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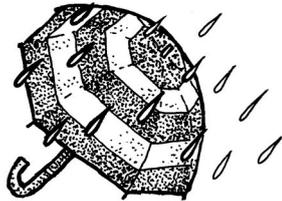
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March 2017

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall – how do you see yourself this Lent?

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, *'At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!'* Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, *'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: social action, political power, and religious identity (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus looked into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He would be.

We can also think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, *'who am I?'* It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep Lent period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, study a Christian book and pray with fasting, why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; commit ourselves to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence!

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.





Twente News

A warm welcome to the new Hut caretaker

Following the announcement that Theda and Jan would be stepping down as Hut caretakers after many years of faithful service, there began a search for a new Hut caretaker. Jolanda Bestman kindly stepped forward and offered to take on the

demanding role of the caretakership. A warm welcome and many thanks to Jolanda, who has written the following.

How many words does it take?

Pythagorean Theorem: 24
Lord's Prayer: 66
Archimedes' Principle: 67
Ten Commandments: 179
Gettysburg address: 286
US Declaration of Independence : 1,300
US Constitution with all 27 Amendments: 7,818
EU regulations on the sale of cabbage: 26,911

Puts things into proper perspective, doesn't it?

Men and women

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large raging river. Needing to get on

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Serving coffee on Sunday

As most of you may know by now, I am now the new Hut caretaker. Naturally, over the years, Jan and Theda have achieved a great deal, which I fear will be impossible for me to match. I will however, do my best to make everything run as smoothly as possible.

It is important that the people on the Coffee Rota to read this piece! Officially, the custom has been for those serving the Sunday coffee, to come in early enough to prepare the coffee before the service. If you are in the Hut by at least at 09:45 hours, you will have enough time to prepare everything, such as making the coffee and setting out the coffee cups. Other jobs are putting the St. Mary's board by the road, and if needed, brushing away any fallen leaves in the Hut or the toilet.

Therefore, can I kindly request that all coffee servers arrive in the Hut early enough. If you have any questions, you can always contact me. Thank you all in advance. ©Jolanda Bestman

Forthcoming Dates

26 March - Book Sale
02 April - Annual General Meeting

Special Services

1 March - Ash Wednesday
9 April - Palm Sunday

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- 13 April - Seder Supper (Hunting Lodge)
- 14 April - Good Friday Service
- 16 April - Easter Sunday

Food Bank

A reminder that there is a large plastic container in the hut for Food Bank contributions. Your donations of non-perishable food will go to those less fortunate in our community. A list of suggested products is placed by the box.

Magazine Contributions

St Mary's Magazine has a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed and in touch with each other. In these constrained financial times, financing the magazine is proving to be difficult. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy.

Please remember, that with the New Year, we need to ask readers to pay for their 2017 magazine. Last year, nearly two thirds of the magazine costs were covered by reader's payments. This year, it would help the survival of the magazine if contributions covered all the costs.

In addition, for those readers who receive their magazine by post, an annual payment of €20 will cover the postage charges. Thank you.



Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Churchwardens before the Service.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact the Chaplain

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the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river."

Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about two hours, having almost drowned twice.

After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a

rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river."

Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, went one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

Ask children about angels... (and this is what you get!)

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. - Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. - Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good

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Letter from St James the Least of All -

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



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On Weddings in Spring

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Just as undertakers rub their hands in glee at the coming of Winter frosts, so hoteliers with banqueting suites become animated at the first signs of Spring. We have arrived at the first phase of the marriage season. As the days begin to lengthen and trees start to bud, young men find it irresistible not to propose to potential brides. Some people wait to hear the first cuckoo to let them know Spring is on its way; I wait to hear the first knock on the Rectory door from couples wanting to book their wedding.

Naturally, my first job is to try to put them off; it would save them a great deal of money and give me many more free Saturdays. But I always fail, and so the big day is booked. Nowadays, there is such a time lag between

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booking a marriage service and it taking place, I sometimes think it would be easier to book the service first and then look for someone to marry at a later, more convenient, time.

