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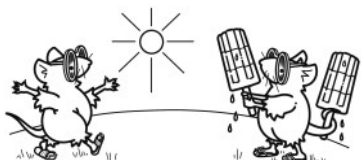
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June 2023

Dear Saints,

We, as the Body of Christ, are the sent ones.

Yes, you read it correctly: all Christians worldwide, including you and me here at St Mary's in Twente, are the sent ones. This period of our Church Year we are entering reflects on our mission as the sent ones.

In our Church Year, there are two periods called Ordinary Time, which have the lion's share of the Church Year (about 34 weeks). The first part, of which the Epiphany forms part, the Sundays after the Epiphany, falls between the Christmas and Easter cycles, and the second is the Season after Trinity Sunday. It is the longest season of the Church Year.

The Season after Trinity starts after Pentecost Sunday until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday of this season is Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is Christ the King Sunday.

Ordinary Time differs from other liturgical seasons in that the individual Sundays are not linked to a specific theme. During the Advent season, we await the coming of our Lord; in the Christmas season, we celebrate the birth of Christ; during the Epiphany, we proclaim the revelation that Christ is the Saviour of the whole world. During Lent, we prepare for the death of Christ. In Holy Week, we re-enact Christ's death. During Easter, we celebrate his resurrection and Ascension and complete the season by celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

The Season after Trinity is for the Church (the People of the Way, the Body of Christ) to live out her mission in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the midst of the world, recalling and remembering that every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The focus is on the life of the Church as it grows in depth and number in the midst of the world. It is adding to its numbers those saved through Christ our Lord.

So during the Season after Trinity, we as the Church intentionally worship God as we live out our mission in the world as sent ones. Jesus, in his prayer for his disciples, prays the following towards his heavenly Father/Parent:

"I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." **John 17:14-16**

St Mary's Chapel News



Church bulletin notices that didn't quite work...

~ The Revd John Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

~ The students will present Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' in the church on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

~ A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in memory of his wife.

~ The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

~ The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for

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Summer Teas

The Summer Teas will take place again this years on six Sunday afternoons in July/August when we have a Tea Room at the Hut and the chapel is open for visitors. The afternoon ends with a service of Evening Prayer. We are looking for two people to act as Tea Room hosts for each of the Sundays and for people to bake cakes.

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

Please do continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Prayer for Turkey and Syria

Please do continue to pray for the people of Turkey and Syria.

Foodbank

At St. Mary's we continue to make a weekly collection for the foodbank. There is a box in the chapel where you can put non-perishable food items for the foodbank. Please do continue to support this action.

Ascension Day Picnic

The Ascension Day Picnic was well attended. After the service, all cars drove in a long row to the farm where our Reverend Jacque lives with her husband, Rob. How beautiful is the farmhouse in the middle of all the sunny meadows. Where in the past, in the wintertime, the cows chewed on the hay, there now stood tables and chairs and a very long side table loaded with dishes and utensils to eat it all.

Jacque opened the feeding of the flock with a short prayer, and Heleen and Erica sang a prayer. The food was excellent, and I saw many plates with chicken legs, differently prepared, between all kinds of salads on the loaded dishes

Lea made an excellent dish (and I hope she is willing to give me the recipe), which she said had taken her hours to prepare. I also enjoyed very much the Indonesian dish prepared by Patrick. People were chatting and laughing! Not only the people who attended the service but also friends and family members came, and children were playing outside as well on the piano and having a lot of fun.

I will never forget our picnics on Ascension Day on the lawns behind Castle Weldam, where we sat or lay in the grass. That's why our lunch after the Ascension Service still has the name 'picnic'.

But this year, it was as much a success and a pleasure to be together as it has always been in the past.

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Everything I need to know... I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're very old Someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics. Just get on with the job needing to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Author unknown

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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the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

~ The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Attraction

Several years ago, when I lived in California, I taught Sunday School at a somewhat rural church. One Sunday morning the minister texted me. "Come down to the sanctuary quick, and bring a net." As I was a biology teacher, I guessed he figured that I could deal with nature.

Expecting some kind of wild animal, I entered the church cautiously. I was greeted instead by the sight of an excited congregation watching a hummingbird fly around. Rather than use the net, I suggested they hang red paper by an open door. The bird would be drawn to it, I explained, and eventually fly out.

