

Poetry and Prose

Quotes of famous Americans -Still relevant today

Whatever makes men
good Christians
makes them good
citizens.

The people's
government made for
the people, made by
the people, and
answerable to the
people.

Daniel Webster

Few men have virtue
to withstand the
highest bidder.

To be prepared for war
is one of the most
effectual means of
preserving the peace.

George Washington

One man with courage
makes a majority.

Andrew Jackson

When angry, count to
ten before you speak;
if very angry, a
hundred

Thomas Jefferson

America

I love thine inland seas,
Thy groves of giant trees,
Thy rolling plains;
Thy rivers' mighty sweep,
Thy mystic canyons deep,
Thy mountains wild and steep,
All thy domains;

Thy silver Eastern strands,
Thy Golden Gate that stands
Wide to the West;
Thy flowery Southland fair,
Thy sweet and crystal air,
O land beyond compare,
Thee I love best!

Henry van Dyke 1852 - 1933

American, Poet, clergyman and educator



USA

On the 4 July, the USA celebrates its 229th
birthday.

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The Warden's Write

Hot summer days, plenty of sunshine-
and Holland changes into a country
gone mad on the outdoor life. Bliss- for
some; for others, especially the aged and the sick, it is a time of waiting
again for cool weather.

June has certainly been a busy month. Our locum had his send off in the
first week, and since then we have been managing with travelling
replacements! We are very happy to have the Revd. Jake Dejonge with us
for our Sunday services now- right through to 24th July. Thank you so
much, it really is a pleasure knowing there will be the same friendly face in
the pulpit.

The last Sunday of all the Sundays of the passed 1 ¼ years of interregnum
will be led by Frances Gothard, with Morning Prayer.

June has also seen the start of our Sunday afternoon refreshments in the
hut, with the church open for visitors. There has been a big advertising
campaign and so far it looks promising. All Sundays in July and August are
also open, so a big please to volunteers to man the decks, the list is in the
hut.

The garden at the chaplaincy house has had a radical overhaul and now it's
all systems go for a new landscape. Many thanks to Piet for all the hard
work. We hope the grass will be greener for the van Leer's arrival.

At this point, it being the end of June, our delegation is preparing to leave
for England for Liesbeth Oosterhof's ordination. Great expectations for a
great occasion, our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.
During July, Marykay will be back from holiday to take over, as I plan on
being away until August. So, if you need some assistance, please be in
touch and we'll do our best to help.

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Official signing in of the Wardens.

On June 12th the Wardens for 2005 were officially appointed by the Archdeacon of North-West Europe, the Revd. Dirk van Leeuwen, who travelled up from Antwerp to Arnhem for the evening service.

Marykay Schouten was appointed Church Warden for Twente by proxy as she was unable to attend the service. Caroline Siertsema was appointed Church Warden for Twente, Anne Kilvington as Church Warden for Arnhem, with Chris Los as Acting Warden and Monique Wardle as Deputy Warden.

The Old Catholic priest, Pastor Peter Feenstra assisted during the service, together with Revd. Joseph Mandera, a visiting Anglican chaplain from Kenya, who attends services in Nijmegen.

There was musical accompaniment from Henrietta van Raalte on the organ and Frances Gothard on the violin. Afterwards we all had the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea and cake in the chaplaincy hall. Peter Feenstra was presented with some gifts as he is moving on to a new appointment in Haarlem. We thanked Dirk van Leeuwen and wished him a good trip home. We look forward to seeing him one day for a service at St. Mary's.

Morning Teas

The morning teas have got off to a good start with a steady flow of visitors. However, more volunteers are still required to keep the service running. There is still plenty of space on the list pinned to the door of the hut. Please find the time to give up one Sunday afternoon.

There are still problems with signs to tell people where to turn in off the road to the hut. Anyone who has suggestions or who can provide better signs, then please contact one of the wardens.

God the Father!

A young woman brought her fiancée 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.



World's Easiest Quiz

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?

Answers to the Quiz

- 1) 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
- 2) Ecuador.
- 3) From sheep and horses.
- 4) November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.
- 5) Squirrel fur.
- 6) The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs.
- 7) Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.
- 8) Distinctively crimson.
- 9) New Zealand.
- 10) Thirty years, of course. From 1618 to 1648.



