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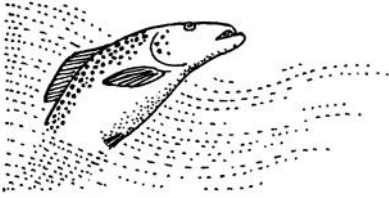
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# July & August 2022

Dear Saints,

Our modern environment with access to information is exciting and liberating but can also be scary and oppressive. We have access to so much information through social media and new technologies. But people using these media also gives us access to others.

Young people who use these technologies are affected by them the most. The "Generation Z" or "Y" or something like that. Young people seem more susceptible to negative and oppressive influences, which may cause depression and more uncertainty about their identity, which affects their behaviour.

Since starting ministry here at St. Mary's, I have a deep conviction that we need to work towards being a church community. One where young people are present, feel safe, and actively grow in their faith and good works.

At our strategic planning event in March, we agreed to prioritise ministry to young people as one of our objectives. A specific ministry for and with young people would make sense for all churches because those with the youth also have the future.

Suppose one would consider Jesus and his followers from a modern-day perspective. In that case, we see that the Jesus Movement, in essence, was a youth movement. Jesus started his public ministry when he was about 30 years old, and he died at the age of 33. I would assume that his disciples were younger than him. The Bible does not give the exact ages of the disciples of Jesus. Students of the Bible suggest that it is likely they were all between the ages of 13 and 30 at the time they followed Jesus.

The above calculation is based on the fact that at the time of Jesus, Jewish culture made it customary for children to begin religious training at the age of 5 and continue to age 12 or 13. If intelligent enough and interested in continuing religious studies, they would seek to be a disciple of a specific rabbi. They would follow and pattern their lives after the rabbi until age 30.

If these are our beginnings as Christians, it makes sense to assume that the nature of the Christian movement is that it has a youth bias. Approaching young people in this light would therefore give us a sense of peace.

Council has designated Ferdinand van Dijk as our Youth champion. The first youth activity is planned for Saturday, 16 July 2022, with a 4 to 5-kilometre hike scheduled in the local forest. Following will be a barbeque and a discussion on the topic of "what lives in the hearts and minds of our young people these days". With a preliminary discussion on the areas where we can encourage and support young people in their spiritual growth.

We can all be active in this work by praying for our youth and the ministry God reveals to us amongst young people here in Twente.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque

## St Mary's Chapel News



### **Solar power**

Somebody finally invented a solar-powered laundry dryer.

It's called a 'clothes-line'.

### **Baptism**

A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father.

"Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

### **Heaven help me**

One Sunday in church a little boy was 'acting up' during the morning worship. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew,

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## Summer teas 2022

Elke zondag van 10 juli tot en met 14 augustus  
van 13.00 tot 16.30

Eigengebakken cakes, koffie en thee.

Kapel open voor bezichtiging en info,

Evening prayer om 16.00 uur.



### **Summer Teas 2022**

Every Sunday from the 10 July through to the  
14 August from 13:00 to 16:30.

Home baked cakes, coffee and tea. The chapel will be open to view, with information available. Evening prayer at 16:00.

A wonderful stopping place during your summer walk or bike ride, in the beautiful wooded area of Weldam Castle

## Forthcoming Dates

### Castle Fair

The 10 September is so far the date chosen for the next Castle Fair. After all the trials and tribulations of lockdown, Covid, isolation, inflation, need I carry on, now is the chance to go all out to enjoy yourselves. The Castle Fair is one of the principle sources of revenue, as well as one of the best opportunities to advertise the chapel's presence to the East Netherlands. And besides all that, it is a great day out. Marilyn and I had so much fun on the Raffle Stall when we were there. Cheerful washer ups, bakers, ticket sellers and table servers, to mention but a few of the tasks, go a long way to making sure people come back year after year. And of course, as always, a big thank you to the Solms family for the use of their front garden.

### 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.

Last year only two thirds of the magazine costs came from donations, the balance came from chapel funds. It would help the survival of the magazine if all costs were covered by voluntary donations. Thank you.

### 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.

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but it was a losing battle. Finally, an exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them, the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

### Are you camping this summer?

#### Here are some helpful hints...

~ When using a public campground, a tuba placed outside your tent will keep the spaces on either side vacant.

~ You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag filled with several geese.

~ Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping: shine a torch into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

~ A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.

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~ A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

~ The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

### **Pleasure**

Some people won't suffer in silence because that would take all the pleasure out of it.

