

Poetry
and
Prose

Edwards Dowden

Born in Cork, Ireland, in 1843, he was educated at Queens College in Cork. From there he went onto Trinity College in Dublin where in 1867 he was appointed professor of English.

He was a noted Irish critic, biographer and poet. He was remembered especially for his critical works on Shakespeare, and for being the first person in the English language to attempt a rounded, full picture of Shakespeare.

Edward Dowden also wrote a primer on Shakespeare that was intended to introduce and guide non-academics into the beauty and mystery of Shakespeare's work.

Among the biographies he wrote his Life of Shelley, published in 1886 was regarded as the best of his work.

The quote, 'Sometimes a noble failure serves the world as faithfully as a distinguished success', is credited to him.

*Were life to last for ever; love,
We might go hand in hand,
And pause and pull the flowers
that bloom*

In all the idle land,

*And we might lie in sunny fields
And while the hours away
With fallings-out and fallings-in
For many a summer day.*

*But since we two must sever love,
Since some dim hour we part,
I have no time to give thee much,
But quickly take my heart,*

*"For ever thine" and "thine my love" -
O Death may come apace
What more of love could life bestow,
Dearest, than this embrace?*

Edward Dowden.



September



2006

The Chaplain writes **Sharing the Bread of Life**

'I am the Bread of Life,' said Jesus in chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Our worship services in August have had that chapter of John's Gospel very much as a focus, and hopefully have helped us reflect on how Jesus spiritually feeds us with himself, not only daily in prayer and other ways, but supremely as we share the bread and cup in the Eucharist He instituted for us. Though the full significance and mystery of the Lord's Supper can never be fathomed even by the best of our theologians, those of us who partake in it know somehow, at some basic, fundamental level, that the Eucharist is a vital sign of the way the Lord feeds us and reminds us of his love and our duty to love each other. The Eucharist also builds up the Church, the body of Christ, making us one with Christ and with one another as we share the bread and cup. It is therefore a shame when members of our chaplaincies who would like to be deprived of regular participation in this sacramental expression of our common life, owing to serious or prolonged illness or infirmity that prevents them from attending services.

At present, we have a number of housebound or hospitalized members who are unable to attend services often if ever. In my pastoral work, I get round to see them and bring them communion as often as I can, and our Reader Frances Gothard has also helped a great deal doing this in Arnhem-Nijmegen and Twente as well. Several other members of our church have also taken initiative to visit sick members regularly, too, for which we are all most grateful. But aside from emergency cases of course, I, for one, am realistically only able to see some folk once a month at best. Given the enormous size of the two chaplaincies I cover and the natural fact that many of our active members are themselves aging and may not in future be able to attend regularly, I have, ever since I started here a year ago, been keenly aware of the need for imaginative and wise thinking about how we provide pastoral care.

There are many, many different pastoral needs and possible responses to them to consider in the grand scheme of things. But one excellent way at least to include those who desire it more regularly in our communion is to have those of our Chalice Assistants who feel called help distribute communion to the housebound and hospitalized. This is done in many churches in England as well as in other Anglican provinces throughout the world, and is also widely seen in the Roman Catholic Church today. Lay distribution of communion in fact dates back to the

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Twente News

Mission or Money?

Churchwarden, the Bishop's representative. A voluntary position, for which I offered myself. To the purpose of supporting our chaplain Sam, as well as to help the larger cause of the Anglican Church as a whole, Bishop Geoffrey in particular. As well as for St. Mary's, which is one of the churches of the ENGC group, one

of the churches in the Netherlands and one of the churches in North West Europe.

As part of St. Mary's mission statement of 1993, we as a congregation acknowledge our worship and our faith to be of prime importance. We are committed to the support of our chaplain, our services, our church. As Church Warden, that is also part of my mission: to encourage, in whatever way possible, the congregation to raise money for our needs but at the same time to encourage our participation as a group, caring for and sharing with each other.

However, our mission is also to those less fortunate than ourselves. For many years we as a church supported Bishop Benzies and his cause. Since his passing, although we have been giving thought to finding a substitute, as yet there is not a replacement mission to which we give.

I gather I am not alone in regretting that at present we have no outside mission that we support. On the other hand it would be senseless for me, despite this lack of outside mission, to not continue with the work and mission that needs to be done for St. Mary's.