Social News

Birthdays

This month there are a whole bunch of birthdays. The month starts with the birthday of our Honorary Church Warden Count Alfred Solms on 4 July, sharing his birthday with the USA.

Do not stand at my grave and weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sun on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there; I did not die.

Mary Frye
1905 - 2004

Then on 19 July, Anne Oosterhof celebrates her birthday. Followed on the 24 July by Agnes Lee and at the end of the month, Pauline Talstra on 30 July. Congratulations and a really happy birthday to all of you.

Reg is now at peace!

My dear brother has finally found the peace his spirit yearned for. Reg the eldest of my four brothers and the brother of my two sisters (all younger than me) died peacefully at his home in Perth Western Australia on the evening of 30th June 2005.

Reg wanted to make it to his 56th birthday and his determined spirit enabled him to do so. His birthday was last Sunday, 26 June. It was a miracle and following this miracle another miracle - his second grandson was born two hours after his birthday.

I am so happy for him that he died at home - hospital was a dreaded place for him as he had enough of hospitals throughout his lifetime.

I can smile now as I learn that yesterday he was still alert listening to the conversations around him, sitting to the attention of his teenage daughter as she related her day's events, drinking a cup of Milo and asking for one of my sister's muffins plus a chocolate from the other sister.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone at St. Mary's - your prayers have I know helped Reg in the final steps of his journey in this life. For me your prayers and support have touched me deeply

THANKYOU.

Pauline Talstra
30th June 2005

Welcome Sam van Leer and family

After an interregnum of 15 months the congregation of St Mary are looking forward to the arrival of the new chaplain and his family. On the 7 August the new chaplain will hold his first service at St Mary's chapel. The constellation of star preachers that have served in the interregnum have been interesting and enjoyable. A special vote of thanks must go to the two wardens, Marykay and Carolien for all their hard work in making sure that there was a Sunday service every Sunday. In addition let none of us in the congregation forget Frances who has supported the visiting priests and the wardens throughout. Thank you Frances. Let as many of us as possible be here at church on the seventh to welcome the Rev. Sam van Leer.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain has been operating for several months and has received many requests for prayer. You are always welcome to request a private prayers if you do not want to request an intercessory prayer in church. The chain is always open for new requests, either to Mariska Olaniyi or Frances Gothard. Preferably in person or by e-mail.



We now have six members and if anyone else would like to join us please contact Mariska.

Intercessions

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

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the Church Wardens.



He has no money or employment plans," the father said. "But on the other hand, he thinks I'm God."

Morning people

"Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in the world - there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning

"Enemies?"

An elderly Irishman who was dying was visited by his priest. "Will you renounce the devil and all his works?" asked the priest.

There was no answer. The priest shouted, "Murphy, will you renounce the devil and all his evil works?"

The old man opened his eyes and said, "you needn't shout Father, I heard you the first time, but this is no time to be making enemies".

Chevetogne

Friday 29th April -

Sunday 1st May

Two pilgrims tales of a pilgrimage.

Pilgrim Pauline Talstra's story // When Bishop Geoffrey asked congregations within the Diocese of Europe to make a pilgrimage in the year 2005, we at St.

Mary's took up the challenge. The reason behind the request - to mark the silver jubilee of 25 years of the Diocese in Europe.

Chevetogne Monastery situated in the Ardennes, Belgium, about a 4 ½ hour journey, was our chosen destination. Representatives from the three congregations formed our 'band of pilgrims' - 10 in total. They were :

St. Mary's: Count Alfred Solms, Marykay Schouten, Caroline Siertsema, Joyce Chesmond, Pauline and Louw Talstra
Arnhem : Ann Kilvington, Trudy and Geoffrey Allen
Nijmegen : Anne Kreugal

Chevetogne is first and foremost a monastery in the Benedictine tradition. It was founded in 1925 at Amay, near the Meuse river, then transferred to the town of Chevetogne in 1939. The monastery was created in order to pray and work for the unity of Christians separated for centuries and in particular Eastern and Western Christendom which are represented by the Byzantine & Latin traditions of worship and spirituality. There are two churches, the Orthodox and the Latin and services in the two traditions are offered simulataneously. At anyone time though there is only one eucharist celebrated for the whole community.

