

Poetry and Prose

February

The name February is believed to have derived from the name 'Februa' taken from the Roman 'Festival of Purification'. The root 'febru' meaning 'I purify by sacrifice'. As part of the seasonal calendar February is the time of the 'Ice Moon' according to Pagan beliefs, and the period described as the 'Moon of the Dark Red Calf' by Black Elk. February has also been known as 'Sprout-kale' by the Anglo-Saxons in relation to the time the kale and cabbage was edible

JULIA CAROLINE RIPLEY DORR

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, 1825; she died in Rutland, Vermont, in 1913. A woman of great cultivation and charm, Mrs. Dorr was also a poet of no inconsiderable gift. Her long life spanned a period of great events in America, in which she bore a part, and her work reflects the fine quality of her nature.

An Answer to a Valentine

My true love sent me a valentine
All on a winter's day,
And suddenly the cold grey skies
Grew soft and warm as May!
The snowflakes changed to apple blooms,
A pink-white fluttering crowd,
And on the swaying maple boughs
The robins sang aloud.

For moaning wintry winds, I heard
The music sweet and low
Of morning-glory trumpets
Through which the soft airs blow.
O love of mine, my Valentine!
This is no winter day---
For Love rules all the calendars,
And Love knows only May

~by Julia Caroline Ripley Dorr

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The Chaplain writes

Preparing for Planting

As I write this, the Anglican Church comes to the festival of Candlemas (Feb 2, but often transferred to the Sunday previous, as we will have done on Jan 29). Candlemas is the feast where we celebrate the presentation, by Mary and Joseph, of the baby Jesus at the Temple, the event where old Simeon and Anna recognized and proclaimed the Messiah in their midst (Luke 2:22-40). As the Christian faith spread into Northern Europe, Candlemas has developed different traditions, including the giving and blessing of Church candles, and also became a fixture in agriculture. Candlemas was a day when preparation of the winter earth for new spring planting would begin (it was called the 'awakening' of the ground). It is therefore a good time to make a new beginning, to prepare our own hearts for the (re-)planting of God's Word and Grace within us.

To that end, two opportunities for you:

On Saturday February 18 2006, the Anglican Church Twente will have a chaplaincy 'Away Day' at the Diepenheim Cultural Center (so not too far 'away'!). All members of the chaplaincy are invited to join us for what we hope will prove a thought-provoking and inspiring day to help us seek God's vision and guidance for our church in the coming years. The program will draw on *The Healthy Churches Handbook*, which has already helped churches identify their strengths and weaknesses and develop their spiritual 'health'. We will reflect on our church using seven marks of the Church:

1. *energized by faith;*
2. *outward-looking focus;*
3. *seeks to find out what God wants;*
4. *faces the cost of change and growth;*
5. *operates as a community;*
6. *makes room for all;*
7. *does a few things and does them well.*

Come and find out what it's all about.



Twente News

Address and e-mail lists

At the January Council meeting the St. Mary's address list was discussed. Several members of the congregation have asked for a copy of the most recent version of the list. Those who have certain functions in the Church need to have this list. However, there is some concern that by distributing the

address list to anyone who asks, might be taken as an infringement on the privacy of members of the congregation. Therefore, it was decided to ask you to let the Council know if you would like your details not to be included on a general list that will be made available to the congregation. This does not mean that your name will be removed from the St. Mary's administration address list, which will not be available except to those who have certain functions in the Church who need this information. Many of you have an e-mail address. At the Council meeting it was suggested that it might be useful to have a list of your e-mail addresses. If you would like to have your address on this list please give this to Simon Yallop (yallopdevos@wxs.nl).

Away Day Help

If anyone has an overhead projector or a beamer that they could loan for the Away Day please contact either Rev. Sam Van Leer or Pauline Talstra. Please note, if you should hear that a beamer/overhead projector has been found and you have one, please still come forward with your offer. A pool of information on where stuff can be borrowed for church social functions is always useful.

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The Annual General Meeting is approaching so do not forget, if you want to vote you have to be on the electoral roll. See Simon Yallop and make sure that you are enrolled.