This is an appeal to all, to rethink what it is we stand for, as a church, as a part of the wider world of God's church and His people. Our fund raising activities are primarily for the good of St. Mary's, but ultimately for the good of His church.

Please offer your services and help to St. Mary's, be it with the Sunday services and all that needs to be done (flowers, readings, coffee) or be it with the fund raising (Summer Sunday afternoon teas, Castle Fair, Harvest festival, Christmas market,).

To those who already do so much, my gratitude is wholehearted. It really is also St. Mary's gratitude: without your hard work, we would not be able to exist. To those who feel unable to help

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We are friends! You and me are friends!
You smile, I smile. You hurt, I hurt.
You cry, I cry.
You jump off a bridge. I'm going to miss your e-mails!

A lifeboat was called out to rescue a yacht in trouble. The coastguard, trying to get the yacht's location, called it on the radio. "What is your position? Repeat, what is your position?"
And the reply came back, "My position? Well I'm marketing director of a medium sized computer software company in the East Midlands."

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters: 'CZ WIXNOSTACZ.'
"Can you read this?" the optician asked.
"Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."



September 29 Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.

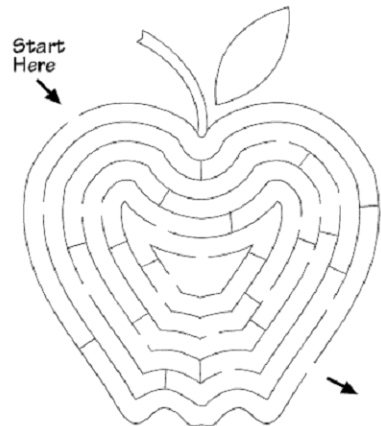
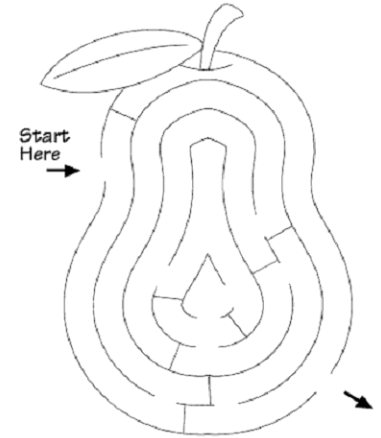


Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.

HARVEST PUZZLE

Can you find your way through these two fruit mazes?



What kind of nuts sneeze the most?

Cashews.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?

Nectarine.



Social News

Thank You

Goor 22 August 2006 - Today, five weeks after Willem passed away, I feel it is time to thank all of you. To thank you for being with me, with the children, and in the church. For the telephone calls, the letters as well as for knowing that you also

will miss him. I hope that the strength of your prayers, just a hand on my shoulder and first of all the love of our Lord will help me to come through.

Thank you
Anja

Quotes

A bad attitude is like a flat tyre: you aren't going to get anywhere in life until you change it.

Faith in God is the gateway to your future.

To enjoy your journey of faith, don't get distracted by the sometimes negative scenery.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope.

Better than counting your years is making your years count.

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.

The man who desires honour does not deserve it.

When you are in the right, you can afford to keep your temper, and when you are in the wrong you cannot afford to lose it. G C Loimer

The Difference

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day,
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask".
I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak,
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek".
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock".
I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day,
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray,
Author unknown

Birthdays

Only one birthday in September and that is for one of the smallest members of the congregation, Kemi Olaniyi. No doubt the big smile she has on her face will be even bigger when she celebrates her birthday on the 23 September. Wishing Kemi all the best on her day.

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.

because of our failings, maybe it's a help to realize that we don't live in a perfect world, the only thing we can do is to help to make it better.

Caroline Siertsema
Church Warden



Request for baking for the Castle Fair 23/09/2006

This is a request to all at St. Mary's to help with providing the baked produce needed for the tearoom at the Castle Fair on the 23rd September 2006. As you all know, the tearoom is one of the main attractions of the Castle Fair.

One of the principle needs of the tearoom is the baked produce for selling with the teas, coffee and cool drinks. So, a big plea to all of you therefore to please put your name down as soon as possible on the lists provided in the hut and to get baking straight away. This saves a last minute panic and anyway, between us there is bound to be enough freezer space in order to bake up front.

Philippa and myself have said that we will do our best to coordinate the lists of quantities of baked produce needed and those people who will be baking. We have tried to think of

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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.

