

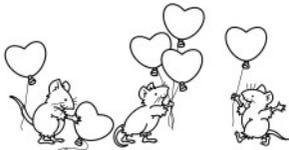
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February 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This year Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. A period of 40 days of preparation as we commemorate the passion and death of our Lord Jesus, which culminates with Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

In the December 2022/January 2023 magazine, I wrote the following about Advent, the season before Christmas:

"The idea of an active period of waiting and anticipation throughout the Old Testament is linked to the coming of the Messiah. Not necessarily connected with remembrance of personal and individual sins, but rather a context of oppression, exploitation and injustice, the longing for freedom from the systemic evil of the world, expressed in evil empires and tyrants. In the New Testament, also Paul speaks of 'all creation groans for its redemption as we witness the evil that so dominates our world'."

In the sermon on Sunday, we touched on the theme of waiting again. As we reflected on Simeon's words in the Gospel of Luke, "Lord now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all people ...".

Simeon's witness begs us to ask what we are waiting for as Christians today and "How do we wait?" "what do we do while we wait?"

While greeting the congregants after the service, one of you said, "We create heaven on earth while we wait." A spot-on answer. That is what we are part of with everything that comes with it.

The biblical imperative, as found in the book of Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream", linked to the godly and noble imperative to eradicating poverty, seems to be the right things for us, as we take stock of our Christian journey during this coming Lenten season.

The Church, in her wisdom, offers us an opportunity as individuals and as the body of Christ: to pray, fast, reflect and give. A time to find some answers on how we as Christians can make justice real in this evil world, knowing we can because Christ rose from the dead at Easter.

For the Lenten Program at St Mary's this year, we chose the following elements to help us find these answers:

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St Mary's Chapel Thank You News



Definitions:

CANNIBAL:

Someone who is fed up with people.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.



Seventy Years

By the time you're 70 years old, you will have spent nearly a quarter-century sleeping. The average person spends about 23 years of life in bed.

Other estimates of how most of us spend our waking hours during those 70 years:

- 11 years working
- 8 years in hobbies and leisure activities
- 6 years eating
- 5 years bathing and grooming
- 4 years being educated
- 3 years talking
- 2 years reading
- 6 month in worship

Maybe Sunday worship isn't so long as it seems after all.

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Dear Friends of St. Mary's

I want to thank you all for all the moving words of sympathy, cards I received and flowers.

They gave me great comfort in the loss of my dear Frits. To have so many people thinking of us all at this time is wonderful.

It was a blessing that Frits had no pain and passed away peacefully in his sleep.

I was moved by seeing so many members at his condolence evening.

May he rest in peace at this time.

With sincere thanks
Cathie.

A Reflection on 2022

The profoundly moving note above came from Cathy Warmink with a request to place it in the magazine. It caused me to stop and reflect on 2022 and all those we lost during that year.

February opened last year with the passing of Count Alfred. It may sound presumptuous, but to me, it felt like losing a kindly, but distant uncle. Count Alfred's generosity enabled the late Rev. Dr Sjoerd Bonting to establish the Chaplaincy at St Mary's. When Count Alfred was in residence at Weldam Castle, he always attended Council meetings in his role as Warden Emeritus. He also allowed the Chaplaincy to use the gardens of Weldam Castle to hold the annual Castle Fair. The fair rapidly became a valuable source of revenue for the Chaplaincy. It also proved to be a fantastic day out for so many people in the East Netherlands area. Many visitors to the chapel were astonished to discover an English-speaking Anglican church in their midst.

With June came the passing of Wim Veltman. Once an active member of the Chaplaincy with extremely old age, his visits became more infrequent in the latter years. Despite his infirmities and deafness, Wim always had a twinkle in his eye and a shy smile when you sat down and talked to him.

At the beginning of August, the Chaplaincy paid a sad farewell to Frances Gothard. As a musician, she worked as a professional violinist. At various times Frances served as a licenced Lay Reader in the Diocese of Bangor, North Wales, and at the Cathedral in Norwich. Frances played a prominent role in the former ENGC. In her old

age, Frances could be difficult. Equally, Frances was a fount of wisdom on the Anglican Church and generous with her time if you asked for advice. In addition, according to at least one locum, she was a terrible driver.