### **US Holiday**

A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco's Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them, to no avail. Finally

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## **The Rectory St James the Least of All**

*The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

### **On why our church is safe from vandals**

My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in renditions of 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying 'Thieves will be forgiven', although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. Especially as they also stole your favourite guitar.

Last year, we had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the church's 400-year-old oak door to get in. Shame about that. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into - although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as We Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises, and a few even speculated about the possibility of having strategically placed land mines about the place. Mrs Beaufort offered to lend us her fierce Pekingese, and Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

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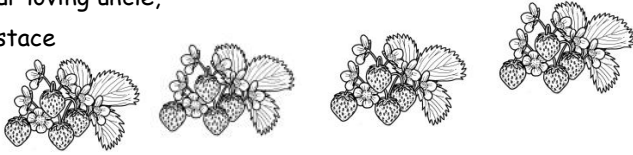


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Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



### **It can be good, it can be bad....**

In a little village in a land very far away lived a farmer with his son. Besides their cabin and the land, their only property of value was their horse. So they could work the land and make ends meet in all modesty. One day the horse broke loose and ran away.

That night the people from the village visited the farmer to express their pity. "How awful!" they said. "How can you get the work on your land be done now? Lost your horse, what disaster!" But the farmer smiled calmly and said: "it can be good, it can be bad."

The day after, the farmer and his son went back to work on the fields, and they managed to make the most of it for some time. Till one day, the horse came back again. And in his wake, he brought a herd of 10 wild horses with him! That night the people from the village revisited him to congratulate him. "What a stroke of luck! So amazing! Your property increased tenfold!" But the farmer smiled calmly and said: "it can be good, it can be bad."

The next day the son wanted to try and tame the horses and climbed on the back of one of the wild horses. But the horse was not pleased with this. It bucked violently until the boy, with a big smack, landed on the ground and broke both his legs.

That night the villagers stood again before his door. "How terrible! Your son! Both legs are broken! What a tragedy! How can you go on now?" But the farmer smiled calmly and said: "It can be good, it can be bad. The only thing I know is that my son broke both his legs."

The next day a message came that a war had broken out, and all the able young men had to report immediately for military service. The son of the farmer was allowed to stay home. And the farmer thought to himself.....

*Contributed by Erica Bonting*

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they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."

### **The kiss**

An honest seven-year-old calmly announced to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after church. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother.

"Well, it wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

### **Pay for what you get**

A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip, miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son 10c to drop in the offering plate as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained.

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"The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key."

Finally the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for 10c."

### **Greeting Card**

... when you care enough to send the very best, but not enough to actually write something.

Advert in local paper:  
2016 Nissan Micra for sale.  
Reverend owner from new, never missed a service.

### **Grandchildren**

Grandchildren are God's reward for not strangling your own children.

### **Summer guide to modern science around the house**

1. If it's green or it wiggles, it's Biology.
2. If it stinks or explodes, it's Chemistry.
3. If it doesn't work, it's Physics.

## **A letter to Johanna**

Dear Johanna,

Last month I could not write to you, because I had the birthdays of two of my great-grandchildren. My second granddaughter Deirdre had invited me for her partnership contract with Joost. It was like a wedding, with a beautiful dress, a bouquet and a very similar celebration, with a glass of champagne afterwards, in the town hall. She said: "This is a ceremony with the nearest family only, but next year we will be wed with the whole family and all our friends." They had bought a house, and the partnership contract was just a sensible thing to do. Later that afternoon, we had a garden party, with making your own pizza. And that was great fun!

In the church, we celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth of England. As you will remember from my first letter, she is the head of the Anglican Church. The service had a festive touch. Afterwards, we had a delicious treat of cakes with marzipan decoration on top with letters that said something about the feast. But I couldn't figure out what it said because it was already cut into smaller pieces when I came into the Hut. The Hut was decorated with garlands of English flags. Yes, the English people know how to party!

One of our parishioners, and his wife, were in London. They followed as much of the celebrations as they could. They saw the queen from some distance and told me they walked about 85 km to see it all. And also stood hours and hours in the crowd.

In our services, we have now had a lot of ceremonial happenings, if I may call it this way. Nothing special is going to happen during the long summer.

If you have an opportunity to visit a service, this is the best time. Because you can focus on the rest and the peacefulness of the order of the parts of the mass. Except for the sermon, most of it is always the same, and I feel very strongly how this comes in and touches a deeper part of my soul.

