

Poetry and Prose

Robert Lee Frost

(1874-1963) was born in San Francisco to a New England father and a Scottish mother. He studied at Dartmouth and Harvard but did not graduate at that time and worked as a teacher, cobbler and New Hampshire farmer. From 1912 to 1915 he lived in Great Britain, where he published *A Boy's Will* and *North of Boston*, which brought him international recognition. Returning to the USA, he became professor of English at Amherst in 1916. He went on to win the Pulitzer Prize no less than four times and was professor of Poetry at Harvard from 1939 to 1943.

Two interpretations are advanced concerning this particular poem. According to the first, the speaker is a brave non-conformist taking a road trodden by few. The second, on the other hand, suggests that the poem is about making personal choices and rationalizing the decisions made, perhaps with satisfaction, perhaps with regret.



The Road Not Taken

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

By Robert Frost



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The Chaplain Writes

New Light for Lent

Ah, sunlight! Though winter certainly has its merits

(botanists tell us even plants need regular darkness), I do so enjoy the sun and relative warmth of spring (not to mention summer!). As I've noted before, the word *Lent* comes from an old Saxon word for March (the month). The original word, *Lenctentid*, literally means "the lengthening of days". My diary is now chock full of AGMs and related preparatory meetings, as well as other matters pastoral and administrative. Though my days seem short, the sun does not lie; the meteorological lengthening of days is most welcome! It points us towards Easter, when we celebrate the light of the Risen Christ, and "his bursting from the tomb", as Eucharistic Prayer F so powerfully puts it.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which commences the 40 days (not counting Sundays) of penitential reflection and preparation that take us to Easter, the Day of the Raising of God's Son. This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on **9 March**, and our immediate-past chaplain, the Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen, will be celebrating the Eucharist at the Weldam Hunting Lodge at **20:00**. The service includes the ministration of ashes, a powerful sacramental sign of our mortality and our penitential need of God's saving grace. I hope you can join us to mark the beginning of Lent in this way.

Lent is intended to be a time of spiritual enlightenment and growth, so we will, as every year, be having Lenten study groups in the Chaplaincy. So far, there are three Lent course locations (but there could be another in your area if there is sufficient interest – let the Chaplain know!)

In the greater **Arnhem-area** (Rheden), we'll be using Bishop Steven Croft's new book *Exploring God's Mercy*, which focuses on five classic images of the Christian gospel which are woven



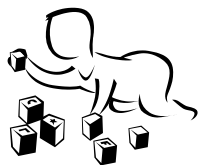
Twente News

Ask a Question ...

A Frenchman walks into a bar with a parrot wearing a top hat and a tuxedo perched on his shoulder. The bartender says, "That's really cute. Where did you get that?" The parrot says, "In France. They've got millions of guys like this over there."

The best baby-sitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why most grandparents flee to the south coast.

— Dave Barry



It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one yourself.

Notice from the Chaplain on the Van Leer family's planned move

As announced in early February, Coretta has received an excellent job offer at the University Hospital in Groningen, to work as a specialist virologist, from September 2011. It is particularly exciting for her, as she'll be working to develop a new

virology programme, and so will be supervising the growth of a relatively new lab in a strategic place in the north of the country. Groningen also is well located for our family, as it is a short distance to Emmen, where Coretta's parents, sister and family live. So Francisca, Nicolas and Stephanie will have the benefit of seeing a lot more of their Opa and Oma, aunt and uncle, and cousins. As for me, I have been asked by the Bishop and Archdeacon to explore the possibility of growing an Anglican congregation in Groningen, while also helping the Anglican church nationally as the Anglican representative to the Dutch National Council of Churches. I also intend to use the time soon available to me to complete my PhD project in Political Science, set aside years ago when I embarked on a new vocation in pastoral ministry. Working in the pastorate has never permitted me time to finish my doctorate, so I am very much looking forward to this "career break" from full-time stipendiary ministry to do so.

All this means that we will have to take our leave from the East Netherlands Chaplaincies in late July 2011, in order to move and be settled for Coretta to begin her work and for Francisca and Nicolas to start school.

I regard our departure as more of an *au revoir* than an *adieu*, though. We will be moving only "next door", as it were, in the Netherlands, so we'll hope and plan to see you all again, and before too long!