The Village Dry Cleaners has relocated to High Street, right next door to St. Joseph's Church. After March 1, Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness.

Now we know!

Adam was hanging around the Garden of Eden feeling lonely.

So God said He was going to make Adam a companion and it would be a woman.

'This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and she will agree with every decision you make,' He said. 'She will never nag you. She will bear your children and never ask you to change a nappy. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it.'

Adam looked amazed. He asked God: 'What will a woman like this cost?'

God replied: 'An arm and a leg.'

Then Adam asked: 'What can I get for a rib?'



Cats and teenagers

For all of you with teenagers or who have had teenagers, you may want to know why they really have a lot in common with cats:

1. Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.
2. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all human efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.
3. You rarely see a cat walking outside of the house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teenager in his or her right mind wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.
4. Even if you tell jokes as well as Jasper Carrott, neither your cat nor your teen will ever crack a smile.
5. No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.
6. Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.
7. Cats have nine lives.

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cakes that are a main part of an afternoon tea function- chocolate cake, Victoria sponge, scones, muffins, fruit cake, fresh sandwiches. There are many other cakes that are also delicious e.g. apple tart and which may be more familiar to some of you e.g. "tulband".

Although we feel it important to give the tearoom the English touch, with an emphasis on the scones and the big cakes, we are aware that we need to get your ideas on the other baked produce which some of you might prefer to bake.

In the meantime, there are some recipes for you all to try out, some good old faithful tried and tested recipes of mine. So, to all of you who have not yet tried to bake, give them a go and see what you come up with. If you're not sure whether your cake is a success, bring it along for us to try! If on the other hand you are convinced that you have mastered the technique, put your name down on the list and let us know what you will be able to provide. To all of you who are dab hands in the kitchen and who have your own fantastic recipes, please let us have your names on the list as well, to help provide all that is necessary.

It is very important to have all names of bakers and quantities filled in on the lists by Sunday 10th September at the latest. Should it be necessary, the last resort might have to be St.Mary's buying expensive baked produce in England. This could mean a big cut in any profit we would hope to make from the tearoom!!!! One thing is clear, we have to have cakes and it's up to all of us to provide them. Team work means for all to do some of the work and not for some to do all of the work.

We're calling on all of you therefore to come forward with your support and your ideas.

In that way, we can hand the lists over to Marykay who is running the tearoom on the day and we will be able to assure her that she will have some cakes for her teas.

Any questions?

Contact either Philippa te West or Caroline Siertsema.



Jams and chutneys
Decorated cakes
Flowers, plants, etc. etc.
Children's stall
Live music all day

But... we also need **you**!! We need volunteers as washer-uppers, parking attendants, stall helpers, setters- up of stalls, tea-room staff, ticket sellers, clearer-uppers, spreaders of posters in the region, tour guides of the gardens/church, general dogsbodies, you name it. Even if you think you cannot do anything, we'll think of something to do for you!

And....even if can't come yourself, send somebody else!

Everyone of you on the church e-mail list is going to get a small-size poster next week as an attachment (Word document), to send to his or her friends to invite them to our fair. Send as many as you can. It is the quickest way to reach a great deal of people. You yourself know which people are interested in our Weldam Fair.

So.... if you've got any offers of help, or useful suggestions, please contact us:



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September 23 - the Autumnal Equinox

When the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night September 23 is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere) The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

Deiniol

September 11 is the feast day of Deiniol (d. c.584)

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is not the first mighty bishop to come out of Wales.

Deiniol was a monk of Wales who came to be the 'first bishop of Bangor'. And a mighty bishop he was, too:

Deiniol founded the two monasteries of Bangor Fawr (on the Menai Straits) and Bangor Iscoed (Clwyd), which, according to Bede, became the most famous monastery of British Christianity and came to number over 2,000 monks.

Sadly, they were defeated at the battle of Chester by the pagan Aethelfrith, king of Northumbria.

Deiniol is also remembered for his skill in getting disagreeing bishops to come and talk things over at a Synod... surely a skill which his 21st century successor will also put to great use!



Castle - Waddam

Castle Fair

September 23,
2006

Your Fair committee, consisting of Hans Ribbens (chair), Count Alfred, Hans Siertsema, Vivian Reinders, Marykay Schouten, Marije van Houten, Pauline Talstra,

Netty van Sisseren and myself have great plans for the event. We want to upgrade the Fair with several new 'old' features such as antiques, vintage cars, old trades, music, etc. One of the mainstays of the event,

however, is the jam stall. This stall has always been a great attraction for all visitors, and always will be. At least, when you contribute in making jams!

