

Poetry and Prose

Lucy Maud Montgomery

1874 - 1942

Author of the Canadian novel 'Anne of Green Gables' was born at Clifton, Prince Edward Island, Nov. 30, 1874. Her mother died of tuberculosis when Lucy Maud Montgomery was only 21 months old. Her maternal grandparents were largely responsible for her upbringing. In 1911, after her wedding to the Rev. Ewan Macdonald she left Prince Edward Island and moved to Leaskdale in Ontario. Maud's husband was the priest-in-charge of two churches, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Zephyr and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Leaskdale. While living in the Leaskdale Manse, Maud, as family and friends knew her, wrote many of her books and here too her three children were born and raised. In 1926, the Macdonald family moved to Norval, Ontario. On April 24, 1942, Maud died in Toronto. At her express wish, her family laid her body laid to rest in the graveyard at Cavendish, on her beloved Prince Edward Island. A year later her husband died and he too was brought to Cavendish and laid to rest alongside her.

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Spring Song

*Hark, I hear a robin calling!
List, the wind is from the south!
And the orchard-bloom is falling
Sweet as kisses on the mouth.*

*In the dreamy vale of beeches
Fair and faint is woven mist,
And the river's orient reaches
Are the palest amethyst.*

*Every limpid brook is singing
Of the lure of April days;
Every piney glen is ringing
With the maddest roundelays.*

*Come and let us seek together
Springtime lore of daffodils,
Giving to the golden weather
Greeting on the sun-warm hills.*

*Ours shall be the moonrise stealing
Through the birches ivory-white;
Ours shall be the mystic healing
Of the velvet-footed night.*

*Ours shall be the gypsy winding
Of the path with violets blue,
Ours at last the wizard finding
Of the land where dreams come true*



by Lucy Maud Montgomery

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2008

The Chaplain writes **What are our Priorities?**

Just as this magazine appears, the Anglican Church Twente will be holding its Annual General Meeting (Sunday 6th April). This annual event is an opportunity for all of us to take stock of how we are living out our calling as God's people of the Anglican Church in the East Netherlands. What, you think? Isn't the AGM about checking last year's accounts, approving the chaplaincy budget for this year, and electing people to the Church Council. Well, yes. And though those business items sound mundane, they nonetheless do say a lot about who we are, what we believe, and how we live.

Anyone who has every followed the budget process in any organization (or country, for that matter) will know it is always a challenge (even in years of plenty) and involves making priorities and trying to reconcile them with fiscal realities. Choices have to be made, and often sacrifices. But ideally, the central purposes of the organization are preserved and served. A church is a non-profit organization dedicated to believing in and practicing the love of God and love of one's neighbour. Providing for worship, prayer, pastoral care, Christian learning, charity and mission outreach are ways we fulfil that purpose which are reflected in budgets and all the other plans we make, I hope and trust.

Electing people to take a leadership role, alongside the priest, in promoting those priorities is what an Annual General Meeting of the members does when it selects members for the Church Council. The electoral roll and the Annual General Meeting are the basis of representative democracy in the Anglican Church, a church which has a synodical-episcopal structure, where councils of lay people and bishops, or lead-priests, co-govern. True, the clergy are chiefly responsible for leading worship and pastoral care, but in most areas important to the church's life, the lay people of the church have a say, especially through their representatives. I like the realism and spirituality of the opening of John Pitchford's description of the Parochial Church Council in his *ABC for the PCC*:

'This is a complicated body, even before you take into account the personalities of the members. It is unlike other committees, for it has to carry out a mixture of spiritual, legal, financial, pastoral and missionary functions. The PCC shares the privileges and responsibility of making certain decisions with the priest, and in return it co-operates with the priest in the whole mission of the Church. It is in fact an attempt to channel the teaching of the Bible into the life of the parishes.' (London: Mowbray, 1993, p. 135)

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Report on the Council Meeting 12 March 2008

Update on Chaplains' house, Ijsselsingel 86

As most of you are aware, Sam and Coretta bought their own house last year. Since then the house provided for the chaplain, Ijsselsingel 86, has stood vacant. The Nellie Zeper Stichting, the principle owner of the

house has been unable to find a tenant for the building.