Yours in Christ,
Sam



TRAVELLING WITH THE WORD

We take cars, buses and trains for granted today but years ago it was far more difficult to get around. Let me tell you about two people who lived centuries apart but travelled all over England spreading the good news.

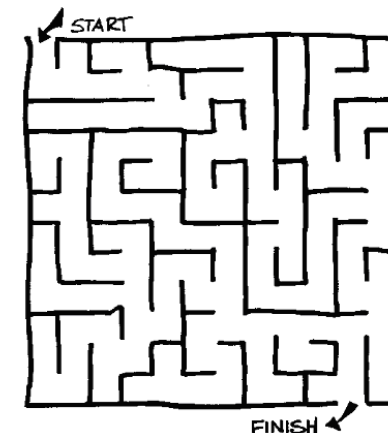
The first is St Chad who lived in the 7th century and walked every where throughout the Midlands converting the ancient kingdom of Mercia to Christianity. When he was given a horse he didn't want to ride, until the Archbishop insisted that if he rode it would help him to convert more souls for Christ.



The second is John Wesley who travelled the length and breadth of England on horseback. In the 50 years before he died in 1791, he travelled over 250,000 miles preaching some 40,000 sermons, saying, "I look upon the world as

my parish."

Both covered huge distances and reached out to so many people way before the advantages of modern communication like the Internet!



- What do you give a horse with a cold?
Cough stirrup!
- Which snakes are found on cars?
Windscreen vipers!
- What do you call a laughing motorcycle?
A Yamahahaha!
- What do bees do if they want to use public transport?
Wait at a buzz stop!

(Source: Parish Pump)



Travelling far afield

Mousetrap

A famous art collector is walking through the town when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in a shop doorway. He sees immediately that the saucer is very old and very valuable, so he walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for £5.

"I'm sorry," replies the shop owner, "but the cat isn't for sale."

The collector says, "Please, I need a hungry cat around the house to catch mice. I'll give you £25."

"Sold!" says the owner, and hands over the cat.

"I'm wondering if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me from having to buy one," continues the collector.

"Sorry," replies the owner, "but that's my lucky saucer. So far I've sold 36 cats this week."

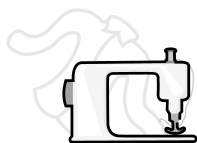


Voluntary Work in Nepal

Many of our readers were unable to be present at Christina's presentation after the service on 23 January so hopefully this contribution will go some way towards rectifying matters.

Let me introduce myself. I am Christine van Asselt, Maureen van de Heide's granddaughter. The reason I am posting this story in the church magazine is, as you might know, my recent visit to Nepal. Besides experiencing the culture, seeing the beautiful country and meeting lots of wonderful people there, I was so lucky to have the opportunity to help some people there. During my volunteering period at a school and an orphanage, I set up some projects for the children there and I could not have done that without your help. Thank you so much for giving them (and me) that opportunity! With your support, I was able to buy school supplies, sport materials, toothbrushes, games, musical instruments (for three schools and the orphanage) *and* I was able to help the family I stayed with.

One of the sisters in my family had a very hard time taking care of her little daughter and making sure she would have a good future, due to an arranged marriage with a man who is nowadays a drunkard. The only possibility she saw for her and her daughter was to open a tailor's shop, but in order to do so she'd need a sewing machine – and for this she obviously had no money. Mainly through the money you donated for my grandmother's 80th birthday, I could buy a sewing machine for her and I am sure she really will have a better future now. It was such a fantastic experience and feeling to notice how much a "small" gift from me/us means to them! So, again: thank you!



Christine van Asselt

Christmas Market

Profit from the small Christmas market held after the Carol Service in December – and how long ago does that seem now! – amounted to approximately €450.

Confirmation

Over the last few weeks, preparatory sessions have been held on a fortnightly basis after the Sunday service for young people wishing to be confirmed. This means that 26 March 2011 is a date that has acquired special significance for the Twente congregation: on that day Robin Postma will be confirmed in a general confirmation service in Utrecht.

Annual Book Sale!

On Sunday, 20 March, we will hold our annual book/magazine/CDs/records/DVDs/whatever sale in our old coffee hut. That is on the proviso that we are comfortably back in St Mary's enjoying warm tootsies with our new underfloor heating! Books are 50 cents, magazines 20 cents (5 cents cheaper this year) and the rest we can negotiate. This is eco-friendly recycling at its best don't you agree? Please contact me if you have any questions: Linda ten Berge (0546-868139).