After teaching the Sunday School lesson, I went back up into the sanctuary. The minister saw me and

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interrupted the service. "Your idea about the red paper has worked," he said. "Now we have two hundred Hummingbirds flying around the church."

Better by half

As the music swelled at the end of a wedding in our church, my hopelessly romantic husband squeezed my hand, leaned in, and whispered fervently: "You are better looking than half the women here."

Reasons for marriage

Studying our wedding photos, my six-year-old asked, "Did you marry Dad because he was a vicar?"

"Not at all," I replied.

"Did you marry him because he was good-looking?"

"No, not that either," I replied.

"Did you marry him for his money?"

"Definitely not," I laughed. "He didn't have any."

"So," he concluded sadly, "you just felt sorry for him."

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St James the Least of All

Beware the church microphone

Nephew Darren

Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does *not* necessarily want to do so.



I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives reverently carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing.

Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they spent a

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comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



How to prepare for your new puppy (or: what the dog training manuals will never tell you)

Begin now - and build up your stamina!

1. Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
2. Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
3. Immediately upon waking, rush outside in your pyjamas in the rain and dark and say several times: "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, let's go!"
4. Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also, float some fur in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
5. Play 'catch' with a wet tennis ball.
6. Run out in the rain in your bare feet to close the gate.
7. Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.
8. Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)
9. Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favourite TV programme and run to the door shouting, "No, no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Be sure and miss the end of the programme.
10. Put a little heap of chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.
11. Scratch the legs of the dining room table several times with a screwdriver - they are going to get chewed on anyway.
12. Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.

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Gardening

Overheard at my gardening club meeting: "I never knew what compost was until I met my husband."

Marriage

During a heartfelt chat with her friend about relationships, my wife sighed and said, "You know, if something happened to Lloyd, I don't think I could ever marry again." Her friend nodded sympathetically. "I know what you mean," she said. "Once is more than enough."

Laundry

I often do the laundry for our church, and one day I decided to do the altar cloth with a lavender-scented detergent. When our minister next walked past the altar, he sniffed in bewilderment. "What's this?" he asked. "Guess," I said coyly. "I have no idea," he said. "It smells like the stuff my daughter uses to line the hamster's cage."

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Forthcoming Services

June 11 2023

10:30 Eucharist	Trinity 1
Celebrant and Preacher	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Caroline Siertsema	Intercessor: Jeanet Luiten
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Vivian Reinders	Genesis 12. 1-9
Jeanet Luiten	Romans 4. 13 - end
Gospel	Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26

June 18 2023

10:30 Eucharist	Trinity 2
Celebrant and Preacher	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Klaas Prins	Intercessor: Klaas Prins
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Jan de Beij	Genesis 18. 1 -15
Joyce Wigboldus	Romans 5. 1 -18
Gospel	Matthew 9. 35 -10.8

June 25 2023

10:30 Eucharist	Easter Sunday
Celebrant and Preacher	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden: Caroline Siertsema	Intercessor Simone Yallop
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Louw Talstra	Genesis 21. 8 -21
Patrick Saridian	Romans 6. 1b -11
Gospel	Matthew 10. 24 -39



"Well, no, I'm not dressing like this to create common ground with today's youth culture – I've always worn a hoody."



The cathedral roof was a masterpiece of medieval masonry



"Looks like no one was available to fill in for the vicar's annual holiday again."

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DIY

Our churchwarden has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any DIY job that needs doing around the church. For example, in the church shed are still pieces of the church lawn mower that she once tried to fix.

So, our vicar wasn't surprised the day he found her in the vestry, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "This thing won't cooperate," she complained.

The vicar thought for a moment: "Why don't you drag it out to the shed and show it what you did to the lawn mower?"

Find and replace?

A minister whom I know of uses a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalise each service, he enters a 'find and replace' command. The computer then finds the name of the deceased from the

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Jesus being "not of the world" isn't the destination in these verses but the starting place. It's not where things are moving toward but what they're moving from. He is not of the world, and he begins by saying that his followers are not of the world. Jesus claims his disciples as those who have become and are becoming like him. A people with a purpose beyond this world, but living that purpose in this world. The beginning place is being "not of the world," and the movement for us then is toward being "sent into" the world. The accent falls on being sent, with a mission, to the world — not being a mission to separate or disassociate from this world. The purposes and intentions of the world are where we operate, and our location, but our purpose and intention is living lives that bear witness to the intentions and purposes of God's Realm in the here and now.

