

Poetry and Prose

William Henry Davies was born in Newport, Wales, in 1871. His father was an iron moulder who died when William was two years old. His mother remarried and left William and his two siblings to be adopted by their grandparents, who ran the Church House Inn. On leaving school he became an apprentice picture framer. Dissatisfied, he left for the USA where he tried a variety of jobs, including gold mining in the Klondike gold rush. While trying to jump a train in Renfrew, Ontario he was dragged under the wheels and lost his left leg. He returned to London where he established himself as a 'working class' poet. At the age of fifty he married a woman thirty years his junior. The couple moved to Sussex and then onto Gloucestershire. There in September 1940 at the age of 69 he passed away. He is probably best remembered for:

"What is this life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare!"

Joy and Pleasure

*Now, joy is born of parents poor,
And pleasure of our richer kind;
Though pleasure's free, she cannot sing
As sweet a song as joy confined.*

*Pleasure's a Moth, that sleeps by day
And dances by false glare at night;
But Joy's a Butterfly, that loves
To spread its wings in Nature's light.*

*Joy's like a Bee that gently sucks
Away on blossoms its sweet hour;
But pleasure's like a greedy Wasp,
That plums and cherries would devour.*

*Joy's like a Lark that lives alone,
Whose ties are very strong, though few;
But Pleasure like a Cuckoo roams,
Makes much acquaintance, no friends
true.*

*Joy from her heart doth sing at home,
With little care if others hear;
But pleasure then is cold and dumb,
And sings and laughs with strangers near.*

William Henry Davies



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The Chaplain writes **The Birthday Build-up and...**

What a relief! After 40 penitential days of Lent and the magnificence of our greatest Christian festival, the feast of the Resurrection (otherwise known as Easter), we now would seem to be in that post-Easter calm, when spring school and public holidays abound and we perhaps look on to summer plans for rest and relaxation. But in fact, we are now in what should be the high time of the church's year! In the early centuries, the fifty days after Easter were considered to be one long Sunday, a time of great rejoicing and celebration. It was a season in sharp contrast to Lent. In the fifty days after Easter, fasting and even kneeling in worship were forbidden as being out of keeping with the fact that Christians were being raised to new life. This festal time had as its ante-climax the Feast of the Ascension, commemorating the risen Christ being taken up into heaven. But the absolute climax of Easter season was the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Fifty, that is: a perfect 7 times 7, plus 1 after the Resurrection. The original Pentecost event took place as the believers were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast of Weeks (a sort of Harvest Festival). As Acts 2 records, the believers were together and suddenly the Holy Spirit descended with 'a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and filled the entire house where they were sitting'. Then something like tongues of fire rested on each of the believers and everyone began to speak in other languages as the Spirit inspired them – and yet they understood each other!! This remarkable event, the descent of the promised Spirit of God on the believers, to enlighten, inspire, challenge, empower and also unite them, is rightly regarded as the Birthday of the Christian Church, for it marked the beginning of the full revelation of God's mighty works to the known world. Perhaps it's far-fetched, but I can't help thinking of those believers, 'enflamed' for God by tongues of fire, as candles on the Church's birthday cake. Except for this: the Spirit of God in the Church is never extinguished, even if we may not always feel on fire!

We'll be celebrating the build-up to the Church's birthday as well as the birthday itself in late May and early June. On May 25th, we welcome

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Twente News

The New Council

At the AGM, a new council was appointed because several members either had reached the end of their term in office, or, in the case of the one Church Warden, had decided to step down. A big 'thank you' was given to Marykay Schouten, Pauline Talstra,

Colin Lee and Wim Veltman for their dedicated service over the difficult interregnum period.

A point was raised, partly in jest, on the gender balance of the new council. So, who is in the new council and how does it compare with the old? Well, both councils have ten members, three PCC members, a secretary, a treasurer, two churchwardens, an honorary churchwarden and two Archdeaconery representatives. However, whereas the old council was five men and five women, the new one is six men to four women. Yes, the new council is slightly less balanced, in a gender sense, than the last one.

However, as this is such an international chaplaincy, it is perhaps more interesting to look at the countries of origin. The old council had one Australian, one South African, one Central African, four British and three Dutch. The new council has one South African, one Central African, one West African, four Dutch and three British. The chairman of the council is naturally the chaplain, who originates from the United States. Does this growth in the African representation reflect the growth of Anglicanism in Africa?