If you are on the electoral roll and you would like to be put forward for election to the PCC (Parochial Church Council), or you know of someone on the electoral roll who would be suitable, you need a proposer and a seconder, and if the person is someone other than yourself, their permission. Then contact the secretary Simon

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Brain Teasers

1. "I guarantee," said the salesman in the pet store," that this parrot will repeat every word it hears." The customer bought the bird. When he took the parrot home; however, the bird would not utter a single word. Nevertheless, what the salesman said WAS true. How could that be?
2. You have just eaten a meal made up of the side of a dead animal to which we feed waste to ,the unborn babies of a winged creature, and a weed that has been thrashed baked and then burned. What meal of the day have you just eaten??
3. If you are blindfolded and move 1 meter to the right and then 3/4 of a meter to the left and then go west for 1/2 a meter, where will you be?
4. A night watchman was in a stable guarding a prize horse. One night he dreamed the horse was run over by a train. He told the owner it was a sign something bad would happen to the horse. What did the owner do/ he fired the watchman. Why??



Canada

Now that Vancouver has won the 2010 Winter Olympics, these are some questions that people all over the world are asking. These questions about Canada were REALLY posted on an International Tourism Website!

Q: I have never seen it warm on Canadian TV, how do the plants grow ?.(UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around and watch them die.

Q: Will I be able to see Polar Bears in the street? (USA)

A: Depends on how much you've been drinking

Q: I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only four thousand miles; take lots of water:

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Canada? (USA)

- Brain Teaser Answers
1. The parrot was deaf!
 2. Breakfast. You just had bacon, eggs, and toast!
 3. In the dark (remember you were blindfolded)
 4. The NIGHT watchman was SLEEPING on the job!!!



Birthdays

December 2005:

If you look at the front of magazine you will see that this is definitely February 2006. So why the strange title you may ask? Well, December is an ANT month, which means that those people who celebrate a birthday in December miss out on their birthday mention because the ANT magazine does not mention birthdays. There were only two people, but like all the people who have birthdays in the other months, they are still very special so please, a belated roll of drums and applause for James Olaniyi and Cathie Warmink.

They both celebrated their birthdays on the 2 December 2005. Congratulations to both of you and sorry for the delay..

February 2006:

Anja v.d.Neut celebrated her birthday on the 3 February. The past tense is used because the publication date of the magazine is, oh dear, the 5 February. Slightly belated congratulations to Anja.

On the 6 February, the former editor and publisher of the ANT magazine, the one and only Joyce Chesmond, celebrates her birthday. Happy birthday Joyce.

Wim v.d.Neut celebrates his birthday on the 27 February. We wish him a happy birthday. Unfortunately, Wim has been in hospital recently, but the good news is that he is hoping to be home by his birthday. You are in our thoughts, and we're all hoping that you will be enjoying better health again soon.

Anniversary

On the 7 February, Agnes and Colin Lee celebrate their wedding anniversary. As they have had quite a lot of wedding anniversaries they are well practised at celebrating them.

Your marriage is as lyrical as a song, Congratulations on singing together so long.

Wanted

Has anyone got a JUICER stuck away in their cupboard and it's not used anymore. I'm looking to buy a juicer - can you help me?
Pauline Talstra 055 366 7057

Australian News

Whilst on our recent trip to Perth, W. Australia we did a trip to an outback town called Toodyay, and found ourselves inside a beautiful little Anglican church called St. Stephens. In the porch we found this little notice which gives one food for thought.

*If after church you wait
awhile,*

*Someone may greet you
with a smile*

*But, if you quickly rise and
flee*

*We'll all seem cold and
stiff; maybe*

*The one beside you in the
pew is perhaps a stranger too*

*All here, like you, have fears
and cares,*

*All of us need each others
prayers*

*In fellowship we bid you
meet*

*With us around God's
mercy seat*

Pauline Talstra

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Yallop who will help you with the necessary paper work. For more detailed information refer back to last months magazine and the article 'Cast thy bread upon the water' by our retiring Warden, Marykay. (Retiring in the sense that she is stepping down, not in the shy and retiring sense).



