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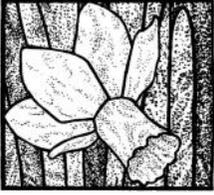
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# March 2021

*The Revd Canon Paul Hardingham looks back on the year that changed the world.*

## 'One Year On'

It was just over a year ago that the WHO discussed the coronavirus that was starting to spread around the world. None of us could have foreseen the devastating effect on our world, with over 80 million people infected and nearly two million deaths. How has the pandemic challenged our faith, as we look back over the last year?

Firstly, it has forced us to face up to the **reality of our situation**. We cannot underestimate the health, social and economic effects of the virus on our lives, churches and communities. We have learned how to do church online, but the future shape of church life is uncertain!

As the apostle Paul writes: *'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus'* (2 Cor 4:8-10).

The pandemic has challenged so much of what we take for granted, but also demonstrated that God is alongside to help us in these circumstances.

Secondly, alongside the fear and uncertainty of this year, we have also learned to find **new faith and hope in Jesus**. The experience of Jesus' death and His resurrection provides a pattern for us in facing the future: *'so that His life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.'* (2 Cor 4:10-12).

During the season of Lent, as we anticipate the events at Easter, it's good to focus on the promise of sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we consider our present struggles, are we ready to surrender them to Jesus? May the hope of Easter Day take us forward into the coming year.

## St Mary's Chapel News



### Videos of the services

Thank you so much to Lub Gringhuis who does an excellent job each week in making the video recordings of the services. They are much appreciated, especially by those who are not able to attend the services in person. Previous services, going back to March this year, are still available to watch via the Website page.

### Thank You All

Dear friends,  
After five weeks hospital and two big operations, I'm home again and trying the adept slowly to the daily routine.

All the cards and flowers cheered me up and helped me to recover, but I am sure that all your prayers were a the most precious gift you gave me.

Thank you so much for your support.

Erica Schotman Bonting

### A Word from Wales

It is imposible to believe that it is a year now since Marilyn and I said goodbye to all the wonderful people at St Mary's Chapel and turned ourselves out onto fresh pasture in Wales. The followed a year of producing a magazine remotely, while living through the first pandemic in a hundred years.

I remembered my father telling me about his experiences as a young boy living in South West Africa (now Namibia) during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 - 1920. He was eleven when his pandemic started, thirteen when the plague burnt out. With the only medical services available being both limited and primitive, life was truly a lottery back then.

Throughthis pandemic we have had video phones to maintain contact with family. Unable to go out, Netflix, Prime and countless programs on TV. Unable to get to a book shop, Kindle books have kept me entertained. And I haven't yet got around to mentioning the internet.

I have been exploring Wales via the internet, finding all the places we can visit once we are allowed out again. I also need to start working on learning to at least pronounce Welsh place names correctly.

As for medical attention. I have so far recived an innoculation for flu, shingles, pneumonia and the first of

### Keep it short!

A vicar told his congregation, "Every blade of grass is a sermon."

A few days later a parishioner saw him mowing his lawn.

"That's right, Father," the man said, "cut your sermons short."

### God's problem now!

His wife's graveside service was barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

### Out of the shadow

When all you can feel are the shadows, turn your face towards the sun.

Helen Keller

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my Covid injections. I have started to feel like a Welsh whale, being harpooned by the nurses.

Yet despite the fear of the pandemic, and the crass stupidity of so many people, I am overjoyed by the apparent outbreak of goodness I see everywhere.

In the inoculation centre I met a Church in Wales vicar, who had spent over ten hours that day working as a volunteer, helping people receive their injection. Cheerful despite his tiredness, I was amazed at the way he could be where he was needed as if by telepathy. He strengthened my resolve to get back to church as soon as it was allowed.

### **Magazine Payments**

St. Mary's Magazine plays a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed on what is going on in their church and the chapel community. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the magazine, issued ten times a year, an annual donation of €15 will help to cover printing costs. If you cannot pick up your copy in the chapel and want to have it posted to you, we need to ask for an additional donation of €20 to cover postage.

### **Payments Due**

With the start of the new year the call has to go out again for those people who receive a paper copy, to make their annual donation. During 2020, Lub Gringhuis took over the job of arranging the printing. With some skilful home printing and costing the magazine for the covered its costs. With Lub's skilled management and your prompt donations, the magazine will survive.