You can of course look in the inside front cover to see who the council members are but here is the St Mary's magazine welcome to the new council. The two Church Wardens are Caroline Siertsema and Simon Yallop. The new secretary is James Olaniyi and the new treasurer is Arthur Cass. The Archdeaconery representatives are Frances Gothard and Joyce Wigboldus, with Frances also serving as the Reader. The new PCC members are Marije van Houten Hettinga and Hans Ribbens, with me, Blair Charles, carrying on from the old council.

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Ascension Day

25 May 2006

After the 11:00 Service at
St Mary's Chapel, Twente

**Everyone is invited, from all three congregations,
and visitors to a
Sausage Sizzle
(Weather permitting, on the lawn outside the chapel
Followed by games)**

**Sausages and bread will be available
(€ 3 per person to cover sausages, buns and
refreshments)**

- Please Bring**
- Salads - to share**
- Chairs - to sit on**
- Plates - to eat off**
- Cutlery - to eat with**
- Umbrellas - to keep you dry or shaded**
- Desserts - to eat or share or both**
- Yourselves - to share the sizzle with**

*If you are coming please tell
Colin Lee 055 542 8741
or Pauline Talstra 055 366 7057
By 18 May to guarantee
that sufficient buns and sausages are ordered.*

Quattro

Five Germans in an Audi Quattro arrive at the Italian border:

The Italian Customs Officer stops them and tells them: "It'sa illegala to putta five people in a Quattro"

"Vot do you mean it's illegal?" asks the German driver."

Quattro meansa four" replies the Italian official.

"Quattro is just ze name of ze automobile" the Germans retorts unbelievably. "Look at ze dam papers: ze car is designed to karry five persons."

"You canta pulla thata one on me!" replies the Italian customs officer. "Quattro meansa four: You have fivea people ina your car and you are thereforea breaking the law."

The German driver replies angrily: "You idiot! Call your



Social News

Birthdays

For St Mary's magazine, May is a male maturing month with three men's birthdays to celebrate. Congratulations to Colin Lee on 8 May, you may have hung up your calculator but you still a treasure.

Hans Siertsema celebrates his birthday on 18 May. Give the man a cigar, just make sure he is outside the hut! Making sure we end the month on the right note, Louw Talstra, our talented organist on 27 May, celebrates his birthday . Happy birthday to all three of you.

Advance Notice -Special Pilgrimage Walk with our Old Catholic Brothers & Sisters

On Saturday 24th June 2006 there will be a national, joint Old Catholic and Anglican event to celebrate 75 years of the Bonn Agreement (which brought the C of E into full communion with the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht). This event includes a walk from Katwijk (where the great Christian missionary St. Willibrord first set foot in the Netherlands) to Oegstgeest (where there is a church probably founded by Willibrord) where a joint service will be held. The bishops as well as many congregations of both denominations will be taking part and some of the activities will be televised. More details to follow as they come available from the organizers, but please book the date in your diaries now!

Il Concerto Barocco

On 28 May this phenomenal Baroque orchestra are again playing at St Mary's Chapel If you missed it last year here is your second chance to hearing beautiful music in the most appropriate of settings.

Note: Please remember, if there is any event that you would like to share with your friends at St Mary's Chapel, please feel free to use this page. Contact information is on the back cover.

Hair raising

Rumour has it that Billy Graham Ministries is starting up an Emotional Support Group for middle aged men experiencing hair loss.

Apparently they close every meeting with the benediction, "Go, and thin no more!"

Genesis

God created Adam first. His first model. Then God created Eve. His second model, ...a later model that definitely looks better and lasts longer.

But of course everyone one know why God made Adam (the man) before Eve (the woman). Because all great artists make a rough draft before they make a masterpiece.

Question

If men and women evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

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Also carrying from the last twenty-five years of councils, providing an endless source of advice and help to the council, as well as participating fully in council work is of course our Honorary Church Warden, Count Alfred Solms.

Chairing this international, intercontinental council is naturally the American chaplain, Reverend Sam Van Leer, known to all simply as Sam. He brings not only a deep spiritual leadership to the chaplaincy, but also clear, concise business know how and leadership.

So, there you have it, a brief overview of the new council. With the continuing support of everyone in the chaplaincy, they all have the talents and drive to manage St Mary's chapel. That begs the question, 'manage St Mary's chapel to do what?'. What else other than maintain:

1. Worship in the weekly Sunday service according to the rites of the Church of England.
2. A pastoral ministry to all who are in need of such.
3. A healthy fellowship between all who attend the services.
4. Outreach in support of the Christian ministry in developing countries.