From Sunday, 20 March, services will again be held in St Mary's Chapel.

Key Dates

7 March	Twente Council Meeting
19 March	New Wine Children's Ministry Training Day, Amsterdam
26 March	General Confirmation Service, Utrecht
27 March	Twente AGM
10 April	Passion Sunday: Eucharist with visit of Wladimir Koor singing Eastern Orthodox-style music
28 May	NW Europe Archdeaconry Choral Festival, Antwerp
2 June	Ascension Day: Eucharist and Picnic

Patent Cure

The local ironmonger, had acquired quite a reputation for his miraculous cures for arthritis, hence the long line of sufferers waiting outside his door. A little old lady, completely bent over, shuffled in slowly, leaning heavily on her stick. When her turn came, she went into the back room of the shop. Amazingly, she emerged a short while later, walking erect with her head held high.

A woman waiting in line said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent double and now you're walking erect. What did he do?" "He gave me a longer stick," came the reply.

Beautiful

The English test had only one question: "Write an essay on 'The Most Beautiful Thing I Ever Saw'." One of the students finished his essay in less than a minute. It read in its entirety: "The most beautiful thing I ever saw was just too beautiful for words." He got the only A in the class.

What? When?

What do we want?
PROCRASTINATION!
When do we want it?
NEXT WEEK!

Weather Warning

It was autumn, and the Indians on the reservation asked their new chief if it was going to be a cold winter. Raised in the ways of the modern world, the chief had never been taught the old secrets and had no way of knowing whether the winter would be cold or mild. To be on the safe side, he advised the tribe to collect wood and be prepared for a cold winter. A few days later, as an afterthought, he called the National Weather Service and asked whether they were forecasting a cold winter. The meteorologist replied that, indeed, he thought the winter would be quite cold. Armed with this information, the chief advised the tribe to gather more wood.

A few weeks later, the chief checked again with the Weather Service. "Does it still look like a cold winter?" he asked. "It sure does," came the reply. So the chief advised the tribe to gather every piece of wood they could find.

A couple of weeks later, the chief called the Service again. "Still, looks like being a very cold winter?" he asked.

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through scripture and the Christian tradition – Lost and finding the way; Trapped and set free; Sick in soul and healed; In turmoil and being at peace; and Barren and becoming fruitful. (Contact me for the book.) We will explore these images through stories, popular culture, biblical material and Christian tradition, using prayer and group discussion.

Times and dates: 20:00 on Thursdays 17, 24, 31 March and 7 and 14 April at the home of the Revd Sam and Dr Coretta Van Leer (Marijkestraat 1, 6991 XJ Rheden). Contact: Sam Van Leer (026 495 0620 or sam.van.leer@hetnet.nl).

In **Goor**, we'll read through and discuss the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2011, *The Barefoot Disciple*, by the Revd Canon Stephen Cherry. This is a book about Christian humility. The book's back cover says, "In our celebrity-obsessed culture, humility is unfashionable and too often dismissed or confused with the cringing, false humility of Uriah Heep. When genuine humility is energised by real passion, fresh and exciting light is shone on the challenge of following Jesus Christ today and humility is rediscovered as a healthy, life-giving and community-building virtue, capable of transforming our Blame-Someone-Else society." The book uses stories and concrete examples as well as allusions to fiction, poetry and art to engage the reader's imagination; and big theological ideas are articulated in a highly accessible way.

Times and dates: 19:30 on Thursday evenings 10, 17, 24, 31 March and 7 and 14 April at the home of the Revd Dr Sjoerd & Mrs Erica Bonting (Specreyse 12, 7471 TH Goor). Contact: Sjoerd

enrolment form, you can attend the meeting with a quiet mind.

A permanent item on the agenda is of course *Any Other Business*. So if you have any new ideas or suggestions, the AGM is a good opportunity to make your voice heard. After all, the newly elected Church Council has to have something to discuss at its first meeting.

The annual election of council members is always an important affair, and particularly this year, when significant changes lie ahead. Nevertheless, those who have decided not to join the Electoral Roll for the time being, and are consequently ineligible to vote, are more than welcome to attend the meeting to keep abreast of developments. In fact, a good turn-out will demonstrate that our new Church Council will be able to rely on our full support in the busy months ahead.

