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## The Anglican Chaplaincy of Twente



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# May 2022

# The Chaplain Writes

Dear Saints,

Greetings!

Truly we are moving! Two

months ago, a house was found for the chaplain. It was fixed up by many church members: painting, renewed bathroom, some new floors, general cleaning and much more. By the time you read this article, the chaplain would have moved into the new Church House.

The congregation is invited to celebrate the annual Ascension Day picnic at the Church House on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Ascension Day, which is part of the Easter Season, is a moving Feast Day as the date is always 40 days after Easter Day. St Mary's as a community has created its own memory through this annual event.

Thinking about this made me reflect a little on the Christian Liturgical Year and its seasons.

From the earliest times, the Church has gathered on Sundays to celebrate the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. Over time, an annual cycle of Christian remembrance and celebration has developed. This cycle allows us to remember our Lord's life, death, and resurrection. It enables us to celebrate the Holy Spirit's gift and recall the life and ministry of the Saints who have spread the Christian faith over the centuries. This annual cycle has become known as the Church Year or the Christian Calendar. In creating this structured memory, the past can come into our present.

The Church Year or Christian Year is broken up into seven distinct seasons. These seasons form a unique cycle or rhythm by which the Church organises its public and private life and whereby Christians can live their communal and individual lives. These seasons, Advent, Christmastide, Epiphany, Lent, Eastertide, and Ordinary Time, come with their own distinctive colour, feel and touch and are accompanied and built on a lectionary, which directs and prescribes a series of scriptures over the liturgical seasons. The diversity of Christian traditions, cultures and contexts over the centuries adds to the richness of the Christian Year.

The British Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship, and other Anglican Communion Prayer Books, including, among others, the Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Anglican Prayer Book of Southern Africa, are built around the Church Calendar and the Lectionary. Combining all these elements creates a richness in which the celebration of the life and witness of Christ can inform, guide and challenge our daily living as People of the Way.



Not expecting this The young minister took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunchtime for news. But when he phoned, he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place early this morning. Is there any news?"

He was surprised to be told: "Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."

### Found

On the church noticeboard: Contact lens found in church. See vicar. If you can.

#### Mistake

A mistake is proof that someone was at least trying to accomplish something.

Encyclopaedias
Sorting out books
for the local fete, a
parishioner came
across some wellworn and dusty

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The Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 24 April, following the service, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Anglican Church Twente was held.

Jeanet Luiten was thanked for her seven years of service as churchwarden. A churchwarden may normally only serve for six years but Jeanet was granted an extra year to help the chaplaincy through the interregnum.

Jeanet's husband, Lub Gringhuis, was also thanked for all the work that he has done during that time especially during the Covid-19 pandemic with making videos of services every week so that everyone could watch at home.

Klaas Prins was re-elected as churchwarden and Caroline Siertsema was elected as new churchwarden. Joyce Wigboldus stepped down as Archdeaconry Representative. Since Archdeaconry Representatives are elected on a fixed three year cycle and the next election is in 2023, it was agreed that Ferdinand van Dijk will take the place of Joyce for the coming year.

Louw Talstra, who had come to the end of his term of office, was re-elected for a further term as council member. Carolyn Braaksma stepped down as council member. That leaves a vacancy for the role of Environmental Officer to be filled in the coming weeks.

It was also announced that while Hans Siertsema remains as Treasurer, during the year he will be working with a new Assistant Treasurer who in time will take over the role of Treasurer.

The auditors for the 2022 accounts were also appointed. They will be Jonathan de Groot and Elizabeth van de Heide.

Under 'Any Other Business' a proposal was made that the Chaplaincy Council look for an appropriate way to remember Count Alfred who sadly passed away earlier this year. Contributed by Simone Yallop, Council Secretary

### A Farewell to Jeanet

I was fortunate to be the 'other' warden during most of the time Jeanet was warden. The formal text of the AGM minutes cannot capture the incredible amount that Jeanet did. During the interregnum, before Revd Brian Rodford (he who rent his garments onto the pulpit), we worked as a great team with an incredible collection of locums. My wife Marilyn and I shared many a wonderful dinner with ,the locum and their partner at Jeanet and Lub's home.



Outside of chaplaincy business Jeanet was equally kind and helpful.

When Marilyn and I were planning to return to the UK, we surveyed our house, crammed with 20 years of stuff. How were we going to clear it. Then Jeanet, Lub. and Father Brian arrived. By the end of the day the house was ready to sell. Thank you Jeanet and Lub for your generosity, kindness and friendship. Jeanet, enjoy your sabbatical.