If that sounds familiar it is because that is the Mission Statement printed on the inside back cover. Therefore, let us wish the council well and look forward to the coming year. ©Blair Charles



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.

supervisor over: I want to speak to someone viz more intelligence!"

"Sorry" responds the Italian officer; "He can'ta come. He'sa busy with a two guys in a Fiat Uno."

Parental Frustrations:

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.

Grandchildren are God's reward to you for not killing your children.

Be nice to your kids... someday, they'll choose your nursing home.

Sunday School

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."

Sister Mary,

Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, a petrol station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a petrol can and buy some petrol. The attendant told her the only petrol can he owned had been loaned out but she could wait until it was returned. Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with petrol and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with petrol, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the liquid into her tank, two men watched her in astonishment from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If that car starts, I'm turning Catholic!"



Our Religious Diversity (or growing up in California - Part 1)

Many of our members have come to St. Mary's not only from other countries but from other faiths as well. I have been a member of St. Mary's congregation for over twenty years, but it was just eleven years ago that I finally became an Anglican. My church background in the States is from the Disciples of Christ. The beginnings of this denomination began when a group of Methodists rebelled from their bishop in Virginia in 1792. They were joined later by other dissenting Methodists in North Carolina, Presbyterians from Kentucky and West Virginia, and Baptists from New England. This was the age of rebellion. The driving force of this movement came from Presbyterian (Church of Scotland) ministers and evangelists. Barton W. Stone, Walter Scott, and Thomas & Alexander Campbell (father and son) were the early leaders. They broke away from church hierarchy and conservative Calvinism. They promoted Christian unity and cooperation (progressive ecumenism) and rejected a dogma (other than the Nicene Creed). They baptize by immersion and celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday. The only body governing the Church is a General Assembly that meets annually and only in an advisory capacity. Each individual congregation is free to accept or reject whatever proposals or suggestions come out of this assembly. While this was seen as a radical threat to the established churches it was perfectly suited to circumstances on the wild rural frontier. By the 1860's a group seriously objected to the direction the church was going in. Up until now this movement had simply been known as the Christian Churches. This more conservative group objected that missionary societies were not approved by the New Testament. They were also opposed to instrumental music in public worship. The controversy was so great that by 1906 the U.S. Census Bureau formerly gave the two groups new names: The Churches of Christ and The Disciples of Christ. So an ecumenical movement that meant to unify Christians couldn't agree among themselves on what model of worship to use. Typical! So we agreed to disagree. We're kissing cousins. Basically the Disciples use the Bible as its only supreme guide and authority. However we are free to interpret it according to

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Red is the colour of blood, and of martyrdom. Red is the colour for any service that commemorates the death of a martyr. It is also an alternative colour for Holy Week, the last week of Lent. Red is the colour for Pentecost Sunday and for ordinations and installations, because it is the colour of fire and therefore, of the Holy Spirit.

Blue

Blue is an alternative to purple during Advent. Blue represents the Virgin Mary, because she is known as the Queen of Heaven and the sky is blue. Some Protestant churches just use blue during Advent to avoid the penitential connotation of purple. Strangely, considering the position that Mary holds to Catholics, blue is not authorized for use in the Catholic Church.

Black

Black is used only for clericals, which is another way of saying for cassocks.

Rose

Rose, a shade of pink, was sometimes used on the third Sunday in Advent, to signify joy. The use of the colour rose has a strange origin. The pope had the custom of giving someone a rose on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Therefore, Roman Catholic clergy started wearing rose-colored vestments on that Sunday to give some relief to the solemnity of Lent. Originally, Advent was a solemn fast in preparation for Christmas, so the custom was extended to the third Sunday in Advent to liven it up a little bit, too. Somewhere in there the third candle of the Advent wreath turned pink. Meanwhile, Advent is no longer solemn and the pope no longer has the custom of giving out roses. It is kind of odd to think that a Methodist would put a pink candle in a Lutheran Advent wreath because the pope used to have the custom of giving out roses. Sometimes we are all a bit more ecumenical than we realize!

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Weird facts

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.

It is physically impossible to lick your elbow

No piece of paper can be folded more than seven times.

The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise

Apples, not caffeine, are more effective at waking you in the morning

Pearls melt in vinegar.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs... but not downstairs.

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump

All polar bears are left handed.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out

Almost everyone who reads this will try to lick their elbows.

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So, did you try to lick your elbow?



Colours

Since fabrics, such as banners and vestments, have to be some colour or the other, the historic Church has taken advantage of this fact and has used colour to set the theme of worship. Colour usage was more diverse in the past, mainly because dyes were expensive and it was not as easy as it is today to get fabric in any colour.