Shirley Miles (née Bruce)

Ended suffering on 19th February 2011 aged 69 years.

Much loved wife of Bryan and mother of Ian and Philip.

She will be missed by many and remain in our memories forever.

Funeral Service to take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium, Bubb Lane, West End, Hampshire SO30 2HL, on Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 1.00 pm.

Family flowers only please by request, but donations if desired may be sent to a cancer charity of choice.

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Song of Imbolc

I am the unopened bud, and I the blossom,
I am the life force gathering to a crest,
I am the still companion of the silence,
I am the far-flung seeker of the quest,
I am the daughter fathering in wisdom,
I am the son whose questions never cease,
I am the dawn-light searching out glad justice,
I am the centre where all souls find peace.



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.



Annual General Meeting 27 March 2011

It's unlikely to have escaped your attention that the AGM is looming on the horizon, and considerable work is going on behind the scenes. An important instrument in the whole procedure is the Electoral Roll. People can add their names to the Electoral Roll up until two weeks before the AGM and this will enable them to vote for church officers. So there's still time! If you wish take full part in the meeting on 27 March, please contact Electoral Roll Officer Simone Yallop, who has the requisite application forms for completion and signature. (Note: To join the roll, you have to be at least 16 years old; to be a resident of the parish or have habitually attended worship in the church in the previous six months; to be a baptized Christian who belongs (or previously belonged) to a church that affirms belief in the Holy Trinity.)

The number of members on the Electoral Roll governs the number of seats on the Church Council. The dividing line is 50: up to 50 there may be six council seats, and from 51 to 100 there may be nine council seats. We are entitled to nine seats – in addition to the two Wardens and two Archdeacons' Representatives – but two seats were left unfilled after the 2010 AGM. The Wardens are elected on an annual basis and the Archdeacons' Representatives are elected for three years in pre-defined Archdeacons' Representative election years.

So what does all of this mean for the 2011 AGM. In brief, there will be elections for two Wardens, two Archdeacons' Representatives, and three council members (with the possibility for two more members). Sounds quite a lot, doesn't it? But at the time of writing it is not yet known who will actually be stepping down and who will be standing for re-election. To stand for the council, your name needs to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months. So if the ink has barely dried on your

Imbolc

The Spring quarter of Imbolc (1 February to 30 April) brings the gift of insight and inspiration and is a time of beginnings and of essential truthfulness. Begun in the dark and often icy days of early Spring, it is traditionally the time to appreciate innocence, truth and justice, to make resolutions and plans and to prepare for the unfolding year. In the human growth cycle, Imbolc corresponds to the period of childhood when all things are questioned or enjoyed for their own sake. Imbolc is a good time to celebrate the lives of all "soul-midwives" who have taught and prepared us, all who have been upholders of justice and truth, all holy ones who have gone to the heart of the matter with great clarity and insight.

*Celtic Devotional
by Caitlin Matthews*

Bonting (0547 260 947 or s.l.bonting@wxs.nl).

In **Apeldoorn**, we'll be looking at a booklet in the York Courses series entitled *Rich Inheritance: Jesus' Legacy of Love*. The booklet material says, "Jesus didn't write a will. He left no written instructions. He didn't seem to have a plan. At the end, as he hung dying on the cross, almost all of his followers had abandoned him. By most worldly estimates his ministry was a failure. Nevertheless, Jesus' message of reconciliation with God lived on. It is the central message of the Bible. With this good news his disciples changed the world. How did they do it? What else did Jesus leave behind – what is his 'legacy of love'? This course addresses these questions, by examining profound illustrations of Jesus' legacy: the empty tomb, the group of people (Christ's disciples), a story (of great inspiration), a transforming power, a meal of fellowship, remembrance and kingdom expectation."

Times and dates: fortnightly at 20:00 on Tuesdays at the home of Mrs Agnes Lee (Pallietergaarde 105, 7329 HA Apeldoorn). For further details, contact Pauline Talstra (055 366 7057 or ltalstra@xs4all.nl).

Rather than just giving up something for Lent, why not take one of the many opportunities for spiritual growth in the light of Christ that are on offer? Then these lengthening and warmer days will be more Spirit-filled and fruitful for all of us together.