## 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 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 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 Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request. <a href="http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html">http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html</a>

(Continued from page 4) illustrated encyclopaedias, treasured from his childhood, Unwilling to part with them, he put them on a shelf in the garage where his small grandchildren found them and spent many happy hours looking at the pictures. These books however. caused him great embarrassment the day the vicar came to visit. One of his arandchildren suddenly said: "Grandad, can we go look at those dirty books you keep in the garage?"

### For sale

Classified Ad: Wedding dress for sale. Worn once, by mistake. Call Stephanie.

# Member of the choir

She often broke into song because she couldn't find the key.

#### Bread

Baker's trade bread recipes on a kneadto-know basis.

#### Preach

Disgusted church member after listening to a candidate: "I could eat alphabet soup and preach better sermons!" (Continued from page 5)

Preaching
Church members
were discussing
the vicar's and the
curate's sermons.
The church
warden said: "The
vicar, now, when
she says 'in
conclusion', she
concludes. But the
curate, when he
says 'lastly' - my!
How he do last!"

#### Pillar

After a certain Dean retired, a number of years ago, from his cathedral, he began writing for the press. Soon a rival paper declared that he was no longer a pillar of the Church of England, but now only two columns in the Evening Standard.

When children pray (they did their best!)
~ Give us this steak and daily bread, and then forgive us our mattresses.
~ Hail, Mary, full of grapes.
~ He suffered under a bunch of violets. (Pontius Pilate?)

The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-incheek letters from ' Uncle Eustace'...

The Rectory St James the Least of All

On the perils of the church picnic

My dear Nephew Darren

A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea although you must bear



some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand - and ate the lot - before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Popinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mother's Union gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

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The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

Your loving uncle,

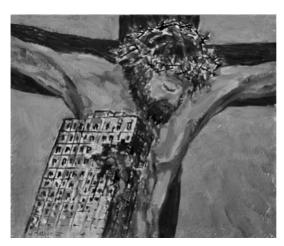
**Eustace** 

## The Pain of Ukraine

By William Mather, a retired vicar and still very active artist! He was moved to create this painting and wrote these words to accompany it. We offer them to you to use as your church continues to pray for the suffering people of Ukraine.

Ideas for paintings come in all sorts of ways. The awfulness of the Soviet Aggression in Ukraine has been in all our thoughts and prayers. For me, it was that early image of the block of flats hit by a missile causing death, destruction and a gaping hole. With it came a reminder of Jesus on the cross and a gaping hole in His side from the soldier's spear. The two came together in my mind and so a painting idea was born. With it came thoughts of the great Spanish artist Goya and his powerful etchings 'The Disasters of War' in protest over the French invasion and occupation 1810-1820.

The Christian teaching is that Jesus died on the cross for our sin. None of us is blameless, not least the soldier with the spear or the Russians with the missile. But the poignant promise through the pain - even the pain of Ukraine - is that the message of the cross is more powerful than any tyrant. Through it comes peace in the heart that lasts for ever.



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With all the new
crossbreeds
appearing, would you
fancy one of the
following?

Collie + Lhasa Apso = Collapso: A dog that folds up for easy transport

Spitz + Chow Chow = Spitz-Chow: A dog that throws up a lot

Pointer + Setter = Poinsetter: A traditional Christmas pet

Great Pyrenees + Dachshund = Pyradachs: A puzzling breed

Pekinese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso: An abstract dog

Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever: The choice of research scientists

Newfoundland + Basset Hound = Newfound Asset Hound: A dog for financial advisors

Terrier + Bulldog = Terribull: A dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabador: A dog that barks incessantly

## Forthcoming Services

1 May 2022

10:30 Eucharist Easter 3

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenIntercessor:Klaas PrinsSimone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Eric Wanjala Acts 9, 1-6 [7-20]
Geert Jansen Revelations 5, 11-end

Gospel John 21. 1- 19

8 May 2022

10:30 Eucharist Easter 4

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden Intercessor:
Caroline Siertsema Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Jenny List Acts 9, 36-end

Heleen Rauwerda Revelations 7, 9 to end

Gospel John 10, 22-30

15 May 2022

20:00 Eucharist Easter 5

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenIntercessor:Klaas PrinsJoyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Anne Powell Acts11, 1-18

Louw Talstra Revelations 21, 106

Gospel John 13, 31-35

## Forthcoming Services

22 May 2022

10:30 Eucharist Easter 6

Celebrant Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**Caroline Siertsema

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Vivian Reinders Acts 16, 9-15

Geert Braaksma Revelations 21, 10-22,22-5

Gospel John 5, 1-9

26 May 2022

10:30 Eucharist, followed by Ascension Day Pick and Share Picnic

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**Klaas Prins
Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Patrick Saridjan Acts 1-11

Victor Pirenne Ephesians 1-15 -end

Gospel Luke 25, 44-end

29 May 2022

10:30 Eucharist Easter 7

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenIntercessor:Caroline SiertsemaJoyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Erica Schotman Acts 16, 16-34

Elizabeth v.d Heide Revelations 22,12-14, 16-17, 20-end

Gospel John 17, 20- end

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Malamute +
Pointer =
Moot Point:
Owned by...oh,
well, it doesn't

matter anyway

Collie +
Malamute =
Commute:
A dog that
travels to work

Deerhound + Terrier = Derriere: A dog that's true to the end

# An Animal Situation

Not long after I retired from a small country parish, the phone rang.