### **Intercessions**

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

<http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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### **Middle Age**

The time in your life when you finally get your head together - and then your body starts to fall apart.

### **Things we would not have known without Sunday School**

With your eyes closed for prayer, anything can happen in a room full of pre-schoolers.

Squash and song motions do not mix.

When dropped, offering money always rolls to the other side of the room.

Children's prayer requests reveal a lot about their parents.

### **Bishop**

A little girl told her mother, "We went to a confirmation service at the cathedral and I saw the bishop. Now I know what a crook looks like!"

### **Bend**

I got a package envelope in the mail the other day that had written on the front, 'Photographs: Do Not Bend.'

Underneath the postman had written: "Oh yes they do."

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### **Cats & dogs**

Behind every cat that crosses the street, there is a dog saying, "Go ahead, you can make it."

Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

### **Little old lady seeks handsome young man**

An advert appeared in a student newspaper of a university: "Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with good-looking university student - especially a six-footer with brown eyes, answering to initials J.A.D." It was signed: "his mother."

### **Paradise lost?**

A young mother stood in her kitchen and watched her baby screaming, her sons fighting, her daughter crying, the washing machine leaking, and the dog being sick.

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*The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... this letter was written before the pandemic.*

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All  
My dear Nephew Darren

### **On how to deflect those staff appraisals**

So, your vicar has introduced staff appraisal 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 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 localised and brief shower that seemed to have taken place over the pram.

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 organ fund and they will immediately excuse themselves for an important appointment. You are then free to move on to clock another visit.

Your vicar is also bound to want to see the congregation increasing. This is not sustainable, and you should put a stop to such ambitions at once. It is easily done. All you have to do is to approach your friends at the local football club and bribe them with your homemade beer to come along to church several Sunday mornings in a row. If you give them enough beer BEFORE the service, they will be likely to make just enough muted disruption as to leave your vicar a bit rattled, and thinking that perhaps after all, 'less' is 'more' when it comes to the congregation.

But whatever you do, make sure that you never preach a better sermon than he does. You don't want anyone thanking



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you at the door for your 'so interesting sermon' in front of him, when they have been sleeping through his sermons for years. If you offend the vicar this way, he will take swift revenge, and ask you to organise the parish summer fete.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



### WHY THE INCARNATION?

O human, what should we do without you.  
When God remains in the heights, you do not seek Him.  
When he comes down and converses with you through flesh,  
you do not receive Him. But how will you be brought into  
affinity with God when you seek explanations?  
Realize that God is in flesh for this reason: because the  
flesh that was cursed needed to be sanctified, the flesh  
that was weakened needed to be strengthened, the flesh  
that was alienated from God needed to be brought into  
affinity with Him, the flesh that had fallen in paradise  
needed to be led back into heaven.

St. Basil of Caesarea  
4<sup>th</sup> Century AD

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She sighed and said to her friend: "I sometimes wish I'd loved and lost."

### Peace

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners glumly filed out of the church past the minister. Towards the end of the queue was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Vicar, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God."

The vicar was thrilled. "Nobody has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why."

"Because it endured forever."

### Knock knock

A conscientious minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his church and so he visited them one Spring evening. After his knock on the door, a lilting voice from within called out, "Is that you, Angel?"

"No," replied the minister. "But I'm from the same department."

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### **Dressed up**

An evangelical vicar was asked to celebrate Holy Communion for his Anglo-Catholic neighbour who was ill.

Unfamiliar with some of the vestments, he did the best he could.

Breakfasting at the vicarage afterwards he said to the vicar's wife that he hoped he had got all the vestments on properly.

"Oh yes," she said, "you were quite all right - except that my husband does not usually wear the book-markers!"

### **Silent plea**

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humour out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.

### **Medical Query**

Q. What do you give a man who has everything?  
A. Antibiotics.

## **Living by the Law**

In her US radio show, Dr Laura Schlessinger stated that, as an observant Orthodox Jew, she found homosexuality an abomination. According to *Leviticus 18:22*, it cannot be condoned under any circumstance.

