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St Mary's Magazine



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The Anglican Chaplaincy of Twente



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—
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND





So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark.

" These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus' body (Mark 16:1). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: *Where is God in all this?*

Yet the young man at the tomb tells them not be alarmed: "*You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.*" (6).

The women had forgotten Jesus' promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus' plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can't return to the way they were: "*There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful.*" (Justin Welby).

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.

A Word from Wales

In the days leading up to Easter, we have been eagerly awaiting a relaxation of the lockdown rules. Living a mere 60 km from an enormous sandy beach at the mouth of the Dee, we were planning walks and picnics on the beach as soon as we could go. Then our little dog Abby jumped up onto a footstool and stood there pathetically, her left leg raised, foot wobbling gently.

A visit to the vet revealed that the cruciate ligament had ruptured. Arrangements were made to take her to the Liverpool University Small Animals Teaching Hospital, about 30 km away. What a revelation. The ultra-modern building, set in beautiful parkland, was a welcome sight. Due to Covid, all consultations were done in the car park. Groups of veterinary lecturers, students, veterinary nurses, and trainee nurses checked out the furry patients, a wonderful collection of dogs, and some cats.

Staff members, with the aid of extensive printed matter and notes, gave each patient's minder a complete diagnosis of their animal's condition, as well as the options available. Then, after some tearful goodbyes, the pets were taken away into the hospital. Some animals marched in quite happily. After glaring dolefully at us, Abby allowed herself to be whisked away. One dog, about the size of a small horse, required two leashes. On the way in, he reared up and placed his paws onto a passing vet's shoulders, licked his face before going into the building. A subtle warning? You do not hurt me and I....

Two days later, we collected Abby. Her knee had been restructured and bolted together with steel plates. She has been placed on a minimal exercise regime for several weeks, so walks on the beach are again off the agenda.

For so many people, especially now, their pets are their only company. The love, care and consideration of the dedicated staff and students at this extraordinary place did wonders to lift our spirits.

Divine Intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in. When the little boy confessed that he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'

Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out. He called softly: 'Lord, since you're out there already, please will you pass me the broom?'

Lot's wife

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Who is who in the chaplaincy?

The person on the altar, you may get to bump elbows with at the end of the service



Easily recognised as they are generally observed trying to do three things at once. Generally move around in pairs

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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Signs found outside churches....

- * Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- * Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- * Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.
- * Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

Nice

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

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Expensive boat

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land and was aghast when she found it would cost her £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous.

'That might be true,' replied the travel agent, 'but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.'

'Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,' she replied, 'I am not surprised!'

Wish granted

A woman was found guilty in traffic court and when asked for her occupation she said she was a schoolteacher.

The judge rose from the bench. 'Madam, I have waited years for a schoolteacher to appear before this court.' He then smiled with delight.

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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

On the best way to run a church council meeting

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's - a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine - are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she can decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church

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council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Easter faith in atheist Russia

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, 'He is risen indeed!' It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people that God does not exist when they have already encountered Him?

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'Now sit down at that table and write "I will not run a red light" one hundred times.'

Travelling Answering Machine

In good weather, my friend Mark always let his yellow-napped Amazon parrot, Nicky, sit on the balcony of his tenth-floor apartment. One morning, Nicky flew away, much to Mark's dismay. He searched and called for the bird, with no luck.

The next day when Mark returned from work, the phone rang. "Is this Mark?" The caller asked. "You're going to think this is crazy, but there's a bird outside on my balcony saying, 'Hello, this is Mark.' Then it recites this phone number and says, 'I can't come to the phone right now, but if you leave a message at the tone, I will call you back.'"

Nicky's cage had been kept in the same room as Mark's answering machine

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Forthcoming Services
Links to the services can be found on
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April 4 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Easter Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Chris Nichols

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

There will be no
sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Jonathan de Groot

Acts 10. 34-43

Gospel

John 20, 1-18



April 11 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 2

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Howie Adan

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

There will be no
sung hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Vivian Reinders

Acts 4. 32-35

Gospel

John 20. 19-end

Forthcoming Services

April 18 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 3

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Howie Adan

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Jeanet Luiten

There will be no sung
hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Rachel Koster

Acts 3. 12-19

Gospel

Luke 24. 36b-48

April 25 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 4

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Canon Brian Rodford

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

There will be no sung
hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erick Wanjala

Acts 4. 5-12

Gospel

John 10. 11-18

May 2 2021

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 5

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Howie Adan

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Maureen Underwood

There will be no sung
hymns

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Patrick Saridjan

Acts 8. 26-end

Gospel

John 15. 1-8

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Fish Emergency

My friend's husband, Ray, is a police

constable in the Traffic Division and enjoys sharing the excuses people use when stopped for speeding. One day, however, the tables were turned.

