

Poetry and Prose

Caring

*(A Groom's Dedication to
his Bride)*

I care not though the moon
should fail to rise,
And the sun should fail to
shine;
I care not for seas too broad
to cross
Nor peaks too high to climb.
Such cares as these are of
small concern
Compared with my care for
you;
For you are my sun my
moon and stars
My life and my love so true.
We have vowed to love till
our days shall end
And to care all our whole
lives through;
Good times and bad times
we've sworn to share
Whatever the world may do.
So then my love this journey
let us take
And face the world together
hand in hand;
Our previous lives of self let
us forsake,
Finding love and faith and
trust in our promised land.
N Ferguson



The Camel's Nose

*Once in his shop a workman wrought
With languid hand, and listless thought,
When through the open window's space*

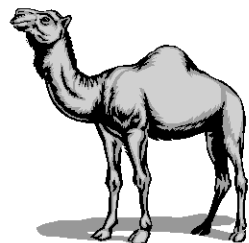
*Behold! – a Camel thrust his face.
'My nose is cold,' he meekly cried,
'Oh, let me warm it by thy side.'*

*In came the nose, – in came the head,
As sure as sermon follows text
The long, excursive neck came next,
And then, as falls the threatening storm
In leap'd the whole ungainly form.*

*Aghast the owner gazed around,
And on the rude invader frown'd,
Convinc'd as closer still he prest,
There was no room for such a guest,
Yet more astonish'd, heard him say,
'If incommoded, go your way.*

*For in this place I choose to stay.'
Oh, youthful hearts, to gladness born,
Treat not this Arab lore with scorn.
To evil habit's earliest wile
Lend neither ear, nor glance, nor smile,
Choke the dark fountain ere it flows,
Nor even admit the Camel's Nose.*

*Lydia Howard Sigourney 1791-1865
Contributed by Janice Collins*



June



2009

The Chaplain writes

**Two Extraordinary Services on
Saturdays ... and one on**

Sunday!

By now, if you have been able to attend worship or other activities in the last several months, you will be well aware of two significant Saturday services coming up in just a few weeks.

On **Saturday June 20th**, for the first time ever, the East Netherlands Chaplaincies are hosting the annual **Archdeaconry Choral Festival**, which will take place at the **Diaconessenkerk (I Evertlaan, 11) in Arnhem**. This event brings together choirs and singers from Anglican churches all over the Low Countries for a full day of rehearsals, under the direction of a noted English conductor, followed by a Choral Evensong. This year, Gordon Appleton, Director of the Royal School of Church Music's Northern Cathedral Singers in England, will conduct, and the accomplished concert organist, James Pollard, will play. The music program includes the works of English composers Christopher Tye, Charles Wood, Richard Lloyd, and John Rutter, all in the theme of 'In the Light of God's Kingdom.' The Choral Festival Evensong is always of a very high standard. You will not want to miss the Evensong, and you will want to invite friends to come! Singers interested in participating in the choir are requested to contact Nettie van Sisseren (Tel 055 355 9995; E-mail nettie@vansisseren.nl) *before 10 June*. Helpers are also needed, both to assist Chris Los (Tel 026 364 7428; E-mail C.Los.mail@zonnet.nl) in welcoming choir singers and visitors on the day, and also to work with Monique Wardle (Tel 0316 524 987; E-mail moniquewardle@hotmail.com) and Jenny van Drempt (Tel 026 334 2733; Email jendaw48@hotmail.com) to provide coffee and a light lunch for the singers.

On **Saturday July 4th**, **Ank Robinson-Muller** is expected **to be ordained a Deacon** in the Church of England, to serve in the Arnhem-Nijmegen Chaplaincy, initially as a non-stipendiary clergyperson. The service takes place in the Lutheran Church in Arnhem (Spoorwegstraat), beginning at 14:30, and will be led by our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell. Music will be provided by a special choir led by friends of Ank. July 4th represents a landmark in Ank's life, one for which she has been preparing in her theology studies, ordination training, and pastoral work for many, many years. It also marks a significant moment for the Arnhem-Nijmegen Chaplaincy, and Twente as well. Ank first came into contact

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Twente News

Report on Council Meeting - 25 May

After opening prayers, the meeting opened with attendance and apologies.