Yours in Christ,
Sam Van Leer



"Oh yes. We're now forecasting that it will be one of the coldest winters on record," answered the meteorologist.
"Really!" said the chief.
"How can you be so sure?"
"The Indians are collecting wood like crazy," replied the meteorologist.

Worry

Worry kills more people than work because more people worry than work.

Fishy Business

The minister greeted a young lad at the church door one Sunday morning, and was impressed when the lad explained that though his father was going fishing, his father had insisted that his son come to church that morning.
"And why is that, my boy?" The lad replied, "Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

Quotes

A preacher should never say "Finally"... and certainly not more than once!

It has taken three generations to go from farm to garden to tin opener.
– (the prolific) Anon.

The missing wife

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pyjamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and 20 wrappers strewn across the garden. The door of his wife's car was open, and so was the front door to the house, and there was no sign of the dog. Rushing into the living room, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. The TV was loudly blaring, and the floor was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. He quickly ran upstairs, tripping over toys and more piles of clothes, frantically looking for his wife. She must be very ill, something serious must have happened. He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside he found wet towels,

St James the Least of All

On how to deflect those staff appraisals

My dear Nephew Darren,

So, your vicar has introduced staff appraisals for all the officers who work for your church, including yourself. It seems a very dangerous innovation; as far as I am concerned, ministry is only successful when parishioners have no idea what the clergy get up to.

I imagine that he will look at the number of services you take in a year. Funerals can only be increased if you resort to murder, which is likely to be frowned on – although I have often been sorely tempted during endless church council meetings. Perhaps if you take a flask of water wherever you go and if you find a baby unattended, you could resort to a spontaneous baptism. That would get your numbers up, even if returning mothers may marvel at the highly localized and brief shower that seemed to have taken place over the pram.

He is bound to want to see congregations increasing. Get your youth group to make cardboard cut-outs to place strategically in the pews, or maybe some of the local dress shops could loan you their mannequins for the day – preferably clothed, or it may make newcomers think that nudity is an essential part of worship at your church. That would be a shame if it discouraged them, but even worse if it encouraged others. With the electronic equipment your church has, holograms projected around the church would surely not be impossible; that way, it would look even more lifelike if the equipment made their heads appear to droop in



Dowager Queen Adelaide, widow of William IV. In 1842 it was raised to Cathedral status with the creation of the Diocese of Gibraltar at the time of the enthronement of George Tomlinson as first Bishop. The Diocese then included all Anglican chaplaincies from Portugal to the Caspian Sea.

The Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe, as is its correct title now, was inaugurated at a service in this Cathedral in January 1981 in the presence of the then governor, General Sir William Jackson, and the Diocesan Bishop, John Satterthwaite. The new diocese includes the former Diocese of Gibraltar, together with the former Jurisdiction of North and Central Europe. As a result of this, the Bishop of Gibraltar is one of the most travelled prelates in Christendom, spending a large part of every year visiting his scattered Diocese from his headquarters in London, and seldom able to stay in Gibraltar for more than a few days at a time.

All Saint's Day 2001 saw the enthronement at the Cathedral of the Right Revd Geoffrey Rowall as fifteenth Bishop of Gibraltar and third Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe.



Contributed by Everhard Ottens. Churchwardens are never entirely off duty!

Watch the Small Print!

At last I know why I've got fat hips! When taking a shower I often use the rest of my shampoo to lather myself.



Well, yesterday I read what was written on the bottle: *For extra volume and body*. What a shock!

No wonder it's so difficult to keep my weight under control. From now on, I'll use dish-washing liquid for showering. It claims: *Dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove!*

Points to Ponder

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with. All above contributed by Blair Charles

Why Teenagers Worry

One teenager was talking to another, "I'm really concerned. My father slaves away at his job so I'll never want for anything, and down the years has set aside thousands of pounds so that I can go to college. And my mother spends every day washing and ironing and cleaning up after me. She even takes care of me when I'm sick."

The other teenager said: "Sounds perfect – so what are you worried about?"

The first teenager replied: "I'm afraid that one day they might try to escape."