The following response is an open letter to Dr Laura, penned by a US resident. It is both amusing and informative:

Dear Dr Laura:

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law. I have learned a great deal from your show, and I try to share that knowledge with as many people as possible. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that *Leviticus 18:22* clearly states it to be an abomination ... End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some other elements of God's Laws and how to follow them.

1. *Leviticus 25:44* states that I may possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighbouring nations. A friend of mine claims that this only applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can't I own Canadians?
2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in *Exodus 21:7*. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?
3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of Menstrual uncleanness - *Leviticus 15: 19-24*. The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offence.
4. When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odour for the Lord - *Leviticus 1:9*. The problem is my neighbours. They claim the odour is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?
5. I have a neighbour who insists on working on the Sabbath. *Exodus 35:2* clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself, or should I ask the police to do it?
6. A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination, *Leviticus. 11:10*, it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I disagree. Can you settle this? Are there 'degrees' of abomination?
7. *Leviticus 21:20* states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle-room here?

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8. Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by *Leviticus 19:27*. How should they die?

9. I know from *Leviticus 11:6-8* that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

10. My uncle has a farm. He violates *Leviticus 19:19* by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? *Leviticus 24:10-16*. Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair, like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (*Leviticus 20:14*)

I know you have studied these things extensively and thus enjoy considerable expertise in such matters, so I'm confident you can help.

Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Your adoring fan.

James M. Kauffman, Ed.D. Professor Emeritus, Dept. Of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education University of Virginia

(It would be a darn shame if we couldn't own a Canadian)

(Note: Since the above satirical article was circulated James Kaufman has denied authorship and Dr Schlesinger has renounced her Orthodox Jewish faith.)

### Spreading Smiles

Smiling is infectious -

It can be caught just like a flu -  
Give your world a big Smile today  
- It just might Smile back too.

Let's start a Smiling Epidemic  
Watch it travel 'round the globe  
Keep on smiling no matter what  
- (Grin like Old Testament Job)

Wash hands instead of shaking them  
Eradicate those germs from Virus flu:  
Spread some smiles while you're doing it  
The world is waiting to smile back to you  
Douglas Raymond Rose

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### Switched on

A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the vicar telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say:  
"I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Mother in the electric chair and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!"

### On offer

A bishop, invited to dinner at a large country house, was surprised not to be offered anything but water to drink, and eventually appealed to his very beautiful hostess:  
"Do you think I might have a drop of wine?"

The lady threw up her hands in horror and replied:  
"Bishop, I am so sorry! I thought you were Chair of the Church of England Temperance Society."

"Not at all," said the bishop, adding "but I am Chair of the Anti-Porn campaign."

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## Forthcoming Services

*Until further notice all services will be on-line.*

*Links to the services can be found on*

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### March 7 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer with  
Reserved Sacrament

**Third Sunday before Lent**

**Officiant and Preacher**

Ms Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Joy Wigboldus

There will be no  
sung hymns

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Carolyn Braaksma

1. Corinthians 1. 18-25

Gospel

John 2. 13-22

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### March 14 2021

10:30 Morning Prayer with  
Reserved Sacrament

**Mothering Sunday**

**Officiant  
Preacher**

Ms Simone Yallop  
Erik Koster

**Duty Warden**  
Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**  
Maureen Underwood

There will be no  
sung hymns

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Patrick Saridjan

Ephesians 2. 1-10

Gospel

John 3. 14-21

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# Forthcoming Services

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March 21 2021

10:30 Eucharist

**Fifth of Lent**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Sam van Leer

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Klaas Prins

There will be no sung  
hymns

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Arthur Cass

Hebrews 5. 5-10

Gospel

John 12. 20-33

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March 28 2021

10:30 Eucharist

**Palm Sunday**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Canon Brian Rodford

**Duty Warden**  
Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten

There will be no sung  
hymns

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Louw Talstra.

Mark 11. 1-11 or John 12. 12-16

Gospel

PS. 118 1-2, 19 end Or 118. 19-end

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"Oh!" came the reply. "I knew there was something I could not offer you."

### Observations on modern life

Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

Save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tyre.

The darkest hour is just before dawn. So, if you're going to steal your neighbour's milk, that's the time to do it.

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> March St David's Day, A Time for Daffodils

1<sup>st</sup> March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps?) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.