There are lots of empty jam jars in the Hut. You can just take them away on Sundays. I have also got plenty more at home. Please let me know how many pots you intend to make and of what kind. You needn't decorate the pots at all: we'll make the covers and labels for you (a new label is being designed).

Hoping for a great response! Joyce Wigboldus
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The upcoming Fair is going to be a wonderful major occasion! Your committee is working like mad to get everything done. As you know, we are ambitious to upgrade our annual event. Last Sunday we handed out posters, great, smaller and smallest to give to all your friends, acquaintances, business relations, etc. We have wonderful features:

- Prize-winning vintage cars,
- Felt ornaments and decorations,
- Small antiques,
- Art gallery,
- Portrait painter (on the spot)
- English books,
- Wine- tasting

The Will

Joe's will provided €30,000 for an elaborate funeral.

As the last guests departed the affair, his widow, Helen, turned to her oldest friend, Jody.

"Well, I'm sure Joe would be pleased," Helen said.

"I'm sure you're right," replied Jody, who lowered her voice and leaned in close. "How much did this really cost?"

"All of it," said Helen. "Thirty-thousand."

"No!" Jody exclaimed. "I mean, it was very nice, but €30,000?"

Helen answered. "The funeral was €6,500. I donated €500 to the church. The wake, food and drinks were another €500. The rest went for the memorial stone."

Jody computed quickly. "€22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it!"

"Two and a half carats."

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first Christians, though at the zenith of hierarchization of the Church in the Middle Ages, it fell out of use, only to be revived in the 20th century. Our own Diocese in Europe authorizes Chalice Assistants, who have had extra training, to take the sacrament in both kinds (bread and wine) to the housebound and hospitalized. Our Archdeacon has just approved a number of our own church members to minister the chalice in services as well as to distribute communion to the sick. The second of two training seminars I have organized will take place for them in early September, after which those Chalice Assistants who wish to be involved in what I call 'Lay Eucharistic Ministry' to the Sick will be commissioned for service. I look forward to seeing their ministry develop and flourish, for the building up of our church body, and ask you for your prayers for them.

It is important to note that this Lay Eucharistic Ministry is not just to 'assist' the priest. There are two far better reasons for it: to release and make use of the pastoral gifts and skills in our congregation, and

to share communion with and provide better pastoral support for our members who, through illness, cannot be present as we share the Eucharist in services.

I also ask your prayers for the sermon series on the Letter of James that will be taking place in September at our services. James is a fascinating epistle full of practical wisdom on such issues as listening and doing, wealth and poverty, faith and action, and the power of prayer. Come delve into this letter with us!

Yours in Christ,

Sam Van Leer



Teenagers live as if they did.

8. Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy -- a sense of complete and utter boredom.

9. Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.

10. Cats that are free to roam outside sometimes have been known to return in the middle of the night to deposit a dead animal in your bedroom. Teenagers are not above that sort of behaviour.

Thus, if you must raise teenagers, the best sources of advice are not other parents, but veterinarians. It is also a good idea to keep a guidebook on cats at hand at all times. And remember, above all else, put out the food and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

10 th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Sam Van Leer
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr. Charles	Isaiah 35.4-7a;
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Collins	James 2.1-10, 14-17
	Gospel	Mark 7.24-37

1 st October	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Sam Van Leer
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. Lee	Numbers 11: 4-6,10-16, 24-29;
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Lee	James 5: 13-end
	Gospel	Mark 9:38-50

17 th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Canon Keith Walker
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mrs. E.v.d.Heide	Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. M v.d. Heide	James 3:1-12,
	Gospel	Mark 8:27-38

8 th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Sam Van Leer
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Ms Rauwerda	Genesis 2: 18-24;
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Reinders	Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2;5-15;
	Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16

24 th September	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Sam Van Leer
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mr. v. Houten	Jeremiah 11:18-20;
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mr. Olaniyi	James 3:13 - 4:7-8a;
	Gospel	Mark 9:30-37

15 th October	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev. Sam Van Leer
Harvest Festival	First Reading Mr. Ribbens	Joel 2:21-27
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Romeyn	Timothy 2:1-7
	Gospel	Matthew 6:25-33