After welcoming new members to the council, there was a re-designation of the offices of the council. Simone Yallop will continue to serve as secretary, and Arthur Cass will continue to

serve as treasurer. Caroline Siertsema will remain as the representative for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The first matter arising was consideration of a sound system for the chapel. The subject was first raised at the AGM. After a prolonged discussion, a vote was taken to carry out a comprehensive appraisal of the systems available.

Ferdinand van Dijk agreed to be co-opted on to the council for the next year to fill a vacancy.

Arthur Cass, the treasurer delivered a report on the state of the Twente Chaplaincy finances, which in this time of global financial crises are thankfully, sound and healthy.

The forthcoming events discussed are as follows:

- The Archdeaconery Choral Festival on 20 June. (See page 10 for further information on this important event).
- Ank Robinson's ordination to the diaconate on the 4th July at the Lutheran Church in Arnhem. (See page 7 for further information).
- Reader training after the service on the 14 June.
- Churchwarden training day in Utrecht on the 27 June.
- Child Protection training in Antwerp on the 27 June.
- Summer teas from 5 July to 9 August.
- The Castle Fair on the 12 September
- The National Anglican- Old Catholic Pilgrimage in Egmond on the 19 September.
- The Anglican-Old Catholic joint service , Eusebiuskerk, Arnhem 20 on the 20 September.

The next council meetings will be held on 15 July, 30 September and the 18 November.

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E-mail warning

If you receive an email from the Department of Health telling you not to eat tinned pork because of swine flu - ignore it. It's just spam.

Confucius Says:

Man who run in front of car get tired.

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Man who run behind car get exhausted.

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Man with one chopstick go hungry.

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War does not determine who is right,

war determine who is left.

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Man who drive like hell, bound to get there.

Life

1.. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.

2.. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

3.. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

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WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I wonder if your parents would have been allowed to choose your particular name in past? In Puritan times, in the 17th century, it was thought wrong to call children with the names of saints or even an angel, so names like Angela and Michael were banned.

They solved the problem by choosing worthy phrases - how do you fancy being called **Zeal of the Lord Busy or Tribulation Wholesome?** The longest name I've found was when a leather worker called **Praise the Lord Barebones** called his son **If Christ Had Not Died For Thee Thou Wouldst Have Been Damned Barebones**. I wonder what they called him at home? Do you think they might have said 'Time for school, If' or 'Eat your porridge before it gets cold, Damned'?



ANSWERS: all are there, except for WHET and YOKE which are words in the Bible but not names.

BIBLE NAMES

Even if you stuck to names from the Bible there are some very strange ones there! Out of this alphabet of names can you tell which ones aren't in the Bible? Answers at the bottom of the page.

A is for ABEL

B is for BALSHAZZAR

C is for CLEMENT

D is for DRUSILLA

E is for EBED-MELECH

F is for FELIX, G is for GAD,

H is for HAM, I is for ITTAI

J is for JERUBBAAL

K is for KISH, L is for LEAH

M is for MEPHIBOSHETH

N is for NAPHTALI

O is for OBED, P is for PEKAH

Q is for QUIRINIUS

R is for REZIN, S is for SISERA

T is for THEOPHILUS

U is for UZZAH, V is for VASHTI

W is for WHET

X is for XERXES

Y is for YOKE

Z is for ZIPPORAH



1st 5 year old: What's your name?

2nd 5 year old:

Um, let me see.

(Singing quietly...)

Birthday to you,

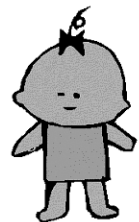
happy birthday to

you, happy

birthday dear

Molly. Oh yes!

It's Molly.



English Choral Music in Arnhem

Many have come to know and love the English choral music tradition, whether from hearing the world-renowned Lessons and Carols Service from King's College Cambridge each Christmas, visiting an English cathedral for sung matins or evensong, or watching *Songs of Praise* on the BBC.