"Is the reverend there?" a man asked.

I explained that I was a priest, though not the current vicar.

"You'll do," he said. The man wanted to know which Scripture verses applied to funeral services.

I gave him several references, and he jotted them down.

"What about the 'ashes to ashes, dust to dust' part?" he asked.

I read it to him slowly. Then,

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We are presently in Eastertide: like Christmastide, a period of 12 days, Eastertide is not just a one-day event. Easter day, also known as Resurrection day, is the beginning of Eastertide which continues to Pentecost 50 days later when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical Calendar also encourages us to remember the fortieth day of Easter, which is Ascension Day. Hopefully, we can continue our conversation around the Church Year and its Seasons at another time.

We are also planning to start a new annual event, a Welcome Brunch for newcomers into our community. Part of introducing our newcomers to the chaplaincy is to have a conversation on "What is Anglicanism?". Our brunch is on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If you would like to be part of a discussion on what Anglicanism is, you are welcome, even if you have been a member for the longest time. Please register your attendance with Klaas Prins, our Church Warden.

Once again, looking forward to welcoming you at the Ascension Day bring and share picnic at the Church House. Or is it the Chaplain's House? It's close to the St Mary's Church on the Weldam estate: Oude Needseweg 18, Markelo. The chaplaincy did not have the Ascension Day picnic for two years due to COVID, so please join.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque



## Julian of Norwich, a voice from a distant cell Feast Day 8<sup>th</sup> May

Many years ago, studying English literature at university, I was intrigued to be introduced to the work of Julian of Norwich. She was writing at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, when our modern English language was slowly emerging from its origins in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English.

Our lecturer was mainly concerned with her importance in the history of the language (she was the first woman, and the first significant writer, to write in English). But I was more intrigued by the ideas she was expressing. She was an anchoress - someone who had committed herself to a life of solitude, giving herself to prayer and fasting. St Julian's, Norwich was the church where she had her 'cell'.

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Her masterpiece, Revelations of Divine Love, reveals a mystic of such depth and insight that today up and down Britain there are hundreds, possibly thousands, of 'Julian Groups' who meet regularly to study her writings and try to put them into practise.

She is honoured this month in the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, but although she is held in high regard by many Roman Catholics, her own Church has never felt able to recognise her as a 'saint'. This is probably because she spoke of God as embracing both male and female qualities. Revelations is an account of the visions she received in her tiny room, which thousands of pilgrims visit every year.

Her most famous saying, quoted by T S Eliot in one of his poems, is 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' These words have brought comfort and strength to many a soul in distress.

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### Environmental Virtue

It was often the habit of the man of God (the Saxon Saint Benno of Meissen -1106) to go about the fields in meditation and prayer. Once as he passed by a particular marsh, a talkative frog was croaking in its slimy waters. Lest it should disturb his contemplation, he bade it to be a Seraphian, in as much all frogs in Seraphus are mute.

But when he had gone on a bit of his way, he called to mind the saying in Daniel: "O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord. O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord."

And fearing lest the singing of the frogs might perchance be more agreeable to God than his own praying, he again issued his command to them that they should praise God in their accustomed fashion. And soon, the air and the fields were with their conversation.

Taken from H.Waddell, Beasts and Saints. You can also find this story in D.N.Bell, Wholly Animals: A Book of Beastly Tales Contributed by Erica Schotman (Continued from page 10)
intending to offer
him some
sympathy, I
inquired, "And
who is the
deceased?"

"My daughter's rabbit," he replied.

Forced into it? We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with her priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read "Are you entering this marriage at vour own will?" he looked over at his fiancée.

"Put down 'yes,' " she said.

## Arriving Late

One Sunday
morning my sister
Liz was surprised
to receive a phone
call from her
vicar. He reported
that he'd just
been in a minor
car accident and
asked if she could
inform the

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(Continued from page 11) congregation he'd be unable to conduct services that day.

Liz was flattered that out of the entire congregation, she was the one he had called—until the vicar went on to say that since Liz was always the last to arrive at church, he knew she would be the only person he could still reach at home.