We pilgrims celebrated our own 'communal' living in the guest house of "Bethany" which offered excellent accomodation and a 5 minute walk through the beautiful woods to the monastery and chapels. Brother Theo had a program arranged for us which consisted of a tour of both churches on the Friday evening and then on the Saturday morning we were invited into one of the sitting rooms within the monastery where he gave us a talk about the history of

relaxing sitting room. We had brought our wine and snacks and had a small party to celebrate our arrival, before all collapsing into bed.

The Saturday again was full of alternately spending either time at the residence preparing for church or being up at the monastery. In between meals and services, we had time to browse around the shop, with a wide selection of information, CDs, books, candles, icons and candles, a feast of high quality goods, all produced by the monks. The services had started off at six in either the Roman church or the Greek orthodox church. The next service was at midday and before that we had a meeting with one of the monks. An informal gathering to discuss religious matters covering a wide field, we felt we understood more how monastic life fitted into our world today. Lunch followed the midday service and then we had a lovely stroll around the countryside. The evening meal was at six o'clock, followed by a long service of close on three hours. Not all the group managed to stay until the end, some went off to have a much needed friendly chat hour and those who had managed to experience the full service told us all about it when they joined us later in the evening.

Sunday breakfast together at the residence, was followed by everybody having to tidy up their rooms and the housekeeping was duly done. It was an absolute scorcher of a day with temperatures reaching 28 °C. There was a very long communion service in the Greek Byzantine right, full of ceremony, incense, chanting and ritual. Many of the congregation came in for the service, it was not only those from the guest house who attended.

After a welcome lunch, we settled our final duties with those organizing the accommodation and then managed to enjoy some more fresh air, sunshine and scenery before travelling back home. Everybody thought it was a wonderful weekend, we all had our personal stories to tell of our experience of the services and we all felt it had been a great success.

air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in Me!"

"Come on God, give me a break!!" the man pleaded. "two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

Anagrams

DORMITORY:
When you rearrange the letters:
DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN:
When you rearrange the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:
When you rearrange the letters:
MOON STARER

DESPERATION:
When you rearrange the letters:
A ROPE ENDS IT

GEORGE BUSH:
When you rearrange the letters:
HE BUGS GORE

ANIMOSITY:
When you rearrange the letters:
IS NO AMITY

The Church I know

If this is not a place where tears are understood,

Where do I go to cry?

If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,

Where do I seek?

If this is not a place where my spirit can take wing,

Where do I go to fly?

If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard,

Where do I go to speak?

If this is not a place where you'll accept me as I am,

Where do I go to be?

If this is not a place where I can learn and grow,

Where can I be just me?

That's the church I know.

Oh Dear!!

Arriving at church to attend a wedding, a lady in a large hat was asked by the usher, "Are you a friend of the groom?" "Certainly not," she replied, "I'm the brides mother".

Sense of Humour

"What do you love most about me," a husband asked his wife, "my great athletic ability or my quick intellect?" "What I love most about you," responded the wife, "is your enormous sense of humour."

Loch Ness monster

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in mid-

The third aspect was how we all cared for each other, making sure that each person was not left out. There was time for silence, time to be alone, time for laughter especially at wash up time!, and then most importantly there was time for the Lord.

From the comments during and after I would definitely say that the pilgrimage was a huge success and was not only a journey to a geographically situated holy place but also a journey to the holy place that exists within each one of us.

Pilgrim Caroline Siertsema's Story // There were 10 of us in all who decided to take part in the pilgrimage to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Anglican church in Europe. We found Chevetogne to be a most suitable setting and were all looking forward to our weekend.