Problem Solved

My neighbour was driving me crazy. At the crack of dawn, she'd stand on her front step and shout at the top of her voice, "Let this house be safe from tigers!" Finally I'd had enough, so one morning I wrenched open my window and called out, "What on earth is all this about? There isn't a tiger within a thousand miles of here." "See. It works!" came the reply.

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Gibraltar

A Short History by Dorothy Ellicott (updated 3rd edition 2006; abridged)

When Britain took Gibraltar from the Spaniards in 1704, there were about twenty churches, chapels and convents in existence. Of these only two were retained for religious purposes, the Church of Saint Mary the Crowned, now the Roman Catholic Cathedral for the use of the inhabitants, and the Church of the Franciscan Convent, now the King's Chapel. This was used as a garrison church, while the Convent became the residence of the governor, as it is to this day.

When a civil population grew up on the Rock, Anglicans found nowhere to worship. They could be baptized or married at the King's Chapel when it was not being used for military purposes, but it was only large enough for the wives and families of the garrison on Sundays. General Sir George Don, the Lieutenant Governor, was sympathetic, and a meeting was called in 1819 to consider "The means most eligible" for building a church. The matter was still under discussion when a new governor, the second Earl of Chatham, elder brother of William Pitt the Younger, arrived. He persuaded the British Government to sell a derelict building in Irish Town, which had originally been a monastery and later a naval storehouse, and to use the money to build "a plain church", estimated to cost about £5,000. Building began in 1825 and it was considered most suitable to build in the Moorish style as commemorating the fact that the Moors first landed in Europe at Gibraltar in 711 and had remained on the Rock for seven centuries.

An epidemic of yellow fever broke out in 1828 and the building was sufficiently advanced to be used as an emergency hospital. Holy Trinity Church was completed in 1832, and consecrated in 1838 by the Archdeacon Edward Burrow in the presence of the

sleep during the sermon.

Visiting targets are easily increased. Compile a list of when parishioners will be out and call on those days; a card through their letterbox will prove to your vicar that you were there. Should they happen to be in, mention that you are collecting for the fabric fund or that you want to discuss their prayer lives and they will immediately find a reason why they must excuse themselves for an important appointment. You are then free to move on and clock up another visit.

And that brings me to your prayer times. There is a fine line between silent meditation and peaceful sleep. If you learn to take those 15 minute post-lunch naps in a kneeling position, they can then be logged as devotion, thus increasing your daily total. Trying to prove the effectiveness of your prayer life by claiming coincidences as miraculous answers may be a little presumptuous; you could just mention such things and then adopt a look that says you are far too humble to take any credit. That way, you earn double points.

But you must record everything you claim – because next year, further imagination will have to be applied to quantify another year of breathless success.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls. As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pyjamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and stammered: "What – what happened here?" She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what I do all day? Well, today I didn't do it."

Musings on daily life

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

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.

There are only two things a child will share willingly – communicable diseases and his mother's age.

Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week.

6th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
Hunting Lodge	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
Last before Lent	Intercessor	Pauline Talstra
	First Reading Janice Collins	Exodus 24:12-18
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Arjen Haffmans	2 Peter 1:16-21
	Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

9th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Geoffrey Allen
Hunting Lodge	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
Ash Wednesday	Intercessor	Celebrant
	First Reading t.b.a.	Psalms 51:1-18
20:00 hrs Ministration of Ashes and Eucharist	Gospel	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 OR John 8:1-11

13th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer Al
Hunting Lodge	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
Lent 1	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	First Reading Elizabeth v.d. Heide	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Maureen v.d. Heide	Romans 5:12-19
	Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11

20th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
St Mary's Chapel	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
Lent 2	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	First Reading Agnes Lee	Genesis 12:1-4a
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Coretta Van Leer	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
	Gospel	John 3:1-17

27th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
St Mary's Chapel	Duty Warden	Everhard Ottens
Lent 3	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
	First Reading Jeanet Luiten	Exodus 17:1-7
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Els Ottens.	Romans 5:1-11
AGM Sunday	Gospel	John 4:5-42

3rd April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sam Van Leer
St Mary's Chapel	Duty Warden	Joyce Wigboldus
Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Intercessor	t.b.a.
	First Reading t.b.a.	1 Samuel 1:20-28
10:30 am All Age Service with Holy Communion	Second Reading t.b.a.	Colossians 3:12-17
	Gospel	Luke 2:33-35