

Poetry and Prose

The Tip

A man was eating a meal at a restaurant. He checks his pockets and leaves his tip -- three pennies. As he strides toward the door, his waitress muses, only half to herself, "You know, you can tell a lot about a man by the tip he leaves."

The man turns around, curiosity getting the better of him. "Oh, really? Tell me, what does my tip say?"

"Well, this penny tells me you're a thrifty man."

Barely able to conceal his pride, the man utters, "Hmm, true enough."

"And this penny, it tells me you're a bachelor."

Surprised at her perception, he says, "Well, that's true, too."

"And the third penny tells me that your father was one, too."

Pass the Plate

by Helen Laws

We love the church at Easter After all, we're C. of E. -

And we all know how much Jesus gave

When He died for us on the tree.

To give, they say, is blessed;

To receive not quite so hot,

And we all must do our duty -

Give back some of what we've got ...

But the mortgage rate's gone up again

And the telephone bill was high

So pass the plate, my darling,

Let the gentleman go by.

We love the church at Harvest!

It's a chance for a jolly good sing.

Our plough-the-fields-and-scatter

Always makes the rafters ring.

And we know they come from above.

We must give back a little of what we have

And rejoice in our harvest of love ...

But the car's just failed its M.O.T.,

And the deep-freeze has started to die,

So pass the plate, my darling,

Let the gentleman go by.

We love the church at Christmas!

Well, it isn't the same without!

And after we've been, we can all settle down,

Conscience-free, for a good blow-out.

And we know half the world is starving,

And we know it's all unfair,

And if we could, we would put it right -

It isn't as if we don't care ...

But last year's holiday's still on the slate,

And this year we want to fly,

So pass the plate, my darling,

Let the gentleman go by.

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Chaplain's message

A Sort of Homecoming.

Someone once said that 'you can't go home again'. I'm not sure. Our moving to join you in the East Netherlands Group of Chaplaincies is, for us, like coming home, in a way. Certainly for my wife, Coretta, coming back to her native country, after 13 years away, to a lovely spot only a bit over an hour from her family (Emmen in Drente), will have the most immediate sense of homecoming. Though we've visited the Dutch family often, daughter Francisca (4 1/2) and son Nicolas (1 1/2) have never really lived in The Netherlands, and will have to adjust to (most) everyone speaking Mommy's language for a change. 'Cisca is especially looking forward to starting school at the end of the month in Rheden. As for me, living in this part of the Low Countries will be exciting and new. Despite my Dutch surname, the Van Leer family has not been resident since the turn of the 18th century, passing through en route to colonial America. (How things have changed in the interim!) Coretta and I met as students in Brussels (she, of medicine, and me, of politics). A change of my vocation, toward ordained ministry in the C of E, led us to NE England (where Francisca arrived) and then to Switzerland (where Nicolas followed). We shall miss many friends, the strong Christian fellowship and the spectacular scenery of Switzerland, but we are faithfully looking forward to moving the mountains of removals boxes that now surround us, and completing the much anticipated move to settle in among you. The Lord has clearly opened the way and we are excited about the pastoral warmth and mission potential the chaplaincies of the East Netherlands have.

I trust there will soon be time properly to thank many of you who have worked so hard and well to prepare the Chaplaincy house, the paperwork, etc. for our arrival, but for now, please accept our heartfelt gratitude! And although we do have an established connection with the country, it will no doubt require some time for us to adjust to our fourth country in six years, so we will appreciate your continued patience and encouragement as we learn the ropes and get to know you in the coming months.

The writer to the Hebrews remarked how Abraham, by faith, went and made his home in the Promised Land (though he still lived in tents!). Abraham had faith in the God of promise. *(continued on Page 5)*



Twente News

Weldam Castle Fair
Saturday, 10th September.

Needed - Volunteers/Ideas

I am sure that most of you already know about our latest fundraising venture but for those few who don't, here is an outline of our plans.

For various reasons we have done no large-scale fund-raising in recent years so one of the main aims of this event is to present St. Mary's to the neighbourhood, to let them see who we are and what we can achieve and to welcome anyone who would like to join us.