In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi. *(Sadly, this year in Wales, St David's Day passed with little notice. All celebrations banned as the population sheltered at home - waiting for their turn to be vaccinated and a start on the long road back to 'normalcy')*

### A.S.A.P.

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

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There's work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You've got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry-  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,  
"Quality time" is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest-  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather-  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;  
He wants to ease our cares,  
And He'll respond to all your needs  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.



Perhaps he's heard that we're  
losing our churchwarden

### A Whole Year!!!

It is a year ago this month when one warden, Blair Charles left the Netherlands.

That left the other warden Jeanet Luiten, to continue 'wardening' St Mary's on her own until finally, in August, it was possible to elect Klaas Prins as warden.

Chaos did come, but Jeanet was not found to be wanting. A **huge thank you** to both Jeanet and Klaas as they minded over the chaplaincy through plague pestilence and interregnum.

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When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A filing cabinet is a place where you can lose things systematically.

If you think the problem is bad now, just wait until we have solved it.  
(Arthur Kasppe)

Two choir members recently got married. They met by chants.

The most welcome guest is the one who knows when to go home.

Why do they lock petrol station bathrooms? Afraid that someone will clean them?

**What Moment**  
That awkward moment when you have said 'What' three times and still have no idea what the other person said, So you just agree.

**Winter**  
Noses are red  
Fingers are blue  
I'm done with winter  
How about you?

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## Mothering Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - 14<sup>th</sup> March:

### And then....

Teacher: "What is the difference between results and consequences?"

Bright pupil: "Results are what you expect; consequences are what you get."

### Smart money

"Dad," said the son, "what is a financial genius?"

"A financial genius," said his harassed father, "is a man who can earn money faster than his family can spend it."

### Posh pooch

Visitor to Crufts: "Has this dog got a good pedigree?"

Indignant Breeder: "Has he? If this dog could talk, he wouldn't speak to either of us."

### Quick

A young husband was in big trouble when he forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife told him, "Tomorrow there better be something in the driveway for me that goes from

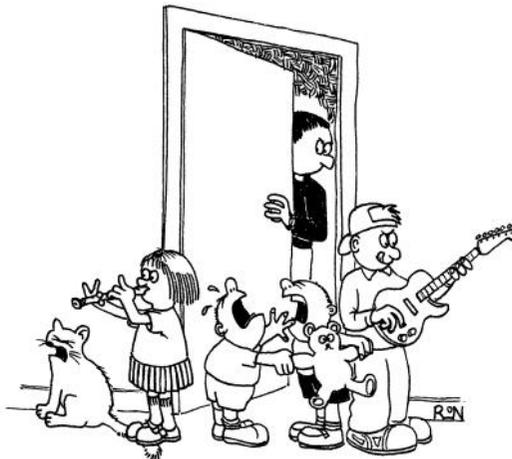
There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families, which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed, and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families



Kevin took himself off to his study to pray for peace

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going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

**Footnote:** During the lockdown, as the cartoon illustrates, while 'Kevin' could hide away in his study, mothers were still expected to keep the home going, Despite the place often being cluttered up with bored, fretful children and grumpy, bored fathers!! So, this Mothering Sunday, those of you still fortunate to have your Mothers, make a special fuss of them.

### St Patrick, beloved apostle to Ireland 17<sup>th</sup> March

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

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zero to 200 in two seconds flat".

The next morning the wife found a small package in the driveway. She opened it and found brand-new bathroom scales.

### Why Universities would never give God a job

1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew and Greek.
3. It had no references.
4. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
5. Some even doubt He wrote it by Himself.
6. It may be true that He created the world, but what has He done since then?
7. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating His results.
8. He rarely came to class, just told students to read the book.
9. Some say He had His Son teach the class.
10. He expelled His first two students.
11. Although there were only 10 requirements, all of His students failed His test.
12. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountain top.

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### Mini

Driver on a tight budget: "I need three litres of petrol and a cup of oil, please."

Garage: "And shall I cough into the tyres, sir?"

### Pastoral care

The young clergyman was walking through the village when he met one of his elderly parishioners.

"How's your cold?" he asked.

"Verra obstinate," came the bleak reply.

"I'm sorry." The clergyman decided to try again. "Well, how is your arthritis?"

"Verra obstinate," came the reply.