Then on the 30th of December, Frits Warmink passed away quietly in his sleep. Frits and his wife, Cathy, were very active in the Chaplaincy when I joined the congregation in 1998. Frits and I had many lot chats in the Hut over coffee, having discovered we had many similar interests. With advancing old age, getting to church became increasingly difficult for Frits. I last met Frits in 2017 when Marilyn and I visited the couple at their beautiful home in Goor. I remember Frits showing us the stair lift installed to allow him to access upstairs. He was adamant, it was unnecessary, he declared with a rueful smile. Cathy, as usual, was there by his side. The gentle shake of her head said everything.

On behalf of all the readers, we pray they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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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Obviously

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood.

Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then, why is it that when I'm standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet.?"

A little fellow brightly replied "Cause your feet ain't empty."



A change of View

Toward the end of his life, Albert Einstein removed the portraits of two scientists - Newton and Maxwell - from his wall and replaced them with portraits of Gandhi and Schweizer.

He explained it was time to replace the image of success with the image of service.

Whose portraits hang on your wall?



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I used it all

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, but could say, "I used every bit you gave me."
Erna Brombeck



Giving up for Lent

At the end of the pre-Lent sermon, the vicar suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.



Blessing

One Sunday, when my granddaughter was about two years old, her daddy and mummy made their Communion at my local church and took her up with them for a blessing. Arriving

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St James the Least of All

On why rural churchgoers like to freeze in church

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Winter certainly exposes the difference between those of you who live in cities and us rural folk. While you bask in your



centrally heated flat, with every modern convenience that could be imagined and complain about the half an inch of slush that makes your life so inconvenient, we country folk wear overcoats in our houses, open all doors and windows to let the heat *in* and battle through snow drifts, measured in feet, to get the morning paper.

Colonel Wainwright has acquired a new toy: a snow blower, of sufficient power that I believe it could clear the Antarctic. He kindly volunteered to clear the paths around the church. Working outwards from the church door, the path to the church soon became snow free. Unfortunately, he only realised when his job was complete that the blown snow then formed a five-foot drift under the lychgate. We now have to climb over the churchyard wall and negotiate buried gravestones before we can reach his pristine paths.

Miss Margison, ever meaning to be helpful, decided to unfreeze the pipes in the church hall. A blow torch was not the ideal solution, although the resulting burst did make some rather attractive ice sculptures round the kitchen equipment. The village badminton team that uses the hall has now temporarily changed sport, to ice hockey.

Inevitably, our congregation has soared these past few weeks. There is nothing like adversity for making people want to prove they have the moral fibre to overcome it. Much satisfaction seems to be obtained on discovering who has not dared venture out, which is taken as judgement on their strength of character. The Prentices upstaged most people by arriving on a sleigh. Mr Prentice was warmly wrapped in a travelling rug, while his wife pulled it. As her husband explained, he couldn't possibly let the pony work in such conditions.

What I momentarily thought was applause during my sermon was merely people keeping their hands warm and the hymns were drowned out by the stamping of feet. Our organist

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complained that the cold made his fingers so numb that he couldn't play properly - although I didn't notice that things were much different from normal.

No, my dear nephew, you continue to fret about your church heating dropping to temperate, and a few flakes of wet snow obliging you to close your carpark for health and safety reasons. We shall continue to triumph heroically over adversity and return home after Mattins, feeling we have proved our Christian commitment by being utterly uncomfortable.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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- **Personal reflection**
- Daily readings and reflection through the Passion narrative of Matthew
- **Communal worship**
- On Ash Wednesday, Sundays and weekdays during Holy Week
- **Fasting**
- On Fridays, ending our fasting by reflecting on the Stations of the Cross
- **Teaching**
- The "Poverty and the Bible" Lenten course is on four Saturdays during Lent.

I pray that Lent may be a blessed season this year for each of you and all of us as a community at St Mary's. A season in which we can pray, fast, and give. A season that strengthens us in work to make '... justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream ...' in the knowledge that we can do this in the power of the Holy Spirit, for this is truly God's plan for us, for the nations and for the world.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque

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back in our pew she said in a loud voice: "Granny, the man has said his prayers on my head, and he has a lovely dress on."



In a sack

Seen in a church magazine: "Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them if possible."



Judgement?