After all the years of church services, going to the church on Sunday mornings feels like coming home. You know, I started as a protestant in the French-speaking section of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Netherlands: the Eglise Walonne. But living too far away from the church and having a handful of little children was not making me an active church-goer.

Do you remember the Youth Conferences I participated in during vacation time? We girls dressed as beautiful as possible during the weekly communion service. We said to each other that we would have dinner with the Lord. Well, that feeling is still there when I have communion every Sunday in the chapel. It makes me happy to be at the Lord's supper.



## Forthcoming Services

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3 July 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 3

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Anne Powell

**Readings**

Isaiah 66, 10-14

Arthur Cass

Galatians 6, (1-6) 7-16

Gospel

Luke 10, 1-11, 16-20

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10 July 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 4

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Intercessor**

Klaas Prins

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Carolyn Braaksma

**Readings**

Deuteronomy 30, 9-14

Elisa Hannan

Colossians 1, 1-14

Gospel

Luke 10, 25-37

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17 July 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 5

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Intercessor:**

Simone Yallop

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Elizabeth v d Heijden

**Readings**

Genesis 18, 1-10a

Erica Bonting

Colossians 1, 15-28

Gospel

Luke 10, 38- end

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## Forthcoming Services

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24 July 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 6

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Eric Wanjala

**Readings**

Genesis 18, 20-32

Vivian Reindes

Colossians 2, 6-15 (16-19)

Gospel

Luke 11, 1-13

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31 July 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 7

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Intercessor:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Heleen Rauwerda

**Readings**

Ecclesiastes 1, 2, 12-14 / 18-23

Jan de Beij

Colossians 3, 1-11

Gospel

Luke 12. 13-21

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7 August 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 8

**Celebrant and Preacher**

T.B.A.

**Duty Warden:**

Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**

Lea Meijnen

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Jonathan de Groot

**Readings**

Genesis 15, 1-6

Gerdien Sloof

Hebrews 11, 1-3 / 8-16

Gospel

Luke 12, 32-40

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## Forthcoming Services

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14 August 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 9

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Intercessor:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Linda ten Berge

**Readings**

Jeremiah 23, 23-29

Patrick Saridjan

Hebrews 11, 29-12.2

Gospel

Luke 12, 49-56

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21 August 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 10

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**

Klaas Prins

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Victor Pirenne

**Readings**

Isaiah 58, 9b - end

Vivian Reinders

Hebrews 12, 18-end

Gospel

Luke 13, 10-17

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28 August 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 11

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Intercessor:**

Simone Yallop

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Geert Janssen

**Readings**

Ecclesiastes 10, 12-18 or Proverbs 25. 6-7

Lea Meijnen

Hebrews 13, 1-8 / 15-16

Gospel

Luke 14, 1, 7-14

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## Forthcoming Services

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### 4 September 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 12

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Andy Klom

Deuteronomy 30, 15 - end

Jenny List

Philemon 1-21

Gospel

Luke 14, 25-33

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### 11 September 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 13

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Intercessor:**

Caroline Siertsema

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Rachel Koster

Exod. 32, 7-14

Ann Powell

1 Tim. 1, 12-17

Gospel

Luke 15, 1-10

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### 18 September 2022

10:30 Sung Eucharist

Trinity 14

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**

Klaas Prins

**Intercessor:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Arthur Cass

Amos 8, 4-7

Carolyn Braaksma

1 Timothy 2, 1-7

Gospel

Luke 16, 1-13

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But before becoming too holy to be a saint, let me ask you about your experiences with the sacred supper in your church. What are your feelings after so many years? And are you and your family still free from the coronavirus? If so, you are among the few lucky ones.

And what about your plans for the vacation weeks? I wish you and your family lots of sunny days and a little rain.

Till the following letter,  
Your friend  
Erica

Contributed by Erica Bonting



1<sup>st</sup> July

Henry Venn of the CMS

Most Christians in the UK have heard of the Church Mission Society or CMS. Far fewer have heard of the Revd Henry Venn (1796-1873), whose father, the rector of Clapham, founded CMS in 1799, and who himself became the greatest missionary strategist of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Not that Henry Venn ever became a missionary himself; after Cambridge he served his curacy at St Dunstan's in Fleet Street, and then an incumbency at Drypool in Hull, before becoming vicar of St Johns, Holloway in 1834. But Henry Venn's parish-based ministry did not obscure his passionate interest in overseas evangelism, and in 1841 he accepted an invitation to become the honorary secretary of the Church Mission Society. That decision was to shape the history of overseas missions, and to make CMS into the most effective force in Britain for delivering effective overseas mission.