"Oh dear, I am sorry," soothed the clergyman. He tried a third time: "And how is your wife?"

"About the same."

## Understanding British Speak

What the British Say	What the British Mean	What Foreigners Understand
I hear what you say	I disagree and do not want to discuss it further	He accepts my point of view
With greatest respect	You are an idiot	He is listening to me
That's not bad	That's good	That's poor
That's a very brave proposal	You are insane	He thinks I have courage
Quite good	A bit disappointing	Quite good
I would suggest	Do it - or be prepared to justify yourself	Think about the idea but do what you like
Oh incidentally, by the way	The primary purpose of our discussion	That is not very important
I was a bit disappointed that	I am annoyed that	It doesn't really matter
Very interesting	This is clearly nonsense	They are impressed
I'll bear it in mind	I've forgotten it already	They will probably do it
I'm sure it's my fault	It's your fault	Why do they think it's their fault?
You must come for dinner	It's not an invitation, I'm just being polite	I will get an invitation soon
I almost agree	I don't agree at all	He's not far from agreement
I only have a few minor comments	Please rewrite completely	He has found a few typos
Could we consider some other options?	I don't like your idea	They have not decided yet

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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.

### **A Game with the Enemy?**

I stood with a cup of coffee before my window and overlooked my garden, planning what to do with it in the coming week.

Suddenly I saw a cat between the plants, looking at two birds who were hopping up and down in the grass not far from him. His gaze at was focussed on the birds and he was slowly approaching, his belly nearly on the ground.

The birds seemed not to notice the cat and chirped and twittered delightfully. I was too far off to do something, but I stood stiff from fear. And then.... the cat jumped and the birds flew away, unharmed.

I sighed deeply and went to the kitchen for another cup of coffee. Then again I heard a new twittering in the garden. And yes, there he was again, that dangerous animal with his sharp claws and teeth, now from another corner from under the rhododendron bushes. And the birds were chirping and twittering as if there was no cat in the garden. And again I saw the cat jump and the birds flying away just in time. What was I looking at?

After another ten minutes I saw what really happened. The birds were teasing the cat. They knew very well how to escape the sharp claws of their enemy.

And I saw before my eyes all those people in the streets and parks, not heeding the danger of getting corona, playing a very dangerous game with the enemy. Expecting to be safe from the danger that lurks in every corner, ready to jump. I sighed and went back to the kitchen to wash my cup and to go on with the little jobs within the solid walls of my safe house.

Anonymous

*You are invited to write something about your experiences during or about the corona period or the lockdown. If you wish it can be anonymous.*

### **Family**

A mother and son were washing dishes while the father and daughter were watching TV in the family room. Suddenly, there was an almighty crash of breaking dishes, then complete silence. The girl looked at her dad and said, "It was Mum."

"How do you know?" asked her father in amazement.

"She didn't say anything."

### **Palm waving**

It was Palm Sunday, but five-year-old Jamie stayed at home with mum because of a bad cold. When his father and sisters returned, they were carrying several palm fronds. His sister explained: "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by."

"That's not fair!" Jamie protested. "The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"



*Nigel Beeton recently retired as a senior radiologist.. This poem comes out of time he spent back at the hospital in January, helping colleagues.*

## **Together**

In the year nineteen seventy-one  
They heard the church bells ring  
That wedding day was so much fun!  
They promised they would cling  
    Together they would always stay  
    Till death will come to part their way.

In the year nineteen eighty-one  
For ten years they'd been wed  
Two daughters and a strapping son  
And still they often said  
    Together they would always stay  
    Till death will come to part their way.

In the year nineteen ninety-one  
Their children nearly grown!  
Yes, troubles go and troubles come  
But they had always shown  
    Together they would always stay  
    Till death will come to part their way.

In the year two thousand and one  
Their lifelong odyssey  
Had brought to them their first grandson  
But everyone could see  
    Together they would always stay  
    Till death will come to part their way.

In the year twenty-eleven  
Retirement came at last  
Grandchildren - now they counted seven  
The family grows fast!  
    Together they would always stay  
    Till death will come to part their way.

In the year twenty twenty-one  
Their Golden Wedding day.  
But celebrations? There were none  
A Care home said that they  
    Together couldn't always stay  
    For Covid came to part their way.

*By Nigel Beeton*



## 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.*