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"

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Forthcoming Services

February 5 2023

10:30 Eucharist

3rd Sunday before Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Anne Powell

Readings

Isaiah 58. 1-12

Louw Talstra

1 Corinthians 2. 1-12 (13-end)

Gospel

Matthew. 5. 13-20

February 12 2023

10:30 Eucharist

2nd Sunday before Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Vivian Reinders

Readings

Genesis 1.1-2.3

Arthur Cass

Romans 8. 18-25

Gospel

Mathew. 6. 25-end

February 19 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Sunday before Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader

Jan de Beij

Readings

Exodus 24. 12-end

Joyce Wigboldus

2 Peter 1. 16-end

Gospel

Matthew 17. 1-9

Forthcoming Services

February 22 2023

20:00

Ash Wednesday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader

Jeanet Luiten

Readings

Isaiah 58. 1-12

Lea Meijnen

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6.10

Gospel

Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21

February 26 2023

10:30 Eucharist

First Sunday of Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Patrick Saridjan

Readings

Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7

Jenny List

Romans 5. 12-19

Gospel

Matthew 4. 1-11

March 5 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Second Sunday of Lent

Celebrant

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Preacher

Lay Minister Simone Yallop

Duty Warden:

Klaas Prins

Intercessor

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Erica Schotman

Readings

Genesis 12. 1-4a

Elisabeth v d Heijden

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

Gospel

John 3. 1-17

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Don't die

The vicar announced: "I am sure that you will not wish to overwork our visiting priest while I am on holiday, and will keep funerals to a minimum."



Advantages of marriage

Marriage is a very good way to promote civilisation - according to Socrates, if you get a good partner, you will be happy; if you get a bad one, you will become a philosopher.



With Valentine's Day in mind... how do you define love?

A group of 4-to-8-year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....

- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my

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Candlemas

Maybe you've heard of the Winter Solstice when the days in the Northern hemisphere are the shortest and the nights are the longest. Or perhaps you may have heard of the Summer Solstice when days are at their longest. Surely you have heard of the Spring and Fall Equinoxes when our days and nights are the same lengths.



February 2nd brings us another calendar phenomenon, one of the four so-called "cross-quarter days. Many ancient civilisations and cultures also observed the solstices and equinoxes, the cross-quarter days, and the four midpoints between them. They are not always exact and go by different names, but their observance can assist us.

You've undoubtedly heard of one of them: Halloween, which always seems to feature recognition of the dead. Horrors! Because the Midpoint between the Autumn Equinox and the Winter Solstice is a recognition of things passing - the middle of the Autumn.

Well, February 2nd is another such cross-quarter day: the Midpoint between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. The week it falls is often recognised as the very depth of winter. Winter, after all, only began around December 21st; it was relatively warm then. This week recognises the middle of winter - its depth.

Christians incorporate this physical phenomenon, whether we realise it or not when we keep the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd when the child Jesus is presented in the Temple. Just as we celebrate Jesus being born on December 25th, we celebrate his being presented in the Temple 40 days later, on February 2nd.

Over time, that feast has incorporated candles, so its other name is Candlemas. Again, whether we realise it is a cross-quarter day or not, Christians yearn for light on this day; we have lighted candles on that winter feast for hundreds of years.

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In the American culture, they have another name for February 2nd. They call it Groundhog Day. It's a different name and a silly-looking event, but its features are the same as the cross-quarter cultures. People wonder about light and shadow on Groundhog Day and how much longer winter will be! Something in our human condition will always long for, and lean for, light, especially when we miss it the most - in the bleak midwinter.

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting



The Language of Love

Valentine's Day reminds us of the importance of expressing our love to those close to us. But how can we go beyond simply offering flowers and a card? Jesus says: *'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another'* (John 13:34). How can we express love like Jesus in our everyday relationships to our partner, children, neighbours or work colleagues?

Listening

We need to listen to others, just as Jesus did. He asked questions of people and waited for them to process their answer. According to James, *'everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry'* (James 1:19). How well do we listen to others? How often do we find ourselves already thinking of what we want to say before somebody's finished speaking? Listening takes time; don't rush it!

Touching

Jesus reached out to touch the untouchables in His world, including lepers, the sick and children. This was completely out of character for rabbis of His day. For us today, a warm handshake may be of value. Of course, it should always be an *appropriate* touch - helpful for the other person, not just for ourselves.

Speaking

Jesus' conversation was always full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Do we speak words of *grace*, by offering comfort, giving encouragement or expressing care and concern? However, we should also be ready to speak words of *truth*, in asking for forgiveness, seeking reconciliation or addressing conflict. As Paul urges us, don't avoid: *'speaking the truth in love'*.

Where is the challenge for us in expressing love this Valentine's Day?

Contributed by Canon Paul Hardingham

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grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca - age 8

- "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy - age 4

- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Karl - age 5

- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

- "Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny - age 7

- "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you

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talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss."

Emily - age 8

- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."