Various other options were considered, such as using the house as a 'house for duty' priest. None of these options on close examination were financially viable so the decision has been made to sell the house. Both the Twente and the Arnhem Nijmegen PCC discussed the matter and agreed on the decision.

Budget 2008

The council discussed at length the budget drawn up by the treasurer Arthur Cass and agreed on a 'Budget for 2008' to propose at the AGM.

Electoral Roll /List of names and addresses

Under discussion was the state of the Electoral Roll, that is, what new additions were they to it, who was on it and how to maintain confidentiality. The secretary Simone Yallop has a list of the names and addresses of people who come to the chapel, not all of whom are also registered on the Electoral Roll. At present these lists are only available to members of the PCC. Various ways of making this information available to other groups, such as the Flower Guild and the Castle Fair Committee without breaching data protection regulations were explored. One option is for people who do not mind having their names and addresses made available for church purposes to opt in to being on an open list. More on this subject at a later date.

Future Dates

12 April	Healing Seminar, Holy Trinity, Utrecht.
1 May	Ascension Day Service and Picnic
31 May	Archdeaconery Choral Festival, Luxemburg
7 June & 6 Sept	ENG C Choir Days, De Welle, Markelo
13 Sept	Weldam Castle Fair
21 Sept	Proposed joint service Eusebiuskerk, Arnhem, featuring ENG C choir

Too ill

First student: First, I got tonsillitis, followed by appendicitis and pneumonia. After that I got erysipelas with hemachromatosis.

Following that I got poliomyelitis and finally ended up with neuritis. Then they gave me hypodermics and inoculations.

Second student: Goodness, you had quite a time!

First student: Yes, to be honest, I thought I'd never survive that spelling test.

With a new tax year beginning....

The teacher asked a precocious youngster what he was going to be when he grew up, and he said a taxpayer.

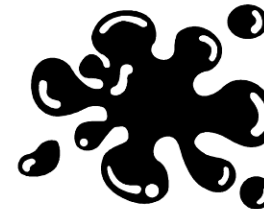
Inflation or no inflation, the cost of living seems to remain about the same - all that we earn.

Man wants but little here below but usually gets along on less.



APRIL FOOL!

April 1st is All Fools Day, the day when people play tricks on each other. We are not sure just how it started but one idea is that it started when in 1564 the French decreed that the New Year began on January 1st as instead of on April 1st. So that the traditional New Year gifts and cards were now sent in January. For a joke some people continued to send mock gifts and cards, silly things, on April 1st. In Scotland the April Fool is an April Noddy, a cuckoo or a gowk: the same day is Boob's Day in Spain, Fish Day in France and Doll's Day in Japan.



All round the world people are busy kidding their friends that their shoelaces are undone or someone is sent to buy a pot of striped paint - but every joke has to stop at midday. After that the joker becomes the fool.

WHAT IS IT?

There are some very strange, not to say peculiar, words in the Bible - and I'm not kidding you.

1. Is a BATH
 - a) something with bubbles, or
 - b) a liquid measure
2. Is BAANA
 - a) a mis-spelt fruit, or
 - b) an official from Megiddo?
3. Is NISSAN
 - a) the first month of the year, or
 - b) a form of transport?
4. Are OREB and ZEEB
 - a) cartoon characters used to tell modern versions of Bible stories on channel TV, or
 - b) two princes killed in battle?
5. Is KAB
 - a) a measure, or
 - b) part of a chariot?

Guess first and then look them up - answers at the bottom of this page.



Did you hear about the little girl who does bird impressions?



She eats worms.

How do you part the Red Sea?
With a sea-saw.



Answers - look them up in 1) Ezekiel 45:11; 2) 1 Kings 4:12; 3) Esther 3:7; 4) Psalm 83:11; 5) 2 Kings 6:25.



Social News

Family Life

Many parents give their children everything except themselves.

When hugging and kissing end in any home, trouble is on the way

Stephen Offord

A permissive home is a home where you do not love enough to exercise the authority Christ gave you

Ben Haden

Children have more need of models than of critics.

Joseph Jombert

Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of, in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act.