The weekend was a very popular one for holiday makers on the whole, not only pilgrims, as we discovered once we had become stuck in the umpteenth traffic jam between Nijmegen and the Belgian border. However, with six of us travelling together in the one car and four making their way there on their own steam, it was lovely to finally meet up around the dinner table in the refectory at six in the evening. Meals at Chevetogne are taken in silence, listening in to a story read by one of the monks in French as we ate. A tasty but simple meal, after which all guests helped with the washing up before they headed off for the evening service. This was held in the Eastern Orthodox church. During winter when it is simply too cold to keep the big church heated, the evening service takes place in the crypt. We learnt that this service in the crypt was otherwise held only before lunchtime on the Saturday.

The grounds of the monastery are absolutely delightful, very tranquil and rural, beautiful views down the valley, all of which we much appreciated on our walk back to the guests residence that evening, about ten minutes from the monastery, along the illuminated road to Bethany.. There was a communal kitchen and dining area, as well as a simply

Chevetogne, it's traditions and how it stands within the community nearby and further afield. Our attention was really held and afterwards there was much discussion and many questions.

In between the various services the pilgrims did some walks through the surrounds of the monastery. The landscape and the woods were glorious in the beautiful sunshine and the bursting forth of nature at this time of the year.

Personally there were a few things that really struck me about the pilgrimage. Firstly was the parallel that I saw between Chevetogne monastery and St. Mary's here in Weldam in regard to the aspect of Christian unity. Here at St. Mary's we have a community which consists of people from all different religious backgrounds and indeed from various cultures. We come together in unity to celebrate and deepen our Christian faith and the differences enable us to grow towards a harmony.

The other aspect of the pilgrimage that struck me was how we 10 pilgrims formed our own little community albeit for only three days but in that time we were able to share and reveal more of ourselves. This stood out on a number of occasions.

On the first evening we assembled in the sitting room of Bethany and shared a good glass of wine plus much banter and much more laughter! I always feel that laughter is good for the soul.

On the second evening after many of us had experienced a taste of the vigil in the Byzantine church - although there were a few who stayed for the whole service which was nearly three hours, we had a discussion over the mysticism and/or mystery which is attached to the Byzantine/Orthodox church. Much information was gleaned and an openness of views towards the tradition revealed sides of each other that had perhaps not been seen or heard before. In my opinion that is a precious thing.

Friendship

It isn't so much what's on the table that matters, as what's on the chairs.

William Schwenck Gilbert

It often happens that worthless people are merely people who are worth knowing.

Benjamin Disraeli

A true friend is a friend forever

Promises may gain friends, but it is performance that keeps them.

Daily Bread

I didn't find my friends; the good God gave them to me.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Few delights can equal the mere presence of one whom we trust utterly

George MacDonald

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

Joseph Fort Newton

3rd July	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Jake Dejonge
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Schouten	Zachariah 9.9 - 12
Sung Eucharist	Psalm	145.8 - 15
	Second Reading Mrs. Collins	Romans 7:15-25a.
	Gospel	Matthew 11; 16-19, 25-30.

24th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Jake Dejonge
Ninth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Romeyn	1 Kings 3.5 - 12
Sung Eucharist	Psalm	119.129 - 136
	Second Reading Mrs. Chesmond	Romans 8.26 - end
	Gospel	Matthew 13.31 - 33.44 - 52

10th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Jake Dejonge
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr. Olaniyi	Isaiah 55.10 -13
Sung Eucharist	Psalm	65.[1 - 7] 8 - 13
	Second Reading Mrs. Ten Berg	Romans 8.1 - 11
	Gospel	Matthew 13.1 - 9, 18 - 23

31st July	Officiant & Preacher	Frances Gothard
Tenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Lee	Isaiah 55.1 - 5
Morning Prayer	Psalm	145.[8 - 9], 15 - 22
	Second Reading Mr. Lee	Romans 9.1 - 5
	Gospel	Matthew 14.13 21

17th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Jake Dejonge
Eighth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr. Charles	Isaiah 44.6 - 8
Sung Eucharist	Psalm	86.11 - 17
	Second Reading Mr. van Houten	Romans 8.12 - 25
	Gospel	Matthew 13.24 - 30, 36 - 43

7th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam van Leer
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Talstra	1 Kings 19.9 -18
Sung Eucharist	Psalm	85.8 - 13
	Second Reading Mr. Talstra	Romans 10.5 - 15
	Gospel	Matthew 14.22 - 33