Last year, it was somewhat different with one couple. They were both in their late eighties (a good time to contemplate a first marriage, in my opinion) and asked if they could arrange to get married as soon as possible. The usual reason for a hurried marriage seemed unlikely at their age and so I asked why. Their answer was charming: "At our age, we might not still be here if the great day is much delayed."

Of course, booking a marriage is the simplest part of the whole procedure. There are florists to negotiate with - made even more complex should there be more than one marriage that day. One bride wants all white, the other red, and so one set of priceless flowers is trundled out of church by one set of florists while a competitor barrows in the next confection.

Photographers are inclined to think aisles are racetracks, pews for standing on and that all church furniture is moveable - generally once the service has started. I place all photographers in the west gallery before the service and lock them in - apologising for my fit of absentmindedness afterwards.

Courses should be offered at theological colleges on placating irate bell-ringers when the bride is half-an-hour late, cooling down organists when the happy couple ask to come in to an organ arrangement of a Led Zepplin number, and re-assuring the choir that the guests meant no disrespect as they made mobile phone calls in church while the choir sang *Ave Maria*, once we had disappeared to sign the registers.

However, nothing will ever calm down a verger who has been left to sweep up several hundredweights of confetti once everyone else has gone home. Personally, I find a restorative sherry back at the rectory works wonders.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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carpenter. -
Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. -
Antonio, age 9

Present

For the elderly minister's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, and said: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'

Holding

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought about that and then asked: "And how old would you be if you let go?"

Church Speak

The way we think is shaped by our native language. Any language has its oddities and anomalies. Schoolboys used to be surprised to find that a sailor is feminine in Latin. They took it in their stride, however, when they referred to a ship as either a she or as a man-o'-war. But then, we are all used to referring to those aquatic birds as a ducks, even though half of them are drakes, or those canine quadruped as dogs, even though half of them are bitches. Native English speakers tend to think of angels, like nurses, as women, despite the fact that all the prominent ones have masculine names, such as Michael and Gabriel. And sometimes we are just lost for words.

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Lent Course 2017

This year we will again be having a Lent Course on Saturday mornings during Lent. A couple of years ago we did a Lent course based on the film 'The King's Speech'. That course was written by Hilary Brand. This year we will do another of her Lent courses. It is called 'The Power of Small Choices'. The course looks at the power of the small choices we make on a daily basis and the role of faith in making those choices. The course uses extracts from two very good, but quite different, films 'Babette's Feast' set in a remote island community in Denmark and 'The Shawshank Redemption' about the bleak situation of life in prison. These extracts highlight how choice can be exercised even in the most limited of circumstances. It is possible to take part without having seen the films right through but it helps if you have. A couple of film evenings will be arranged to give an opportunity to see the complete films. The dates are given below. On Saturday 11 March there is no session because of the Archdeaconry conference on that day. The Lent course will take place in the Hut.

- Saturday 4th March 2017 at 10:00: Session 1
- Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 19:30: Film evening 'Babette's Feast' (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 19:30: Film evening 'The Shawshank Redemption' (to be confirmed)
- Saturday 18th March 2017 at 10:00: Session 2
- Saturday 25th March 2017 at 10:00: Session 3
- Saturday 1st April 2017 at 10:00: Session 4
- Saturday 8th April 2017 at 10:00: Session 5

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The Interregnum

Jeanette Luiten delivered an update on the progress being made to appoint a new chaplain after the Sunday service on the 26th February. For those who were not present, or want the opportunity to read the update, it is reproduced here in its entirety.

As many of you may know already, that is, the ones who came to the social last Saturday evening and were surprised to find a new face in our midst, we had a visit from our new Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Paul Vrolijk.

Paul had come up on Saturday to meet Blair and myself, the two wardens, and our treasurer, Hans. Together we went through our attempts to put together a profile of St. Mary's, as well as our requirements for the eventual new chaplain. Paul reviewed our budget too. He was happy with what he saw, and told us that he is willing and able to support us in our search.