In modern times a consensus about the use of colours in the western Church has developed. Green, purple, white, and red, with gold or ivory being alternatives to white. Protestant churches sometimes use blue. Black is, for the most part, no longer in use. As Orthodox Churches use colours differently, this information is valid only for western Churches and is intended as a general overview rather than being specific to any particular denomination.

Green

The color of vegetation and therefore, is the default colour, the colour of life. Green is the colour for the Season of Epiphany and the Season After Pentecost.

Purple

In antiquity, purple dye was very expensive, so purple came to signify wealth, power, and royalty. Therefore, purple is the colour for the seasons of Advent and Lent, which celebrate the coming of the King. Since Christians are preparing for the King through reflection and repentance, purple has also become a penitential colour.

White

In the ancient Church, people were given white robes as soon as they emerged from the waters of baptism. Therefore, white is the colour for the seasons of Easter and Christmas. White is also the colour for funerals, since it is the colour of the Resurrection, for weddings, regardless of the season, and for secular holidays that are observed in the church. Gold or ivory are alternatives to white.

Red

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A genuine letter to the Daily Telegraph editor ran as follows.

Sir - Your television critic, Chris Riley, refers to Harrison Ford as "the world's most recognized ex-carpenter". I believe the ex-carpenter of Nazareth holds that distinction.

Genesis

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama.

Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence with....."I think I'd throw up!"

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our abilities. In studies in preparation to baptism we had to remember a quote that is central to the faith ("where the Scriptures speak, we speak; and where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent"). The Disciples were charter members of the National and World Council of Churches. It was a nice church to grow up in.

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friends from the Arnhem-Nijmegen chaplaincy to join us for the 11:00 AM Ascension Day joint service at St Mary's Chapel in Weldam, followed by the Great Sausage Sizzle, and fun and games on the grounds around the Chapel. All are most welcome. It's a great way to celebrate the conclusion of the Easter season and also to start Summer! See details about the special day elsewhere in the magazine, and please RSVP to help our planning for it.

Then on June 4 we will have a Pentecost Celebration All-Age service. As part of that service, we're going to re-enact a little of the experience of the first Pentecost when we hear the lesson from Acts 2. If you happen to have a copy of a Bible in a language you can read, but other than Dutch or English, bring it along on June 4th for what should prove to be a powerful experience. Instructions will be given on the day! We plan to give thanks for the Birthday of the Church in a special way.

One of the delightful developments during Lent was the sprouting and flourishing of various house groups, many of which have decided to stick together for further mutual support, prayer and Bible study for the coming months. This is a wonderful testimony to the Spirit's work among us. May we continue to be enlightened, convicted and comforted by the Spirit in the coming time together.

Yours in Christ,
Sam Van Leer



Wilderness

George Bush died and went to heaven and St. Peter met him at the gates. George ask St. Peter if the people in heaven were as friendly as the people in Texas were. St. Peter said, Sure they are.

Well George goes for a walk and passes by Moses and decides to speak to him. Moses just looks the other way and keeps on walking. Slightly upset by this, George goes back to St. Peter and tells him what happened with Moses.

St. Peter seemed confused so he seeks Moses out and ask him why he ignored Mr. Bush. Moses looked St. Peter in the eye and said, Well Peter, if you will remember, the last time I spoke to a Bush I spent 40 years in the wilderness

Cherokee Expression

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced.

Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

Question

Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?

7th May 10:30 am	Officiant & Preacher	Frances Gothard
Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mrs ten Berge	Acts 4.5 - 12
Morning Prayer	Second Reading Mrs Schouten	1 John 3.16-24
	Gospel	John 10.11-18

25th May 11:00 am	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Ascension Day	First Reading Rdr from Arn-Nij	Acts 1.1-11
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Cass	Ephesians 1.15-23
	Gospel	Luke 24.44-53

14th May 10:30 am	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mr. Talstra	Acts 8.26-40
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Talstra	1 John 4.7-21
	Gospel	John 15.1-8

28th May 10:30 am	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mrs. Collins	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Charles	1 John 5.9-13
	Gospel	John 17.6-19

21st May 10:30 am	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading Mrs. M v.d. Heide	Acts 10.44-48
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. E v.d. Heide	1 John 5.1-6
	Gospel	John 15.9-17

4th June 10:30 am	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Pentecost	First Reading Mrs. Romeyn	Ezekiel 37.1-14
All Age Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. te West	Acts 2.1-21
	Gospel	John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15