On Saturday June 20th, 2009, for the first time ever, Arnhem plays host to the annual Choral Festival of Northwest Europe's Anglican Archdeaconry. The highlight of the festival is a Choral Evensong (Vespers) at 16:30 in the Diaconessenkerk (Izaak Evertlaan 11). Entry is free to the general public.

The Choral Festival attracts excellent choirs and singers from Anglican churches all over the Low Countries. This year, Gordon Appleton, Director of the Royal School of Church Music's Northern Cathedral Singers in England, will conduct, and the accomplished concert organist, James Pollard, will play. The music program includes the works of English composers Christopher Tye, Charles Wood, Richard Lloyd, and John Rutter, all in the theme of 'In the Light of God's Kingdom.'

All are welcome for this most inspiring offering of beautiful English choral music.

Choral Evensong Saturday: June 20th, 2009 16.30 – 17.30 hrs Diaconessenkerk, Izaak Evertlaan 11, Arnhem

The Diaconessenkerk is just north of the Arnhem city centre, near Sonsbeek Park, 10 minutes walk from the main Arnhem Central Station. There is parking in the neighborhoods around the church, but also a large covered car park by the central train station.



Social News

Elbow room

A grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife: "You come to the front door of the block of flats. I am in flat 342. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 342. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 3. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Sure Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

"You mean you're coming empty handed?"

Now what?

Mother, admonishing her little girl who had been handed an orange by their host: "Now what do you say, dear?"

Little girl, carefully handing the orange back to the host: "Peel it."

The chaplain closed the meeting at 22:00 with the Grace.

The Ascension Day Picnic

On the 21 May, there was a gathering of Anglicans, Lutherans and Old Catholics in St Mary's chapel for the Ascension Day service. The Anglicans came from Twente, Arnhem, Nijmegen and Utrecht.

The occasion was also been used to commemorate the chaplaincies 30th Anniversary. The service was conducted by the original chaplain, Dr. Sjoerd Bonting, and the fourth full time chaplain in succession, Sam Van Leer.

Afterwards, everyone gathered in the wood yard behind the chapel to enjoy the bring and share picnic. There was a wonderful selection of salads, savouries, sweets and other assorted scrumptious items to feast on. Ferdinand, ably assisted by his parents, provided a wonderful African stew cooked in a traditional iron pot over an open fire.

At the start of the picnic, Dr. Bonting gave a brief history of the chaplaincy and then cut the enormous anniversary cake. At the end of the day everyone there agreed, the Ascension Day picnic is an event that is definitely NOT one to be missed. See you all there next year!



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.

4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- 5.. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- 6.. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
- 7.. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- 8.. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
- 9.. I'm not a complete idiot-- Some parts are just missing.
- 10... Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- 11.. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
- 12.. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- 13.. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- 14.. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- 15.. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
- 16.. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
- 17 Procrastinate Now!
- 18.. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- 19.. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- 20.. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- 21.. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
- 22 Life is too short and friends are too few.

I am thankful

For the wife, who says it's hot dogs tonight,
Because she is home with me, and not out with someone else.

For the husband, who is on the sofa
Being a couch potato, because he is home with me
And not out at the bars.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes
Because it means she is at home, not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay
Because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.

The Doetinchemse Bach Society Summer Concerts

The Doetinchemse Bachvereniging begins the summer with a lighter, summer concert titled "Bloomed in my garden". The concerts take place on the 27 and 28 June in Zeddum and Weldum (Markelo) respectively.

The program consists of the unique works of Charles V. Stanford in which are sung the praises of the English rural life. In addition, the works of Elgar radiate out the English rural atmosphere. Of a later period are Robert Bridges poems, set to music by Gerald Finzi.

Beside these "rural offerings" we also go down to the sea! In the 'Five English Folksongs' of Ralph Vaughan Williams, you can listen to the experiences of seafaring people, of their (forbidden) love, for their women and the sorrows of the seafaring life....