Nikka - age 6

(We need a few million more

Nikka's on this planet)

"My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

- Clare, aged 6

"Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." -

Elaine - age 5

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day"

Mary Ann - age 4

Answer to prayer

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his dad suggested he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly, night after night,

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William Bentinck First Earl of Portland 20 July 1649 - 23 November 1709

Hans Willem, was born in Diepenheim, Overijssel, the son of Bernard, Baron Bentinck. He was a descendant of the ancient and noble family of Guelders and Overijssel. He would go on to be appointed the First Earl of Portland, a prominent figure in 17th Century English politics.

Hans Willem's rise to such prominence began when, in 1675, Prince William was attacked by smallpox. Bentinck, by now a serving as a page at court, assiduously nursed the prince back to health. This devotion secured for him the special and enduring friendship of William. From that point on, Bentinck had the Prince's confidence, and in their correspondence William was very open.

In 1677 Prince William sent Bentinck to England to solicit for the hand of Mary, daughter of James, Duke of York and future King of England. In 1688, when Prince William was preparing to assist in the overthrow of the by now King James, Bentinck was sent to secure the support some of the German princes or at least their neutrality. Bentinck, having been since 1687, a medium of communication between his master and his English friends, supervised the arrangements for the invasion. This included raising money, hiring an enormous transport fleet, organizing a propaganda offensive, and preparing the possible landing sites. In 1688, Bentinck sailed to England with Prince William.

Titles and Military service

The revolution accomplished, William (now King of England) made Bentinck Groom of the Stool, first gentleman of the bedchamber, and a Privy Counsellor. Note that although the position of Groom of the Stool is now regarded with distaste, as it involved cleaning the King after using the toilet, it was in its day, one of the most desired positions at court. For up to an hour a day, the Groom of the Stool was alone with the King. Private, uninterrupted conversations with a King was a valuable asset.

In April 1689 Bentinck was created Baron Cirencester, Viscount Woodstock and, in its second creation, Earl of Portland. Bentinck commanded some cavalry at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, and was present at the Battle of Landen, where he was wounded, and at the Siege of Namur in 1695.

Resignation

Bentinck however, became very jealous of the rising influence of another Dutchman, Arnold van Keppel. Justifiable as it turns out, because in 1699, after he resigned all his offices in the royal household, Arnold replaced him as Groom of the Stool. Bentinck did not forfeit

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the esteem of the King, who continued to trust and employ him. Bentinck had been loaded with gifts, and this, together with the jealousy felt for him as a foreigner, made him very unpopular in England. Although Bentinck received 135,000 acres (546 km²) of land in Ireland, strong opposition of a united House of Commons prevented him obtaining a large gift of crown lands in North Wales.

Bentinck was occasionally employed on public business under Queen Anne until his death at his residence, Bulstrode Park in Buckinghamshire. Bentinck's eldest son Henry succeeded him as earl, and was granted the titles of Marquess of Titchfield and Duke of Portland in 1716.

Overijssel Today

There are quite a few landmarks we can visit. First of all at Diepenheim at Warmelo Castle, where William Bentinck was born. At Schoonheten, coming from Portlander Dijk, the view of the the house is stunning; just before the crossroads there is the old inn 'De Hertog van Portland' (no longer in use). The sign is still there!

Note 1 A long time ago, Count Alfred told me that he was a 'regional patriot' He may have known of these Anglo-Dutch connections. *Everhard Ottens*

Note 2 During a conversation in the Hut, Count Alfred spoke about staying with the Duke of Portland, a cousin of his, when he was a boy. *Editor*

Note 3 The 9th Duke of Portland died in 1990 without living male issue, so the title is now extinct. *Editor*
Contributed by Everhard Ottens Edited by Blair Charles

With Lent in Mind



"But look", said Martin, "Maltesers have hardly any chocolate on"

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but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. So after a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask anymore.

Some months later, his dad said they were going to see Mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. The little boy stood still for a moment, and then cautiously observed: "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

Church-speak

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JUSTICE: When your children grow up and have children of their own.

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Anglicans can recognise, besides gyros and baklava.

Disturb us, Lord

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with
ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.*



*Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.*



Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 16th Century

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The policy of the Anglican Church Twente is to use donations and bequests to help fund significant development projects in the Chaplaincy, whether buildings, equipment, staff, or other major needs. As circumstances change over the years, it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests, so church members are encouraged to make donations and leave legacies for the general purposes of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy Council will discuss with donors or their executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church: for example, children & youth, music, buildings.

Donations or bequests can be paid into the current account of the Anglican Church Twente, ABN AMRO Lochem, IBAN: NL62ABNA0593634012.

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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