Ray maintains an aquarium of exotic fish, and a prized specimen had threatened to turn belly up.

The off-duty officer called a pet store, and they advised him to immediately purchase a special additive that would correct the water's pH.

Ray and his wife jumped into the car and rushed to the store. On the way a police sergeant using a speed radar on the roadside, waved them down.

"Go ahead," Ray's wife said. "Tell him you've got a sick fish!"

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100 years of the PCC

The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the history of the PCC

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28***

When you next attend a PCC meeting, which is probably more likely to be by zoom than in person, you could say "Happy 100th Birthday!" to your colleagues. It is a hundred years since The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921 which was an important stage in the birth of PCCs.

During the First World War army chaplains found that many men who thought of themselves as church goers were ignorant of the basics of religion. This led to a new interest in mission for the church. There were national days of prayer during the war and in 1915 there was a National Mission of Repentance and Hope. The public were more in the mood for victory than repentance. After the Armistice there was a desire for change in the national church and this led to a discussion about the links with the state.

There was a concern that Parliament was often slow to enact laws for the church and many people felt the national church should have more authority to govern itself. The setting up of Parochial Church Councils was part of that process. In the past a lot of local secular administration had been the responsibility of churchwardens in the vestry meetings. Gradually their functions were passed to local councils. Most of their remaining powers were transferred to PCCs by The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921.

The purpose behind these new councils was to give the laity a more prominent role in parish life to go alongside the deaconry, diocesan and national councils which became the synods and have an important role in church life. Some conservative clerics were concerned at this reform and felt that congregations would pick and choose clergy or object to a new incumbent chosen by a patron. The process of starting PCCs to share in decision making in parishes was widely accepted but a few older incumbents and those in more rural areas, failed to do either out of reluctance or ignorance.

A leading churchman in the reform movement was William Temple who became leader of the 'Life and Liberty movement' which hugely influenced the move towards democratic government in the Church of England. He was Bishop of Manchester in the 1920s, Archbishop of York from 1929 to 1942 and Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-4).

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He had been a secretary of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope in 1916 and became chairman and joint leader with H. R. (Dick) Sheppard of the Life and Liberty movement. 'We demand liberty for the Church of England' he declared at a meeting in July 1917. One difficult issue was what level of commitment to church life enabled a person to be eligible to serve on a church council. It was decided that anyone on the electoral roll whether they attended services or communion regularly could participate. The then Bishop of Oxford resigned over the issue because he thought that councils must only be made up of committed regular communicants.

The next Bishop of Oxford in his monthly diocesan magazine endorsed the principle of democracy and reassured people that it was a not negative step or would limit the powers of clergy or wardens. He encouraged the congregations to consider how to use each other's gifts. In Aylesbury the idea of the new PCCs had been discussed as early as 1918. It was felt that they would support the clergy particularly with financial issues.

It is strange to think that the proposal for clergy and congregation to work together for the benefit of the church could be controversial. The birth of PCCs was a major step in the life of the church. I wonder what the next one hundred years will bring?

With Holy Week and Easter in mind....

The following quote forms the entire text of a miniature book, which was hand-set and printed in 1963 by a Doris V Welsh, a former staff member of the Newberry Library in Chicago. No information about the book can be found in the essays and sermons of a James Allan Francis, to whom it is often attributed. As an anonymous work, "One Solitary Life" was published in The Irish Echo, 27th December 1969; in the Congressional Record, 23rd December 1969, vol. 115; and in a variety of Christmas greeting cards in the 1970s and 1980s.

One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never

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Something Fishy?

At the end of a visit to Amsterdam, a friend borrowed an old suitcase from his hosts to carry home his souvenirs. At the arrival airport, however, a customs officer subjected our friend's luggage to a thorough search and even sent for a drug-sniffing dog. Sure enough, the dog entered the area, headed straight for the borrowed bag and went into a frenzy. The customs officer now intensified his search, but ultimately, he found nothing.

After arriving home, the young man immediately phoned his hosts and told them how puzzled he'd been by the dog's behaviour.