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 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.



A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Ca-na-da is that big country to your north. Oh, forget it Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Calgary.

Q: Which direction is north in Canada? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is... Oh, forget it Sure, the Vienna Boys' Choir plays every Tuesday night in Calgary, just after the hippo races.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Toronto and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of Vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Canada, but I forget its name. It's a kind of big horse with horns. (USA)

A: It's called a moose. They are tall and very violent, eating the brains of anyone walking close to them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.



Lent

Self-Knowledge

Self-knowledge is the key to this spiritual springtime. Religious traditions mark out time with a pattern of fast and festival, which gives meaning and shape to human life. In many of them, the Christian tradition particularly, that pattern gives us grounding in a larger story, enabling us to glimpse and perhaps grasp a coherence underlying the apparently random and accidental sequence of our lives.

The Christian story, focused so intently on Jesus Christ, is itself cradled in a story which in the Bible begins with the God who brings into being the created order, the Universe we inhabit and of human life within it as the personal in that world. It follows the story of a people chosen and shaped to be the people of God. The story of that people is the very human story of oppression and violence, of grace and salvation. It is a story of exodus and exile and return. At the heart of that story there is a longing for deliverance and redemption, for a definitive action of God at the very heart of our human condition. The Christian Church was born out of the conviction that in Jesus Christ, God had so acted. In a total entering into our human condition in the self-emptying of love, God knew from the inside our frailty, the consequences of our disordered desires, the flawed and fallen world in which we live. He became obedient, as St. Paul says, "even to death on a Cross", the harsh reality that confronts us in Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ*. "A love so amazing, so divine" searches, tries, and challenges who and what we are as those made in the image of that love.

Lent draws us deeply into that story, culminating in Good Friday and Easter. The very word Lent is linked with the lengthening of the days as spring comes and new life breaks from the ground in a deliverance from the barren, dark imprisonment of winter. Therefore, Lent is to be a spiritual springtime, the enabling of new life by entering more deeply into the love of God in Christ. Historically, Lent was a time when candidates were prepared for baptism at Easter and a time also when penitents undertook spiritual exercises so that they might be restored again to the Church at the Easter baptism.

If this spiritual springtime is to be a reality, we need first to take

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stock, to pause where we are and to examine ourselves. Knowing ourselves is not something unique to Christians: it has been recognized as wisdom for living by many down the ages.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote of the importance of learning the art of reflection. Alexander Pope wrote of our human condition as "chaos of thought and passion, all confused . . . the glory, jest and riddle of the world." Each one of us knows in our own particular way something of the "chaos of thought and passion" but no less "the glory, jest and riddle."

Each one of us is acquainted in one way or another with what Hopkins called "the dearest freshness deep down things", and each of us knows our need of the God who calls us when our life fails us and who is at the very source of our knowing and our loving. The Christian Gospel is that we can truly know ourselves only when we know ourselves in the light of Christ, for at the end we are to be examined by and in his love.

In old manuals for confession, there were lists of sins to help us in our self-examination. I remember being given one as a boy that included "dangerous dances" (the mind boggled) and "making innuendoes" (which I thought might be some kind of wicked carpentry). Such lists have their uses and even more their limitations.

The Gospels, with their powerful stories of the encounter of Jesus with a whole variety of people — financial fraudsters, prostitutes, the crazed possessed by many demons, enthusiastic or uncomprehending disciples — can provide a starting point for our self-examination, as we try to place ourselves in those stories and find ourselves challenged, and humbled, and forgiven. And no less the fruits of the Spirit of which St. Paul speaks — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control — how deeply, how completely are our lives and our relationships marked by these?

As we see ourselves in this light, the divine light, we know that we need both "time for amendment of life and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit." Lent gives us both this time and this grace.

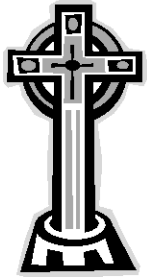
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Aprons

It is doubtful that our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

8. Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.
9. You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
10. Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
11. Don't cry because it's over: smile because it happened.
12. We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colours..but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
13. Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
14. I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.
15. I know God won't give me more than I can handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much.
16. You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.
17. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.



