € 15 each and are available in advance from Count Alfred or at the church on the day.

Kittens

My cat has presented me with four beautiful kittens, two blue grey and two dark tabby with white. They will be ready to leave their mother in about eight weeks so if anyone would like one (or two) or knows of anyone who could offer them a good home please contact me, Frances Gothard



Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact one of the Church Wardens before the Service

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Potluck supper on Saturday at 5 PM - Prayer and medication to follow.

At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and hear our choir practice.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large door at the side of the building.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday 7PM. Please use the back door.

Sunday afternoon's at St. Mary's.

The fund raising campaign will be from 22nd May- 11th September.

This means that the hut will be open from 13.00-17.00., to serve tea, coffee or cool drinks, together with some

cakes, biscuits or scones. There can also be simple savouries, for example, sandwiches, bread rolls, sausage rolls, and savoury tarts.

We need people to help serve in the hut, preferably two per afternoon. In addition, we would also like the church to be open, for people to visit. There will be pamphlets available for information about our congregation, as well as personal information from those on duty. If we are able to organize music in the church, this would be a great help. Can anybody help on this please?

If you volunteer to help for one or more of the afternoons, it does not necessarily mean that it is your responsibility to supply the food or drink that is to be sold. We need to get some idea of those who wish to offer their baking talents and produce, so that there is a good choice for sale.

The Sundays are:

May			22		29
June	5	12	19	26	
July	3	10	17	24	31
August	7	14	21	28	
September	4	11			

This is 17 Sundays in all. At two people per Sunday, that makes 34 opportunities to work. There is a notice in the hut on which you can write your names, remember to check your diaries for when you're on Summer holiday. Further details in the hut. We think we could really do some good fund raising, as there are lots of people out walking or biking in the area. Plus of course, it is also time we knuckled down to a concerted effort to raise money for the church.

April 1st.

All Fools Day

Originally, 1st April was New Years Day. However, in 1582, the calendar was reformed by Pope Gregory. New years Day was changed to 1st. January. Communications being what they were, many people, and many countries, continued to celebrate at the end of March. They were considered fools and pranks were played on them. However, what is a fool?

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

1 Cor 1:27

However big the fool, there is always a bigger fool to admire him.

Nicolas Boileau-Despréaux

(Julie Andrews, continued from Page 5)

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes, with repeated encores.

Intercessions

When a maid in a large house retired for the night she would always pick up the newspaper that the master had finished reading. The master was intrigued by this and wanted to know what she looked at and what interested her in the paper. One day the master asked her. She said, 'I read the births, deaths and marriages.' He asked her why. She said, 'So that I can pray for all the children that are born into this world who need God to protect them. I pray that they will grow up knowing God. I pray for all those who are mourning their lost ones and I pray that they will find comfort in the shepherd. And I pray for those who are being married that they will know something of the sanctity of holy marriage.'

Quotes

What you are is
God's gift to you.
What you become is
your gift to God.

Do your best and
then sleep in peace.
God is awake.

The will of God will
never take you to
where the grace of
God will not protect
you.

The task ahead is
never as great as the
power behind us.

Serenity is not
freedom from the
storm, but peace
amid the storm.

Follow your dream!
Unless it's one where
you're at work in
your underwear
during a fire drill.

Questions

It is easier to judge a
person's mental
capacity by their
questions than by
their answers.

Don't be afraid to ask
dumb questions.
They are easier to
handle than dumb
mistakes.

Thomas Fuller

Eleven people on a rope.

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman.

The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to name that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech.

She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband, her kids, and for men in general, and thus was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, -

all the men started clapping their hands

Liesbeth's ordination The trip to England.