### What is the word

The ordination of women as Church of England ministers occasionally presents awkward situations as to what to call us. "Father" sounds inappropriate to some; "Mother" is traditionally used for unordained women overseeing religious communities.

Last year, one of my colleagues, dressed in her clerical garb, was in an airport. A man summoned the

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# The Hymns of the Wesley's 24th May

Later this month the Church calendar celebrates the lives of John and Charles Wesley. John's great gift to the Christian cause was the little matter of founding the world-wide movement known as Methodism. His brother Charles had an equally profound impact through his hymns. He actually wrote over 6,000, most of which aren't sung nowadays, but among the ones we do still sing are all-time favourites - 'Love divine, all loves excelling', 'O for a thousand tongues to sing'. 'Jesu lover of my soul', 'Hark the herald angels sing' - and scores more.

40 years ago almost everybody knew quite a lot of hymns, but sadly that's no longer true. Traditional hymns aren't usually sung at school assemblies, not even in church schools, and while the audience for 'Songs of Praise' on BBC TV is substantial, most of those watching are over 50.

With only about ten per cent of the population even irregular church-goers there is inevitably a lack of familiarity with hymns of any kind. Christmas carols are an exception, as is 'Jerusalem' and 'Amazing Grace', because they are frequently heard outside church.

Singing hymns is a wonderful experience at its best - just ask a Welsh rugby crowd singing 'Bread of heaven'! It seems a pity to lose it.

It's not a bad idea to take ten minutes and think about what is your favourite hymn, and why - ancient or modern doesn't matter. Then try singing it in the bath or under the shower - a very purifying experience! ©Canon David Winter



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

### A Word from Wales

Our first Easter Sunday Service in Wales was magical. There was a service scheduled, The Dawns Light, to be held by the huge cross in the graveyard on the east facing hillside. I considered going but with service scheduled to begin at 05:30 in the morning, I decided that my normal 10:00 service would have to suffice. A wise decision as the main Easter Service was truly wonderful.

The service began with a procession from the main North doors of the church. The first time I had seen them used. The Crucifer carrying the cross high was followed by the thurifer, swinging the thurible mightily to ensure that everyone received their fair share of the fragrant smoke. He was accompanied by a young women bearing the boat with fresh incense. Not a good service for those who dislike incense! She was followed by the full choir, robed in red, and finally the Rector, in golden cope and chasuble.

The Rector turned off at the crossing to enter the Eastern transept, There stood an the empty tomb, by which she read the Gospel of the discovery of the empty tomb.

The service continued from the altar. A deeply moving, sung service that truly encapsulated that day.

The Empty Tomb

The West Door

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courage to ask her,
"Pardon me, but what
do you call a female
father?"

My colleague smiling mischievously replied, "Ambisextrous"

## Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

- CH Spurgeon

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years. - C H Spurgeon

Comfortable truth isn't. - Anon

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing. - Anon

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone. - *Anon* 

In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma - but never let him be the period. - Anon

Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back. - Anon

Aspire to inspire before you expire. - Anon

## You Don't Just Lose Someone Once.

(Dedicated to all those whose life partner has passed on)

You don't just lose someone once.

You lose them when you close your eyes at night.

And as you open them each morning.

You lose them throughout the day.

An unused coffee cup.
An empty chair.
A pair of boots no longer there.

You lose them as the sun sets.
And darkness closes in.
You lose them as you wonder
why.
Staring at a star lit sky.

You lose them on the big days.
Anniversaries.
Birthdays.
Graduations.
Holidays.
Weddings.
And the regular days too.

You lose them in a song they used to sing.
The scent of their cologne.
A slice of their favourite pie.
You lose them in conversations you will never have.
And all the words unsaid.

You lose them in all the places they've been. And all the places they longed

to go. You lose them in what could have been.

And all the dreams you shared.

You lose them as the seasons change.
The snow blows.
The flowers blossom.
The grass grows.
The leaves fall.

You lose them again and again. Day after day. Month after month. Year after year. You lose them as you pick up the broken pieces. And begin your life anew. You lose them when you realize. This is your new reality. They are never coming back. No matter how much You miss them or Need them. No matter how hard you pray. They are gone. And you must go on. Alone.

Time marches on, carrying them further and further way.
You lose them as your hair whitens and your body bends with age.

Your memory fades.
And the details begin to blur.
Their face stares back at you from
a faded photograph.
Someone you used to know.

You think you might have loved them once.

A long time ago.
Back then.
When you were whole.

You don't just lose someone once.

When you were whole.

You don't just lose someone once.

You lose them every day.

Over and over again.

## 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 affeld

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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