The Fair will, as in the past, be centred around the Castle forecourt with the Tearoom in the garage and space behind it. Hans Ribbens is arranging for some antique sports cars to be on show, there will be goldsmith and a wrought-iron smith showing their wares, a jam stall, so please make lots of jams, marmalade and chutneys and if you can't then please save jams jars for those who can or, better still, learn to make jam, it is really not difficult. The quilters will display their things and there will also be an exhibition of amateur arts and crafts from our own members. "We are also planning a tombola stall and a lucky dip for the children so we need contributions of toiletries, bottles, cans or pots of food, ornaments, toys, sweets etc. etc. Please bring your contributions to church and we will store them. We are aiming to have a musical programme but this is not yet complete so any offers or ideas are welcome. There will be children's activities and the afternoon will end with the traditional Songs of Praise.

The chief sources of income are the entrance fee and the tearoom so please start baking, Philippa has a big freezer to store things.

We have a committee to organise the event and Colin and Agnes have agreed to run the Tearoom but we still need lots of helpers on Friday evening and early Saturday to set things up and all day Saturday to run the stalls and help in the

Depressed

Two ladies were talking together and one was depressed. "What is wrong?" said the other:

The depressed one replied, "I've been married four times and everyone of my husbands has passed away."

The other lady asked, "What did they used to do?"

The depressed lady replied, "Well my first husband was a millionaire, the second was a magician, the third was an evangelist and the fourth was a mortician."

And the other said, "Oh, one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go."

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Spoiled Rotten

"When I was a youngster," complained the frustrated father;

Brainteasers

1. You are living in the 1900's. You walk into a room holding a match. In that room there is an oil lamp, a wood stove and a candle. What do you light first?
The match

2. Harry lives on the 20th floor. On nice days he takes the lift to the 5th floor and walks the rest of the way. On rainy days he goes all the way up in the lift. Why?

Harry is short so he can only reach the 5th floor button. On rainy days he can reach the 20th floor with his umbrella.

3. Pronounced with one letter, but written with three. Only two different letters are used to make me. From both ends I'm read, but though I'm black, brown, blue, green or grey, I'm never red.
eye

Jokes

Q. Where do mice keep their boats?

A. At the hickory, dickory, dock.

Q. A hose, some lettuce and a tomatoes were having a race. Who won?

A. The hose was running fast but the lettuce was a head and the tomato was trying to ketchup.

Q. How does a poodle say hello in French?

A. Bone jour!

Q. Why did the policeman stay in bed all day?

A. He was an undercover cop!

Q. Where do pilots keep their personal things?

A. In air pockets.



Birthdays

On the 6 August Janice celebrated her birthday. Happy birthday, sorry that the magazine was only released on the 7 August. On the 17 Frits Warmink celebrates his birthday. Let us hope it is a real corker.

There are no anniversaries this month

Thank you for your support

I would like to thank anyone who came to my trumpet exam in Delden for their support. Your enthusiasm was one of the things that helped me through.

I also want to apologize to the people who came to Delden, but could not get into the church. Afterwards it appeared that the entrance door was stuck and had to be pushed hard to open. I am very sorry that you came all the way in vain, but I appreciate your effort.

With gratitude

Marije (and Coen) van Houten Hettinga

If You Can ...

- If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
 - If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 - If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 - If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
 - If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
 - If you can overlook when people take things out on you, when through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
 - If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 - If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
 - If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 - If you can relax without liquor,
 - If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
- Then, you are almost as good as your dog or your cat

Tail Light

"How long have you been driving without a tail light?" asked the policeman after pulling over a motorist.

The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car and gave a long, painful groan and put his face in his hands.

He seemed so upset that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit.

"Come on, now," he said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious."

"It isn't!" cried the motorist. "Then you know what happened to my boat and trailer?"



tearoom and Saturday evening to pull everything down and put it away. It is obvious that the heavy work cannot be done by some of our members but there are lots of opportunities for the less hearty to help, just ask, or you might think of something yourself you would like to do, just put your ideas to one of the Committee, i.e. Hans Ribbens, Hans Siertsema, Ferdinand van Dijk, Vivian Reinders, Nettie van Sisseren and myself, Marykay.

If the cost of buying the raw materials for baking or jam-making is a serious problem then please talk to one of the wardens and we will find a solution.

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 intercessionary 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 the Chaplain 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 the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens.



shaking his head, "I was disciplined by being sent to my room without supper. But our son has his own colour TV, phone, computer and CD player."

"So what do you do when he misbehaves?" asked his friend.

"I send him to our room."