Richard Baxter



Birthdays

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Jan ten Barge, the able caretaker of the hut, who celebrated his birthday on the 4 April.

Unfortunately, the magazine only came out on the 6 April. Hope you had a good birthday Jan and thank you for looking after the hut so well.



Anniversaries.

Nettie and Andre van Sisseren celebrate their wedding anniversary on 16 April. Congratulations to the happy couple.



The Shop

I have placed 'The Shop' in one of the cupboards in the hut. In the shop, there are all kinds of things for sale such as jams and chutneys, (get them while they available), mugs, photographs of the Chapel, fabric shopping bags with an overprint of Weldam and so on. Profit from selling these items will go to the church. There are also hand-made greeting cards and little decorative tea bag cards (a decorated card containing a tea bag) for sale, from which the profits go to the Flower Guild. As the shop is self-service, I have provided a notebook and pen for you to write down what items you have bought, as well as what you paid for them. In the cupboard, there are two tin boxes for money, one for the jams and one for the cards. At the bottom of the cupboard there are magazines available free of charge. This is a practical way to raise some money as we all regularly use jam and send cards. The tea bag cards are also useful as a little gift for some one who is sick or on their own, and of course, you can send them a greeting card as well. If you are looking for something special like an embroidered motif, contact me and I will try an arrange it.

Contributed by Theda Gort ten Barge Translated by Blair Charles

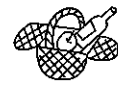
Corks and Stamps

You know how it is. You have a celebration, a birthday or an anniversary. You open a bottle or two of wine to celebrate. You open your mail and look at the beautiful cards sent to you. Then you carefully recycle the wine bottles and the party is over. Oh no! Bring in the corks, please, only proper corks made from the bark of the cork oak. Not those horrible plastic corks as they are not even good for land fill. Place them in the box in the hut and Cathy Warmink will send them on to charities in the developing world. Likewise, bring in the stamps from your letters and cards, place them in the box in the hut and Theda ten Barge will see that they go to a worth while charity. So you see, with a little care, friends in the developing world you did not know you had can also celebrate with you and make a great day even better.

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Ascension Day Picnic

The Revd Canon Dirk van Leeuwen has kindly agreed to officiate and preach at the service as the Sam, the chaplain, will be having a well deserved vacation with his family. Following the Ascension Day service at 11:00 am, there will be a picnic. The exact location of the picnic depends on the weather. If the weather is sunny and dry then the picnic will take place on the grass outside the chapel. If the weather is cold and wet, and bearing in mind this is the earliest Ascension Day for over sixty years, then the wood yard is the alternative venue.



Bring plates, glasses, drinks, (the alcohol content of which is your choice), chairs and food. Most important, do not only bring your own picnic, come prepared to share. Share your food, your drink, your companionship and your humour. Hopefully there will be a number of visitors from Arnhem/Nijmegen, so take this opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends.



"Easter coming so soon after Christmas has almost turned Anthony into a regular churchgoer."

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 recession is a period in which you tighten up your belt. A depression is a time in which you have no belt to tighten. When you have no trousers to hold up, it's a panic.

A man said his credit card was stolen, but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.

Miscellaneous musings on life:

~ Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not a door?

~ Why is yawning contagious?

~ Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

~ Worry is like a treadmill - it wears you out and gets you nowhere.

~ You are not yourself today. I noticed the improvement immediately!

~ You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield that said 'Parking Fine'. That was so nice.

~ You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

You never learn to pray until your kids learn to drive.



The Good Samaritan

A young minister was telling his church the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. He got carried away and described the situation in vivid detail, wanting his congregation to catch the drama of it all. Then he asked rhetorically: '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, 'I think I'd throw up.'

Shopping therapy

A woman was working in her garden with her strimmer; when she accidentally cut off the tail of her cat. She ran screaming into the house for help.

Her husband grabbed the car-keys. "Get the cat, and the tail, and we'll take them to Wal-Mart. NOW!" he said urgently.

His wife was incredulous. "How could that possibly help?" she asked.

"Well," he replied, "they're the world's largest retailers."



Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace' When guitars and amplifiers meet choral Mattins

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It was kind of you to send your music group to us last Sunday morning while our choir had a Sunday off for its celebratory lunch. Miss Timmins' ninety-fourth birthday brought the combined choir's age to 1,000; which is quite a distinction for twelve people. Clearly a Sunday commitment to 'Hymns Ancient and Modern', consumption of industrial quantities of peppermints and pleasant naps during sermons has a positive effect on longevity.

I had rather looked forward - naively in retrospect - to hearing some Bach motets from your group, but now have learned that guitars, drums and choral Mattins is not a marriage made in heaven. All your group lacked was a drum majorette leading the procession up the aisle.

It was quite obvious the music was going to be a little different when I arrived to see that the lectern, Lady Tadcaster's flower arrangement and the verger had all disappeared behind amplifiers. The only person not disconcerted by this was the verger, who realised it presented an excellent opportunity to do the crossword unobserved during Divine Worship. That would not have been too bad if he had not wandered over to me during the Bible reading to ask if I knew the answer to 12 down.

Your display of the hymns on a screen (but did it have to be in front of the pulpit? I had to balance on several kneelers to be seen over it and throughout the sermon could only think of how to look dignified should the whole pile collapse mid-sentence) left the congregation paralysed in fear. For the first time in their lives they had nothing to hold and hadn't a clue what to do with their hands. You could see them experimentally stuffing them in pockets, holding on to the pew, searching for handkerchiefs, totally at a loss with this unwanted freedom of limbs. Perhaps even worse, they were obliged to look up rather than stare at the floor. I fear some may be traumatised for life.

But the worst moment was when the group gave its 'solo number' - couldn't it have been called an 'anthem'? Half way through, dear Mrs Ffitch, who has always been somewhat excitable, felt called to contribute with a spontaneous religious dance in the aisle. The congregation froze in horror and we all found varying devices for

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The Annual General Meeting and the new Parochial Church Council

The Anglican Church has not always welcomed laity in positions of leadership. Before the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, a parishes' administration and finances were, in law, almost entirely in the hands of the incumbent and his churchwardens. The parishioners had little or no say in anything that went on, except to help in appointing churchwardens. While they were church councils in many urban parishes, they existed only at the whim of the incumbent, who could dissolve them at any time.

However, the fact that these early PCCs existed at all was proof of how much the laity wanted to share the burdens of parochial administration, and proof that the clergy wanted to include them! Things changed in 1919, when the British Parliament gave Parochial Church Councils a legal status for the first time. Rules about whom should be on a PCC, and how they should conduct the meetings soon followed. Down the years since then, there have been many revisions and fine-tunings of the system.

So - firstly how does a PCC come into existence? Well, the basis of the whole scheme is the electoral roll. You will find an electoral roll in every parish, or in our case, chaplaincy. At its simplest it is a list of people who have the qualifications to vote in any given parish, or chaplaincy. To qualify for the electoral roll in a parish, you have to be: over 16; baptised; a communicant member of the C of E, or at least of a Church in communion with the C of E and a resident in the parish, or be registered as a non-resident elector.

Nevertheless, how do you get from the electoral roll to the PCC? Well, this all happens at the Annual General Meeting. The Rules state that a parish, or chaplaincy, must hold an 'annual parochial church meeting' not later than the 30th April every year, and that everyone whose name is on the electoral roll of the parish is invited to attend.

At the AGM we elect lay members of the parochial church council. (These lay members must also be on the electoral roll, be communicants, and at least 17 years old.)

The other business of the AGM is to appoint the Wardens; elect lay representatives to the Archdeaconery synod; receive parochial and other reports, and provide a forum for general discussion of church and parochial affairs.

The PCC has several duties and responsibilities: it must look after the financial affairs of the church. It must exercise its power to frame an annual budget of money in order to uphold the church's work, and to take responsibility to contact the bishop about any matter that affects the welfare of the church.

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was the same as the first one.

There was the large round table with the large pot of stew, which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, 'I don't understand.'

'It is simple' said the Lord, 'it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other; while the greedy think only of themselves.'