For Henry was an outstanding administrator, and his wisdom and management of the missionaries enabled CMS to grow and flourish. When Henry first began work on CMS, it employed 107 European clergy and nine local indigenous people. When he died in 1873, there were 230 European clergy and 148 local people in service.

After his resignation from St Johns Holloway in 1846, Henry devoted himself almost exclusively to the work of CMS. He was directly responsible for sending out 498 clergymen, all of them chosen by him, and with most of whom he continued

## Spider

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom.

## Miscellaneous observations on our faith...

Let us beware of feeling that unless we personally are up and doing, the Lord is not at work.  
John Blanchard

To be an atheist requires an infinitely greater measure of faith than to receive all the great truths which atheism would deny. - Joseph Addison

Awe is the primary religious emotion.  
Anon

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? - D O Fuller

The special person called to do missionary work is every person who is a member of the church of Christ. The call does not come to a chosen few, it is to every one of us.  
- Oswald Chambers

### Did you hear ?

Methuselah: "Did I tell you about my great, great, great, great, great grandchildren?"

His friend, under his breath: "Oooh...not again!"

### Professional Help!

After church, a woman found she had locked her keys inside the car, so she tried to open the car with an old coat hanger she found nearby. She was unsuccessful, so she bowed her head and asked God to send her help.

A scruffy old man passing by stopped and asked her what was wrong. She explained her problem and asked him if he could use the coat hanger to unlock her car door.

"Sure," he said, and in less than a minute, it opened. The woman hugged the man and through tears, said, "Thank you so much! You are a very nice man."  
"Lady," the man

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in regular correspondence. He also established eight or nine bishoprics for the supervision of CMS missionary clergy and was usually involved in the appointments made.

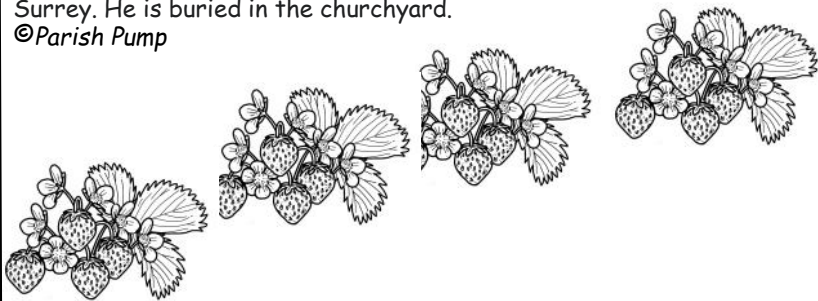
Henry and a missions colleague in America were the first to use the term 'indigenous church', and they were way ahead of their time in seeing the necessity for creating churches on the mission fields that in time would become not only self-supporting, but also self-governing and self-propagating. In fact, Venn wrote with enthusiasm on this "euthanasia of missions," meaning that missionaries were only ever meant to be temporary, and not permanent.

All in all, Henry Venn's exposition on the basic principles of indigenous Christian missions was so powerful that much of it was later adopted by the Lausanne Congress of 1974.

But alongside Venn's passion for evangelism was his concern for social justice, and he frequently lobbied the British Parliament, especially the closure of the Atlantic slave trade.

In 1873, when he was 76, Venn died at his home in Mortlake, Surrey. He is buried in the churchyard.

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**7<sup>th</sup> July**

### **St Willibald - the first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer**

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 876) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers - what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out... for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8<sup>th</sup> century.

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In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story.

He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* - the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper.

That got Willibald 'noticed', and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism. After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died around 786. His relics remain there till this day.

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It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

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replied, "I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday. I was there for car theft."

The woman, sobbing, hugged the man again and cried out, "Oh thank you God! You even sent me a professional!"

### Google

Q: Is Google male or female?

A: Female, because it doesn't let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.

### Simple

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and

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## Good grief?

another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

### Welsh

A husband and wife were driving through Wales.

As they approached Ystrad Mynach, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, before stopping for lunch in the town

At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are, very slowly?"

She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-r-gerrr Kiing."

We are never fully prepared for the death of someone really close to us. Even if they have been thoughtful enough to leave a Will and instructions for their funeral, and although we may have anticipated the outcome of a long period of terminal illness, death itself is raw and affects us in unexpected ways. It takes years to assimilate.