"Perhaps," the

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owner of the suitcase said, "it was because that's the bag our cat usually sleeps in."

Scared Dog

A friend of mine is a police dog handler. One evening, he was dispatched to the scene of a possible burglary, where he discovered the back door of a building ajar. He let the dog out of his patrol car and commanded it to enter and seek.

Jumping from the back seat, the dog headed for the building. After lunging through the doorway, the dog froze and backed out. My friend was puzzled until he investigated further. Then he noticed the sign on the building: "Vet's Office."

Opera Singer

Our cat, Figaro, comes home between 10 or 11 at night to eat.

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travelled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the power of His divine manhood.

While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was his coat.

When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. 19 wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centrepiece of the human race ...

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One Solitary Life.

A Point to Consider

The fact that there's a Highway to Hell and only a staircase to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers

In praise of the afternoon nap

A short nap in the afternoon improves your memory and keeps your brain more agile.

People who nap tend to speak more fluently, have greater mental agility, and remember things better than those who do not break up their day with sleep.

Even a five-minute nap can offer your brain a chance to down-time and replenish itself, so that it is 'good to go' again.

If you want longer than five minutes, try to stop at 40 minutes, before you enter the deepest stage of sleep. If you do carry on, sleep for two hours, which is a full sleep-cycle. The study was published in the British Medical Journal.

Lessons of Lockdown

This past year may have altered your perspective on life. Some of the following statements may be worth thinking about....

- Life is precarious
- A nurse is worth more than a professional footballer
- Spare time isn't a waste of time
- A smile is precious
- Being alone isn't the same as loneliness
- Hard work doesn't guarantee employment
- I'm spending more on food & drink and less on church & charity
- Silence opens us to creative ideas
- Social media are a mixed blessing
- Shopping needn't be addictive
- Driving less and walking more is good for humanity
- Isolation teaches us we need each other to generate energy
- Getting back to 'normal' isn't God's plan for the human race
- When everything else is shut, God is open

Mars Bar Cake

And when we have finally reached Easter, our Lent vows nought but a distant memory, a fun recipe for sweet-toothed readers to try

This quick and easy cake is a favourite in many families. We are not saying that it is good for you!

Ingredients: 3 Mars bars; 150g butter; 150g rice crispies; 150g chocolate

Method: In a pan, slowly melt the Mars bars and butter together. Remove from the heat and add the Rice Crispies, a little at a time, until they are covered with the mixture. Spread mixture onto a baking sheet and place in the fridge until hard. Melt the chocolate and cover the mixture with it. Return to the fridge for a further half an hour. Cut into pieces.

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If he's late, I turn on the carport light and call him until he appears.

One day my daughter was explaining to a friend where we live, and her friend said, "Is that anywhere near the house where the woman stands on her steps late at night and sings opera?"

Dog Duties

One day, shortly after starting to travel by bus to work, I noticed a man at a bus stop enjoying a cup of coffee. As we approached the stop, he finished drinking and set the cup on the ground. This negligence surprised me, since it seemed to be a good ceramic cup.

The following day I saw the same man again drinking his coffee at the bus stop. Once again, he placed the cup on the grass before boarding.

When the bus pulled away, I looked back in time to see a dog carefully carrying the cup in his mouth as he headed for home.

An Anthology for these worrisome times

The Drifter's Melody

The time soon comes for parting,
And our time is at an end.
The rest of your life is starting,
And we have no time at all to spend.

You knew one day you'd have to go,
But thought you'd have more time.
We can't reverse time's one-way flow,
But at least you'll have this rhyme.

You had your shining moments,
Upon this life's darkened stage,
And in my book of wonderments
You'll never be just another page.

Like the exploding of a star,
You've changed me in and out.
Your light will travel with me far,
Past when all other lights go out.

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Won't Forget

From all the people
We've ever met,

You're the one
We won't forget.

You've left this place,
Gone to another.

We all feel like
We've lost a brother.
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Goodbye, My Dearest Friend

The hardest part of any friendship
is when it is time to say goodbye,
and even though I wished I could make you stay,
I know I have to let you spread your wings and
fly.

For life is a journey that needs to be traveled,
and I am certain you'll make it through.
I just want you to know and never forget
that I will surely miss you.

So follow your heart and never give up,
as dreams and wishes do come true.
I know that someday we'll meet again,
so never forget I will be praying for you.
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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.*