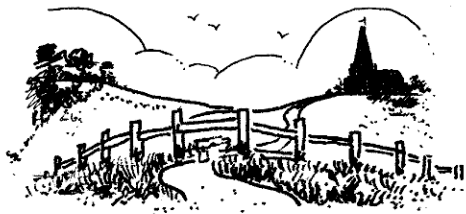
Locations with the right atmosphere were carefully chosen for the concerts.

On Saturday evening the chorus sings in Zeddum, in the Protestant church (Ettemastraat 3). The concert begins at 20.30 hour.

On Sunday afternoon the concert is in St. Mary's Chapel (Diepenheimseweg 114) in Markelo. This concert begins 15.00 hour. After the concert, you can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and snacks.

Tickets for the concerts are € 7.50. The number of places is limited in both locations. If you want to ensure you get a seat, you can make a reservation by e-mailing Doetinchemse-bachvereniging@zingt.nl

We look forward to greeting you at one of our concerts.



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given Ten Commandments. And perhaps most importantly, our spiritual ancestors discovered that the wilderness is a unique place of God's abundance and miracle, where water gushed out of a rock and manna appeared on the desert floor—food and drink miraculously provided by God. As we go through our own wilderness, these spiritual ancestors also point the way to a deep and abiding hope.

We can rediscover our uniqueness—that emerges from the conviction that our wealth is determined by what we give rather than what we own. We can re-discover manna—God's extraordinary expression of abundance. Week by week—in congregations and communities around the world, our common manna is placed before us in the Eucharist.

Ordinary gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar, and become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, which, when we receive them, draw us ever more deeply into the Paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. As our risen Lord broke through the isolation of the disciples huddled in fear for their lives following his suffering and death, so too are we, the Body of Christ called to break through the loneliness and anxiety of this time, drawing people from their fears and isolation into the comforting embrace of God's gathered community of hope.

As disciples of the risen Christ, we are given gifts for showing forth God's gracious generosity and for finding blessing and abundance in what is hard and difficult. In this time, the Holy Spirit is moving among us, sharing with us the vision of what is real and valued in God's world. In a time such as this, Christ draws us deeper into our faith revealing to us that generosity breaks through distrust, paralysis and misinformation.

Like our risen Lord, we, as his disciples are called to listen to the world's pain and offer comfort and peace. As we continue our Lenten journey together we place our hearts in the power of the Trinity. The God who created us is creating still and will not abandon us. The Incarnate Word, our Savior Jesus Christ, who in suffering, dying and rising for our sake, stands in solidarity with us, has promised to be with us to the end of the age. God the Holy Spirit, the very breath of God for us and in us, is our comforter, companion, inspiration and guide. In this is our hope, our joy and our peace.



Toothbrush Troubles

My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet.

So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush.

He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

Reviving the Romance

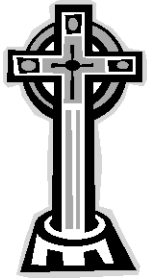
A farmer and his wife had just woken up one morning to the crowing of their rooster.

While still in bed, the farmer's wife said, "Pa, you know our neighbour, Mr. Brown?"

"Yes, Ma, I reckon I do," replied the sleepy farmer.

"Well, every morning, before he leaves the house for work, he gives his wife a big ol' kiss. Why don't you ever do that?"

The farmer sighed and said, "Well, I reckon I could, but I just don't know her very well."



A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of the Episcopal Church (Part 2)

While our commitment to the eradication of extreme poverty through the eight Millennium Development Goals moves us toward the standard of Christ's teaching, we have nevertheless often fallen short of the transformation to which Christ calls us in our own lives in order to live more fully into the Gospel paradigm of God's abundance for all.

Everyone is affected by the shrinking of the global economy. For some, this is a time of great loss—loss of employment, of homes, of a way of life. And for the most vulnerable, this “downturn” represents an emergency of catastrophic proportions. Like the Prodigal who comes to his senses and returns home, we as the people of God seek a new life.

We recognize in this crisis an invitation into a deeper simplicity, a tightening of the belt, an expanded Lenten fast, and a broader generosity. God's abundant mercy and forgiveness meet and embrace us, waiting to empower us through the Holy Spirit to face the coming days. In a time of anxiety and fear the Holy Spirit invites us to hope. Anxiety, when voiced in community can be heard, blessed and transformed into energy and hope, but if ignored, swallowed or hidden, fear and anxiety can be corrosive and lead to despair.