Considering our budget and the number of locums Blair has managed to contact so far, Paul said that we could happily go on the way we were. Possibly, we could try to find someone from within our locum population that suits us and is willing to join us as well. Meaning we do get a chance to get to know one another before we commit to a new chaplain.

Meanwhile we are in the capable, caring hands of Simone, who is our fountain of knowledge and care. She is always willing to do as much as possible to keep our courses going, providing Lent courses and whenever needed, Morning and Evening prayer.

The Archdeacon mentioned that he and Bishop Robert are working on a more up to date scheme to match congregations and priests. Meaning both parties have more time to get to know one another and make sure they really do fit together

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DIMANCHE

The French have, in some respects, a better church vocabulary than we English-speakers have. We speak of Sunday. That suggests a day on the beach, reckoning, despite our experience to the contrary, that our day of rest will turn out fine. The French speak of Dimanche, a word meaning 'belonging to the Lord', hence the Lord's Day.

CARÊME

Our word 'Lent' means no more than length. It refers to the lengthening of days that takes place in the Spring. The French word for the same period has a connection with 'quarante', tying in with Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.

PÂQUES

Oddly, we English refer to the primary Christian

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Forthcoming Services

1st March	Officiant & Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Ash Wednesday	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	n.a.
20:00 Evening Prayer with imposition of ashes	Vivian Reinders	Joel 2.1-2,12-17
	Louw Talstra	2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10
	Gospel	John 8.1-11

First Sunday of the month - Church money for sale in the Hut

Forthcoming Services

5th March	Officiant and Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Lent 1	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	n.a.
10:30 am Morning Prayer	Jeanet Luiten	Genesis. 2.15-17; 3.1-7
	Arjen Haffmans	Romans 5.12-19
	Gospel	Matthew 4.1-11

Forthcoming Services

12th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Andrew Haig
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Lent 2	Intercessor	Jan de Beij
	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
	Erica Bonting	Genesis 12.1-4a
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	John Bestman	Romans 4.1-5,13-17
	Gospel	John 3.1-17

Forthcoming Services

19th March	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Andrew Haig
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Lent 3	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Elizabeth v.d. Heide	Exodus 17.1-7
	Dina Vincent	Romans 5.1-11
	Gospel	John 4.5-42

Forthcoming Services

26th March	Celebrant and Preacher	Canon Andrew Haig
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Mothering Sunday	Intercessor	Everhard Ottens
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
 10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Jan de Beij	Exodus 2.1-10
	Patrick Saridjan	Colossians 3.12-17
	Gospel	Luke 2.33-35

Forthcoming Services

2nd April	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Sam van Leer
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Lent 5 & AGM	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
	Chalice	John Bestman
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Victor Pirenne	Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14
	Brenda Pyle	Romans 8. 6 - 11
	Gospel	John 4. 1-45

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festival with the name of a pagan deity, Eostre, altered over the centuries to Easter. The French preserve the connection with the Passover and its Hebrew name.

SAMEDI

While it is true that the French prefer Roman deities when talking of the days of the week, as opposed to the English preference for Nordic deities, the French word 'Samedi' preserves a connection with the word 'Sabbath'.

An observer might conclude, then, that England has a Nordic religion, especially if the days of the week, and even some Christian festivals, are anything to go by. Our speech betrays us. What is to be done about our casual paganism and our residual

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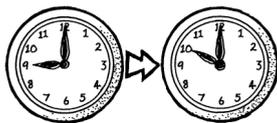
and are going the same direction in the development of Gods kingdom here on earth. Practically, it means that we can still work on our profile, taking into account, what each of you think is most important for our community here. For instance, sustain what we have at the moment, or aim for growth .Please let us know your ideas, as this is a chance to get involved in finding the right chaplain for us. Let the wardens know, in writing, so we can work it all out, with your maximum input.

Paul Vrolijk also offered to join us in the spring to work on this together with all of you, who are interested in this profile to be as attractive as workable for our new chaplain. Take into consideration that at present, we are only considering offering a 50 % stipend post.