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

The Best Thing to Give

The best thing to give:

to your enemy is forgiveness;

to an opponent, tolerance;

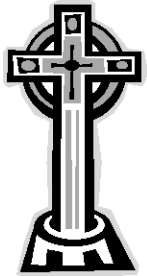
to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example;

to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you;

to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

Lord Balfour





Attitude

Heaven and Hell

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said,

"Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell.'

There once was a woman who woke up one day,
Looked in the mirror and noticed she only had
three hairs on her head

'Well' she said, 'I think I'll braid my hair today'
So she did and she had a wonderful day

The next day she woke up and looked in the mirror and
saw that she had only two hairs on her head

'Hmmm,' she said, 'I think I'll part my hair down the
middle today'

So she did and she had a grand day

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and
noticed she had only one hair on her head.

'Well,' she said, 'Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony
tail.'

So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and there
wasn't a single hair on her head.

'Dea,' she exclaimed, 'I don't have to fix my hair today!'

Attitude is everything.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is
fighting some kind of battle

Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly....

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass....

It's about learning to dance in the rain!

Contributed by S. Sprikkelman

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not catching her eye after the Service. But the greatest social problem is how we react when we see her in the village tomorrow morning. I have advised those who asked my opinion that we all stay indoors for a few days.

Perhaps your music group could visit us again when our choir holds its two-thousandth anniversary - when I suspect it will still consist of the same people, as they are all tenacious of note, opinion and age.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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This is a realistic and also challenging statement about the main point of our having a Church Council: to channel the teaching of the Bible into the life of the parish.

This year, after several years of energetic and dedicated service, Mrs Caroline Siertsema will step down as Churchwarden. Mrs Nettie van Sisseren, who has also been a terrific support as Churchwarden, will stand for election again. Every year, there are elections for the two Churchwardens (the lead lay leaders, as it were), but this year, too, you elect at least two regular members of Council, and, on top of that, two people who will represent our chaplaincy to the Archdeaconry (the grouping of all the Anglican chaplaincies in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg which meets annually).

This year, as you ponder whom to elect to Council and as we examine our budget priorities, I hope that we will all, before we focus on all the details, prayerfully reflect on our main purposes as a representative church of, in and for Christ. Those purposes should, really, guide all our decision-making, should they not? If we always try to keep Christ and his purposes central to our thinking, then we will aim in the right direction, such that our decisions will be the wise and Godly ones that will bear fruit for God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Sam Van Leer



Assistance?

In the examination paper the Professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student stated that he had prayed for the assistance of God. The Professor carefully studied the answer script and then said, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

Divvy It Up!

An American Sixth grade teacher posed the following problem to one of her arithmetic classes:

"A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million dollars. One-fifth is to go to his wife; one-fifth is to go to his son; one-sixth to his butler; and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?"

After a very long silence in the classroom, one little boy raised his hand and with complete sincerity in his voice, answered, "A lawyer!"

First Haircut

I was getting my hair cut at a neighbourhood shop, and I asked the barber when would be the best time to bring in my two-year-old son for his first haircut. Without hesitation, the barber answered, "When he's four."



6th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Third Sunday of Easter	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
	First Reading Victor Pirenne	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Heleen Rauwerda	1 Peter 1:17-23
	Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

27th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	First Reading Arjen Haffmans	Acts 17:22-31
10:30am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Simone Yallop	1 Peter 3:13-22
	Gospel	John 14:15-21

13th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
	First Reading Linda ten Berge	Acts 2:42-47
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Blair Charles	1 Peter 2:19-25
	Gospel	John 10:1-10

1st May	Celebrant & Preacher	The Revd Canon Dirk van Leeuwen
Ascension Day	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	First Reading Eliz vd Heide	Acts 1:1-11
11:00am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Maureen vd Heide	Ephesians 1:15-23
	Gospel	Luke 24:44-53

20th April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Intercessor	Linda ten Berge
	First Reading Arthur Cass	Acts 7:55-60
10:30am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Janice Collins	1 Peter 2:2-10
	Gospel	John 14:1-14

4th May	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Dr. Sjoerd Bonting
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Intercessor	Linda ten Berge
	First Reading Agnes Lee	Acts 1:6-14
10:30am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Colin Lee	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
	Gospel	John 17:1-11