We Christians claim that joy and hope emerge for those who have the courage to endure suffering. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul goes so far as to boast of his suffering, because “suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

Our current crisis presents us with opportunities to learn from our brothers and sisters of faith in other parts of the world who have long been bearers of hope in the midst of even greater economic calamity. We can also learn from our spiritual ancestors, who found themselves in an economic and existential crisis that endured for forty years—on their journey from Egypt to Israel.

While they groaned in Egypt, they murmured at Sinai—at least at first. And then after their groaning, complaining and reverting to old comforts of idol worship, they were given Grace to learn and understand what the Lord wanted to teach them. They learned that they needed the wilderness in order to recover their nerve and put their full trust in God—and to discover their God-given uniqueness, which had been rubbed away during their captivity in Egypt.

They adopted some basic rules that enabled them to live in a community of free people rather than as captives or slaves—the God

Ant Labour

The teacher was giving her class of seven-year-olds a natural science lesson.

"Worker ants," she told them, "can carry pieces of food five times their own weight. What do you conclude from that?"

One child was ready with the answer: "They don't have a union."

Whose money?

Late one night in London, a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs.

"Give me your money!" he demanded.

Indignant, the affluent man replied, "You can't do this. I'm a Member of Parliament!"

"In that case," replied the robber, "give me my money!"

To St Mary's Congregation - a big thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their telephone calls and enquiries all the time I was not attending church.

A special thank you to the Flower guild for the lovely bouquet of flowers, it cheered me up very much,

Thank you one and all

Kathleen Rusius



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with the Anglican churches in the East Netherlands when she was a student at the University of Twente in Enschede. Afterwards she moved to Radboud University in Nijmegen, and joined the worship and work of the Arnhem-Nijmegen Chaplaincy, which has sponsored her for training and will be where she serves her first title post as curate. We are very much looking forward not only to the ordination but also to this new phase of Ank's own ministry. We hope you can be present to support Ank on the day, and will continue to keep her and her family in prayer as she prepares for ordination and begins serving as a Deacon thereafter.

In the midst of these non-Sunday services, is a very special one on **Sunday June 21st**, when little Sydney Todd (newborn son of Brian and Kendal Todd, married in St Mary's a few years ago) will be baptized. Baptisms are always magnificent moments, marking as they do the ritual beginnings of an individual's faith journey, called as Christ's own and guided by the Spirit. It is a big day for Syd and his parents, but also for us a church community, as we reaffirm our own baptismal vows and pledge ourselves to support Brian and Kendal as they bring up their little boy in the love and faith of Christ.

Yours in Christ,



For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means I am alive.

And finally, for too much e-mail, because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

Live well, laugh often, and love with all of your heart!

© Tim Jupp, keyboard player for Christian Rock Band Delirious



7th June	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
Trinity Sunday	First Reading Joyce Wigboldus,	Isaiah 6:1-8
	Second Reading Simone Yallop	Romans 8:12-17
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	John 3:1-17

28th June	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Nettie van Sisseren
Third Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Janice Collins	Lamentations 3:22-33
	Second Reading Arjen Haffmans	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Mark 5:21-43

14th June	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Joy Romeijn
First Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Mike Allen	Ezekiel 17:22-24
	Second Reading Vivian Allen	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 14-17
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Mark 4:26-34

4th July	President & Preacher	The Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of the Diocese in Europe
14:30 Ordination of Ank Robinson-Muller as Deacon and Holy Communion	Lutheran Church Arnhem (Sporwegstraat)	

21st June	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	Caroline Siertsema
Second Sunday after Trinity	First Reading Arthur Cass	TBA
	Second Reading Pauline Talstra	TBA
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	TBA
Baptism of Sydney		

5th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam Van Leer
	Intercessor	
Fourth Sunday after Trinity	First Reading	Ezekiel 2:1-5
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Gospel	Mark 6:1-13