Teen Attire

A teen-aged boy with spiked hair, nose ring and baggy clothes was overheard telling a friend, "I don't really like to dress like this, but it keeps my parents from dragging me everywhere with them."

Garden of Eden

An Englishman, a Frenchman and a Russian are viewing a painting of Adam and Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden.

'Look at their reserve, their calm,' muses the Englishman, 'They must be British. 'Nonsense,' the Frenchman disagrees. They are naked and so beautiful. Clearly they are French.'

'No clothes, no shelter,' the Russian points out, 'they have only an apple to eat, and they are told this paradise. They are Russian.'

The Warden Writes

When the honeymoon's over !

A young couple were married and then embarked on their honeymoon. When they returned, the bride ran to the phone and called her mother, who asked, "How was your honeymoon, dear?"

"Oh, mama!" she replied, "The honeymoon was so wonderful and romantic..." But then, suddenly she burst out crying and said "but, mama, as soon as we returned home, he started using the most horrible language... things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful four-letter words! You've got to come and get me, and take me home. Please mama!"

"Darling, darling," her mother said, "calm down and tell me, what words could be so awful?"

And, the daughter cried "please don't make me tell you, mama! I'm so embarrassed - they're just too awful! Just come and get me, please!"

"Oh, darling, you must tell

As you see, our new Chaplain, the Revd. Sam Van Leer, is with us and has the place of honour at the beginning of our magazine. This means that you will not be hearing from the wardens quite as regularly as during the interregnum and certainly not under the same heading,

but we will certainly keep you informed of important happenings.

A very important date to put in your diaries is Saturday, 24th September. This is when Sam's Institution will take place in Nijmegen. The details will be made known nearer the date. As far as our services are concerned we have been enjoying having Jake Dejonge for the past month and we said goodbye to him (for the time being) on Sunday 24th July when we presented him with a framed photograph of the chapel. I know I speak for us all when I say that we really appreciated his sermons and enjoyed the company of him and his wife, Irene.

Some of us have been busy in the past weeks getting the chaplaincy house fit for permanent occupation. All the borrowed and donated furnishings needed for the locums had to be removed, new flooring put in and various odd jobs and cleaning done. Thank you very much to all those willing helpers.

The Tearoom in the hut on Sunday afternoons is turning out to be quite a success, it is too soon to say whether we will go on next year but it is certainly not a waste of time. All the visitors are very interested in seeing the chapel and learning about its history and about the Anglican Church and most of them stay for a cup of tea or coffee with something to eat so it raises a little money as well and, who knows?, maybe some of them will come back to a service sometime.

The trip some of us made to England to Liesbeth Oosterhof's ordination was a big success made even more memorable by the fact that she was chosen to read the Gospel at the ordination ceremony in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, quite an

before receiving the Chalice.

7. When the priest pronounces the final blessing.

Other Times

Some Churches are fortunate enough to have a small dish or bowl of 'Holy Water' (called a 'Stoup') near to the entrance. It is a good practice when entering or leaving such a Church to dip a finger in and make the sign of the Cross with the water. This will remind you of your Baptism and Confirmation in which you were signed with the sign of the Cross.

*The way of making the sign of the Cross at the beginning of the Gospel differs slightly from the usual way. It is made with the thumb of the right hand, and consists of three Crosses in one. A small Cross is traced on the forehead, and then on the lips, before the hand is moved to the breast. This reminds us that we are redeemed in all our parts: mind, spirit and body. When we hear the Gospel we pray that we should understand it with our minds, speak it with our lips and believe it in our hearts.

There is also the earlier symbol of Christianity that has seen a revival in the 20th Century.

The Sign of the Fish



It is believed that societies of Christians in the early Roman Empire protected their congregations by keeping their meetings secret. In order to point the way to ever-changing meeting places, they developed a symbol, which adherents would readily recognize, and which they could scratch on rocks, walls and the like, in advance of a meeting. Another story suggests that the *ichthys* was used as a sort of secret handshake: one person would draw with a staff a single curve, (half of the *ichthys*) in the sand, and another person could confirm their identity as a Christian by completing the symbol.

There are several theories as to why the fish was chosen. It may relate to Jesus as a "fisher of men" or it may be an acronym relating the Greek letters ΙΧΘΥΣ to the statement of Christian faith "Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς Θεοῦ Υἱὸς Σωτῆρ" (*Iēsous Christos Theou Huios Sōtēr* meaning "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour").

significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Studying in England

Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there.