Ash Wednesday Taizé Service - with Holy Communion.



**March 1st 2006 at 20:00
at St Mary's Chapel**

Things to Ponder

1. There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
2. If you can't be kind at least have the decency to be vague.
3. The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.
4. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
5. The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so they can tell when they are really in trouble.
6. How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
7. If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

The first Christians observed the days of our Lord's Passion and resurrection with great devotion, and it became a custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting, called Lent. During this time, converts were prepared for baptism. Also, those who had been separated from the community for some transgression were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the Christian fellowship. The whole congregation was thus reminded of God's mercy and the need to renew their repentance and faith.

We begin Lent this year with a meditative service on Ash Wednesday, in the style of Taizé. Taizé is an ecumenical community in France whose worship is contemplative and makes use of chants and candlelight to create a unique and prayerful atmosphere. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and ashes, a symbol of purification (Num. 19:9) and penitence (Luke 10:13), will be administered.

We hope you will join us for this special service of quiet reflection and meditation as we prepare to enter into Lent.



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Practicalities: Coffee and tea will be available from 10:00 or so, and the program itself will run from 10:30 to 15:30, with a break for lunch (please do bring your own sandwiches – drinks will be provided.) There will be child-care available; please inform us of need. We hope you can join us as we chat, brainstorm, and pray together about the life of our church and begin the process of discerning where God will lead us next. To help us plan for numbers coming on the day, please sign up on the Away Day Sheet in the hut, or contact Pauline Talstra, 055 366 7057.

In Lent (and even before, in some cases) some groups will gather in different parts of our chaplaincy for Bible study and prayer. Some will discuss David Adam's booklet, *Passing the Test*, which reflects on the temptations of Christ and helps us ponder what we can learn from them for our own spiritual journey. For further information on a group

- in Apeldoorn, contact the Lees, 055 542 8741
- in Winterswijk, contact Caroline Siertsema, 0543 521 821
- in Goor, contact the Bontings, 0547 260 947.
- Elsewhere?

Given the interest already expressed, there will probably be a group forming in Almelo-Hengelo and also an additional group in the Lochem-Goor area. Please contact Mariska Olaniyi 0546 451 566 or the Chaplain 026 495 0620 for developments.

We hope that both these encouraging opportunities for spiritual renewal and refreshment will bear fruit and provide much food for thought and prayer.

Every blessing to you and yours in this season of planting good things,

Sam Van Leer

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner: It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Remember

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

Casinos

Q.- *What's the difference between prayers in a church & prayers in a casino?*

A.- *Prayers in a casino are more real*

Life

Life is fragile - handle with prayer



5th February	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Fourth Sunday before Lent	First Reading Mr. Lee	Isaiah 40.21-end
10:30	Psalm	147.1-12
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Lee	1 Corinthians 9.16-23
	Gospel	Mark 1.29-39

12th February	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Third Sunday before Lent	First Reading Mr. Siertsema	Readings
10:30	Psalm	to
Baptism	Second Reading Mrs. Siertsema	be
	Gospel	set.

19th February	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Second Sunday before Lent	First Reading Mr. Yallop	Proverbs 8.1,22-31
10:30	Psalm	104.26 to end
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Wigboldus	Corinthians 1.15 - 29
	Gospel	John 1.1-14

26th February	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Last Sunday before Lent	First Reading Mr. van Dijk	2 Kings 2.1-12
10:30	Psalm	50.1-6
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Olaniyi	2 Corinthians 4.3-6
	Gospel	Mark 9.2-9

1st March	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Ash Wednesday	First Reading To be determined	Isaiah 58.1-9
20:00	Psalm	51.1-18
Ministration of Ashes & Eucharist	Second Reading To be determined	2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
	Gospel	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

5th March	Officiant & Preacher	Frances Gothard
First Sunday of Lent	First Reading Mrs. ten Berge	Genesis 9.8-17
10:30	Psalm	25.1-9
Morning Prayer	Second Reading Mrs. Schouten	1 Peter 3.18-22
	Gospel	Mark 1.9-15