Here is a short explanation of the trip: Travel from Hoek of Holland to Harwich on the afternoon ferry, leaving at 16.00. This can either be on the Friday 24th or Saturday 25th June. We must go on the Saturday anyway, but if there are some who would prefer to spend longer in England, for shopping or sight-seeing, then going on the Friday would mean we had all of Saturday at our disposal. The ferry will arrive at 18.50. Accommodation is in Manningtree, at the Crown Hotel, in their self-catering flats. There are singles and doubles, the cost varying from £20-£25 p.p.n. depending on how many we are. We will need to stay for two or three nights, depending when we travel over. Manningtree is about 20 mins. drive from Harwich, not too far from East Bergholt or Brantham.

The service of ordination will be in the cathedral of Bury St. Edmunds on Sunday 26th June at 10.00. Travel time about 40 minutes. After wards, there will be lunch at East Bergholt and there is a service at 18.30 at Brantham.

If we need transport in England, the Crown hotel will organize a taxi for the Sunday. However, should we take a car with us then this will not be necessary. The taxi will be approx. £60 each way. This sounds like a lot, but it will be divided amongst the number going and also it is the cheapest option, as I looked into hiring transport there and that would be much dearer. Ideally, we would take a car with us. To do this we need to book the ferry, with car registration and passenger names by the end of May at the latest in order to get a reasonable fare. A return ticket for the ferry will cost £88 p.p. without transport. With early booking, it means that we include the car for the same price! Which means we then save on the taxi costs.

The return ferry leaves Harwich on Monday morning at 10.40 and will arrive in Hoek of Holland at 14.35. Please let me know if you would like to come. At the moment there are four on the list.

(The Wardens Letter, continued from page 1.)

This only means goodbye to Ria as part of the PCC and not as a member of our congregation, we still hope to share many Sundays of worship together. Thank you to all those who, in March, put in so many hours of good solid labour, getting the chaplaincy house into top shape. A real Spring fever. Now, it's only the garden left to tidy up!

Thanks to Revd. Paul Faint and Rita, for sharing their time with us, for giving us wonderful ministry and great friendship. Paul and Rita we wish you both good travelling, may we meet again some day.

From Marykay and myself, we wish everyone a good month.

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Julie Andrews

To celebrate her 69th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favourite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music." However, the lyrics of the song were deliberately changed for the entertainment of her "blue hair" audience. Here are the lyrics she recited:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

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Politicians never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge.

Thomas Reed

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools.

Herbert Spencer

Sometimes one likes foolish people for their folly, better than wise people for their wisdom.

Elizabeth Gaskell

Looking foolish does the spirit good.

John Updike

Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.

Mark Twain

A fool must now and then be right by chance.

Cowper

It is better to be a fool than to be dead.

Stevenson

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

Mark Twain

3rd April	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Paul Faint
Second Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mr van Houten	Acts 2.14 ^a . 22-32
	Psalm	16
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs Collins	1 Peter 1.3-9
	Gospel	John 20.19-end

24th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Paul Rayner
Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mrs M.v.d. Heide	Acts 7.55 - end
	Psalm	31.1 - 5 (15 - 16)
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs E. v. d. Heide	1 Peter 2.2 - 10
	Gospel	John 14.1 - 14

10th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Paul Faint
Third Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mr Cass	Acts 2.14 ^a . 36- 41
	Psalm	116.1 - 3, 10 - 17
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs Veltrop	1 Peter 1.17 - 23
	Gospel	Luke 24.13 - 35

1st May	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Paul Rayner
Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mrs Chesmond	Acts 17.22 - 31
	Psalm	66.7 - 18
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr van Houten	1 Peter 3.13 - end
	Gospel	John 14.15 - 21

17th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Bishop Eric Devenport
Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mrs ten Berge	Acts 2.42 - end
	Psalm	23
Sung Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation	Second Reading Mr Charles	1 Peter 2.19 - end
	Gospel	John 10.1 - 10

5th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Paul Rayner
Ascension Day	First Reading Mrs Siertsema	Daniel 7.9 - 14
	Psalm	47 or 93
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs Rusius	Acts 1.1 - 11
	Gospel	Luke 24.44 - end