Some try to take some of the sting out of death by making the funeral as cheerful as possible. A 'Celebration of Life' may be preferred to the word 'funeral' and conducted by a civil celebrant rather than a Christian minister.

These bespoke ceremonies usually look back rather than forward, with the emphasis on happy memories of the dead person. Although elements from any religion or secular source may be inserted, there is little acknowledgment of the sadness left behind, or our common need of forgiveness and God's promise of life everlasting. The emphasis is on past achievements rather than future hope.

After the body has been cremated or buried and relatives and friends have gone home, the slow, punishing pain of grief begins to take its toll. It takes years to work through and there are no short cuts, whether mourners are religious or not.

The American Rabbi Earl Grollman studied the impact of bereavement, and wrote:

"Grief is not a disorder, a disease, or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve."

Christians who are bereaved may chastise themselves if they feel worn down by sorrow. Do they not believe in Christ, "who has prepared a place" for those who love Him"?

Yes, but thoughtful friends will remind them that Jesus Himself wept when His friend Lazarus died. Grief is normal, however strong the faith and God's care may be conveyed through the love of friends, when the direct line seems cut off. Good friends will know that mourners are thinking about their loved ones most of the time: it isn't morbid, and they should be encouraged to talk about them.

*The Ven John Barton on the pain of bereavement.*





## A Word from Wales

June has been a busy time in Wales, with the celebrations of the British Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I emphasis British, for there were several excellent articles about Queen Maxima and the three princesses in the British press in June.

Marilyn and I turned into couch potatoes as we sat through hours of coverage on the TV. Trooping the Colours was splendid. I am six months younger than Prince Charles, and there is no way I could sit on a horse for that length of time. However, that was all the public celebration.

Here on the Park, there was a street party. Everyone brought their own chairs, and they were set up with tables from the nearest homes, in the street. Music, from the fifties to the seventies was played on CD players and cassette players. We did not quite get to having music on records. Everyone brought a plate, or two of food, rather like the Ascension Day picnic. We finally managed to meet several of the people we had only seen in passing cars. The sun largely shone, and it turned into a wonderful social occasion. I even waved a Union flag in time to the music!

In June there was a Flower Festival at St Deiniol's Church, which apparently is that churches equivalent of the Castle Fair. It lasted for four days, but we did not attend. The church was splendidly decorated with the most amazing flower arrangements, but the events laid on were both very expensive and not too our taste. Spending a day listening to several basic school choirs singing did not appeal. Now if they had managed to book the Treorchy Male Voice Choir we would have been there. Nevertheless, the waterfall of blue flowers flowing three metres down the wall into the stone font, or the selection of South African flowers draped over the choir stall were quite spectacular.

After St Mary's Chapel, with a small congregation, and a single chaplain, it feels like going to a cathedral here. There is the Rector, there is an Associate Priest, an Assistant Curate, and a Priest with permission to Officiate. On some Sundays they are all there, on others only one or two. Two of them only use English, the other two use both English and Welsh. Hearing the blessing in Welsh is akin to hearing angels speak. It is beautiful, musical language. As is the full choir that leads us in the hymns and the psalms.

## Small mercies

The new vicar asks his parishioners to donate money for a new church bell and hands his hat to go around in the church. When his hat comes back to him there is still nothing in it. The vicar folds his hands and prays: "Lord, on behalf of your followers here, I thank you that at least I still have my hat."

## Superstitious

I'm not really superstitious, says the trainer of the football club during the half time, but now that we are trailing by 13-0, I'm beginning to get worried.

## Sins

A patient, while recovering in the hospital from a heart attack, met an over-zealous evangelist. After listening politely for over a half-hour on how thankful he should be to have been spared, and how he should repent at once, he was asked if all of his sins had flashed before his eyes during the heart attack. The patient responded, "Don't be ridiculous. The attack lasted only 6 hours."

## **Jesus Lived**

Jesus lived, and  
Jesus died,  
Jesus laughed, and  
Jesus cried.



Jesus loved, and  
Jesus felt,  
Jesus stood, and  
Jesus knelt.

Jesus heard, and  
Jesus thought,  
Jesus prayed, and  
Jesus taught.

Jesus healed, and  
Jesus fed,  
Jesus preached, and  
Jesus led.

Jesus lived, and  
Jesus died,  
Jesus is risen, and  
He is alive.

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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.*



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