It also means that we carry on in the interregnum a bit longer using locums. This implies that we will have to keep taking care of one another, and keep an extra eye open for any problems that arise in the congregation. We do carry that responsibility together. But as we are a welcoming and respectful lot, that should be possible.

Working and praying together will bring us the outcome we desire. The Archdeacon provided us with a prayer to use in church as well as at home. If you want, you can take the prayer for home usage, as I made some copies that are in the back of church.

Jeanet Luiten and Blair Charles - Wardens



Summer Time

Remember that on Sunday, 26 March, the clocks go forward by one hour.

17 March St Patrick – beloved apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh, and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

polytheism? We could take a leaf out of the feminists' book. One of their greatest triumphs has been to change our speech patterns. An equally great triumph would be to overhaul our religious vocabulary. Why should we be lost for words?
©John King

You have been warned

Notice in a store: 'Unattended children will be given espresso and a puppy.'

Church Signs

What part of THOU SHALT NOT don't you understand?

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings

Forbidden fruit creates many jams

It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees



The Spirit

There was a new preacher who wanted to rent a house in the country. The only house available was rumoured to be haunted.

Since the preacher didn't believe in such things, he rented it.

It wasn't long before the ghost made its appearance.

The preacher told his friends about the ghost, but they didn't believe him. They told him the only way they would believe was if he would take a picture of the ghost.

The preacher went home and called for the ghost. When it appeared, the preacher explained the situation and asked the ghost if it would mind having its picture taken.

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The Anglican Seder Supper

St Mary's very own Lay Reader -in-Training Simone Yallop has produced a Service Book for the Seder Supper that will be held on the 13th April at 18:30 in the Hunting Lodge. Simone prepared the service booklet using the Anglican Seder Supper as published on internet by St. Philip's Anglican Church, O'Connor, Australia (<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/passover.php>). Following the Seder Supper there will be a bring-and-share meal, to which all are invited and welcomed.

As part of our Maundy Thursday evening, we share a 'Passover' meal to remind ourselves that Christ our Lord was a Jew. We remember and give thanks for our Jewish beginnings and our Jewish brothers and sisters.

We remember that on this night, Jesus shared the Passover with his disciples, shortly before he was betrayed, and went to his death.

Each year, as they gather around a Seder table, Jewish people read the Passover story, with its prayers and ceremonies from the Haggadah, of which many versions have been translated and illustrated. The Haggadah recounts through prayer, song, and ritual the extraordinary story of the Exodus, when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to wander the desert for forty years before reaching the Promised Land. The whole Seder can take several hours.

The format Anglicans use is much shorter! But we trust that it is respectful of the Jewish tradition. We also remember the way in which the Passover symbolises for us the sacrifice of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.

Following the symbolic Seder Supper, all will gather

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around to share the food they have brought.

Please be aware if for any reason you are unable to bring in food to share, please come along and participate in the Seder Supper .There is always enough food to go around.



Evensong Services 2017

The Council have agreed to hold six Evensong during the year. While the venues still have to be agreed on, the choirs are arranged.

For this quintessential Anglican service to be continued it does need the support of the congregation of St Mary `s Weldam.

Dates

30 April or 28 May (Still to be determined)
25 June
24 September
29 October
26 November
9 December (Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols)

Information via the magazine, church announcements and posters will keep everyone informed throughout the year. Please do try to come, you will love the service.

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The ghost agreed. When the picture was developed, the ghost wasn't visible.

Feeling very disappointed, the preacher called again for the ghost. When it appeared, the preacher showed it the picture and wanted to know why the ghost wasn't in it.

The ghost thought a minute and replied, "Well, I guess the spirit was willing, but the flash was weak."

Heard at a riding stable

Mother: Those horses are awfully big for my daughter.

Owner: Our horses are very sweet ...

Mother: Don't you have something smaller? What about that one over there? It's the perfect size for her!

Owner: Um ... that's a goat!

A sure bet

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural history museum. "I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out." A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?" "Simple...there was a piece of paper in his hand that said - put me down for 10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."

Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless

THE WAY I SEE IT – the strange rise of 'Post-Truth'

The strange phrase 'Post-truth' emerged, the media tell us, as *'the Word'* of 2016.

But as Post-truth, put crudely, is the assumption that nothing we read, see or hear is reliably factual, we may presumably take that claim, too, as unproven.

Thirty years working in the media convinced me, long ago, that quite a lot of what passes for 'news' is in fact either fiction or highly decorated fact. Try looking at the newspaper headlines this morning, and then read the story below them carefully. Very frequently the eye-catching headline ('Fish and chips postpones dementia') is only true in the sense that someone has said it. The full story (in a responsible paper) finally sets it in context. It's based on a small piece of research by a group of students in California and professional medical sources have ridiculed the suggestion.

Post-truth takes us further, however. It implies that the 'truth' is less important than the impression.

This apparently follows from the dominating influence, certainly with people under 50, of the 'social media' – Facebook, Twitter and so on. A great deal of what people post there, to be read often by a huge number of people, is simply fabrication. It is read and passed on not because people think it is true, but because it is interesting, amusing or shocking. Somehow it then becomes part of the social climate. 'Have you seen the post in Twitter about the lady who sent her dog to school instead of her daughter?'

Post-truth is a menace because it devalues the currency of debate, distorts our decision-making and in the end turns us all into sceptics. Whatever happened to the 'honest truth'?

© Canon David Winters



MAD MARCH GALES

The month of March has a reputation for a wild and blustery start but usually changes to much milder weather before it ends ... as the old saying goes 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb'.

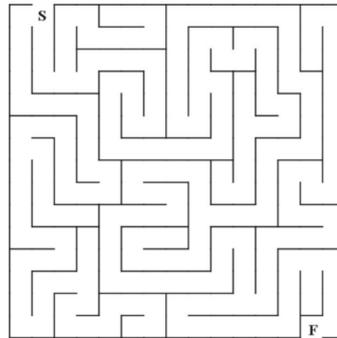
People's homes are flooded or big trees uprooted in high winds. Even if it doesn't happen to us we see the pictures of other people's suffering in the media.

There was a time when Jesus' friends were frightened because a fierce storm blew up while they were fishing. The disciples thought their boat was going to sink and they were very frightened. You can read about it in St Mark's Gospel, chapter 4, verses 35-39.

I get frightened when the wind blows so hard that the trees bend and the lights flicker but then I remember that Jesus is with us all the time. Just as He was with the disciples in the boat, He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus gives us hope, courage and strength.

SAFELY HOME

Can you find your way home through the maze of streets?



What did the north wind say to the east wind?

Let's play draughts



How easy is it for wind gusts to talk to each other?

It is a breeze.

What does a cloud wear under her raincoat?

Thunderwear!



I wandered lonely as a cloud

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

*The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed- and gazed- but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

William Wordsworth



Mission Statement

Founded in 1979, the Anglican Church Twente belongs to the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. The Church of England forms a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of more than 80 million people

The Anglican Church Twente, based at St Mary's Chapel, Weldam provides a Christian ministry in the East Netherlands. Most of the congregation live in the towns and villages of the East Netherlands and across the border in Germany. Some come from further afield.

The Anglican Church Twente holds a service every Sunday at 10:30 am in English. The church offers Holy Communion to all baptized Christians, Sunday School to nurture and educate children in the Christian faith, and a warm welcome to people of all nationalities.

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

- † Offer Christian worship by the rites of the Church of England in the English language.
- † Provide pastoral care to all who are in need of such help.
- † Promote a lively fellowship among those who attend the services.
- † Support outreach in Christian ministry wherever there is a need.

Stewardship

We are a self-supporting church and raise all income from our giving and stewardship. As God has blessed us, we thank Him by giving accordingly.

A Prayer for St Mary's

*Almighty and everlasting God
Creator and ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayer for the St Mary's family.
Strengthen our faith,
Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son,
And grant that we may show the power of your love,
To all among whom we live.
Inspire us in our worship and witness,
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your Holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever,
Amen.*



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