After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit him. "And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "they're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"

"Well, I just ignore them, staying here quietly, playing my bagpipes."



The Cross and Christianity

For St. Paul the Cross is one of the two hinges of our faith, the other is the Resurrection. In fact, the Resurrection is only possible after

we have been crucified "to the world" and the world to us. This idea is at the heart of Christian belief: that Resurrection is the reward or goal, but the Cross is the means. The road to God and eternal life leads through the Cross.

How to make the Sign of the Cross

Making the sign of the Cross is a feature of worship throughout Christendom, although its form varies from East to West. It can be made over other people and objects, or self-administered. In the Western Church, including the Church of England, it is usually made with the right hand. You begin by:

1. Touching the forehead,
2. Bringing the hand down to the 'heart',
3. Touching the left shoulder and then bringing the hand across the chest to the right shoulder. In one fluid action you will trace the sign of the Cross upon yourself.

When to make the sign of the Cross

The sign of the Cross can be made at almost any time. It is more usually made either in response to it being traced over us, in blessing by a priest, or at particularly significant points in worship and prayer.

During the Eucharist.

There are nine points within the Eucharist at which the sign of the Cross is commonly made upon oneself. They are:

1. At the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."
2. At the words of the absolution.
3. At the beginning of the Gospel reading*.
4. At the end of the prayer for the dead in the intercessions.
5. During the Prayer of Consecration when the Consecrated Host is raised, and when the Chalice is raised.
6. At Holy Communion- before receiving the Host, and

An Important Question

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz.

I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely, this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor: "In your careers you will meet many people. All are

honour! Also Charlotte Methuen who, as most of you know, used to be a Curate to the East Netherlands Chaplaincies and indeed encouraged Liesbeth when she first showed interest in becoming a Priest, gave the address to a Cathedral full of ecclesiastical VIPs, including the representation from St. Mary's and Liesbeth's family. In the afternoon we were invited to a savoury tea followed by a Communion Service at one of Liesbeth's churches in Brantham. We were made very welcome by the congregation and the Vicar and a good time was had by all.

The arrival of Sam van Leer does not mean the retirement of the wardens, we will still be here to help in any way we can.

Marykay



(continued from Page 1) Though a terrestrial land was given him, Hebrews tells us Abraham also looked beyond earthly geography and "forward to the city with foundations whose architect and builder is God" (11:10). Moving around so much has taught us something of the impermanence of this life and the continual need patiently to trust in God and his promising, solid foundational work, wherever we happen to lay our heads or call "home". We look forward to working with all of you to build on God's foundations in the East Netherlands, all the while keeping our collective focus on that heavenly home that is the Lord's promise to all who believe.

Tot ziens and every blessing to you and yours,

Sam Van Leer



me what has you so upset... tell me these horrible four-letter words!"

Still sobbing, the bride said, "Oh, mama... words like DUST, WASH, IRON, COOK...!"

I'm The Boss

My boss was complaining in our staff meeting the other day that he wasn't getting any respect.

Later that morning he went to a local sign shop and bought a small sign that read, "I'm the Boss". He then taped it to his office door.

Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said.

"Your wife called, she wants her sign back!"

Talk

I thought talk was cheap until I saw our phone bill.

Some people would say more if they talked less.

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

14th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam van Leer
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. M. v.d. Heide	Isaiah 56.1, 6 - 8
	Psalm	67
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. E. v.d. Heide	Romans 11.1 - 2a.29 - 32
	Gospel	Matthew 15.[10 -20] 21 - 28

21st August	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam van Leer
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Schouten	Isaiah 51.1 - 6
	Psalm	138
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. te West	Romans 12 .1 - 8
	Gospel	Matthew 16.13 - 20

28th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam van Leer
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr. van Dijk	Jeremiah 15.15 - 21
	Psalm	26.1 - 8
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Siertsema	Romans 12.9 - end
	Gospel	Matthew 16.21 - end

4th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam van Leer
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Wigboldus	Ezekiel 33.7 - 11
	Psalm	119.33 - 40
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Siertsema	Romans 13.8 - end
	Gospel	Matthew 18.15 - 20

11th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam van Leer
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr. Yallop	Genesis 50.15 - 21
	Psalm	103.[1 - 7] 8 - 13
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Rauwerda	Romans 14.1 - 12
	Gospel	Matthew 18.21 - 35