Jesus's followers have not only been crucified to the world but also raised to new life and sent back in to make disciples so that for all people, the starting point becomes Christ, who is the Saviour of the world, who came that we all may have life and have it abundantly.

In Jesus' prayer for us in the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus asks God to empower us, as we Christians have to live and thrive in a hostile ideological environment and ethos. Let us keep on remembering who we are and from whence we come that we are the sent ones who bring God's light and life into the world. We, all Christians worldwide, also you and me, at St Mary's in Twente.

Yours in Christ as always,
Rev. Jacques Williams



Memories of the Coronations.

Yes, it sounds somewhat crazy, but I watched the coronation of King Charles III from the beginning till the end. And I got a lot of negative reactions to it. Well, I had that day with nothing better to do. But I still had another reason.

When I was 14 years old, I saw the coronation of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. I hear you say: That is impossible because there was no television in those days. Well, I saw the coronation movie, not only the coronation movie but also her wedding.

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I was in high school in Deventer, the HBS, at the time, and on a very sunny Saturday morning, not only all the pupils of this school but also of the City Gymnasium were driven into the Deventer Schouwburg to see the movies of both events.

I still see myself walking on that sunny morning through this beautiful town, with so many young pupils, two by two in long rows, coming from all sides. Yes, we were still going to school on Saturday mornings in my youth. I suppose it was an event organised by the government. I think it was also done because the Netherlands had a solid pro-British sentiment after the war.

As a teenager, I was swimming away in admiration for the beautiful young princess and her handsome groom. We saw how they met and watched with open mouths the marriage with all the pomp and circumstance possible. Then a short movie about her father's death, King George VI. Followed by the film of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

How different when I compare this event with the coronation of King Charles III. That was relatively modest in comparison with his mother's coronation. Then I was very much impressed by the long row of knights and comparable nobility kneeling for the queen and swearing allegiance to her. She was a beautiful queen, such as you read about in fairytales. But also very much a woman of the here and now.

Of course, the movies were not as long as the events themselves. But I had to see the coronation of Charles to be sure. Much more straightforward but still grand enough for me. But I am sure my love for the English language and culture started on that Saturday morning there and then.

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Footnote to Erica's Article by Blair Charles

Like Erica, I too have memories of watching a film of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It was 1954 and I was in my first year at the Dominican Convent, in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. (now Harare, Zimbabwe). All the pupils were gathered in a large school hall, with the youngest sitting on the floor in front. It was very hot, and uncomfortable. We first watched the Coronation film, followed by a film on the climbing of Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing. At the time, I was not too sure who the lady with the funny hat was but I remember being most fascinated by the colour pictures of the snow on the mountains. It would be another 19 years before I saw snow for real. I never met the Queen.

The films were sent out to schools across the British Empire, mainly by ships. Hence the Queen had been on throne for over a year before we saw her Coronation.

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previous funeral and replaces it with the name of the deceased for the upcoming one.

Not long ago, the minister told the computer to find the name 'Mary' and replace it with 'Edna'. The next morning, the funeral was going smoothly until the congregation intoned the Apostles' Creed. "Jesus Christ," they read from the pre-printed programme, "born of the Virgin Edna..."

Plant

During our minister's very lengthy sermon, a large plant suddenly fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the floor. He smiled sheepishly. "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep!"

Man and wife

With Bible in hand, I read to my Sunday school class: "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife." Okay," I said, "from this Scripture, what do

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we learn is important in marriage?"

A voice at the back blurted: "Cleavage!"

Grandmothers

Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother.

The next you are not just all-wise, but also prehistoric.

This next one...

A local DJ was introducing a record at our annual church fete/parish party. "This next one," he said, "is for Charlotte, a choir member, who is a hundred and eleven! Hey, Charlotte, congratulations on a ripe old age!"

There was a short pause and then the DJ said in a somewhat more subdued voice, "I'm sorry, I got it wrong. This next one is for Charlotte, who is ill."

Miscellaneous observations on life

I burn about 2000 calories every time I put

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A dog lesson

This Sunday, after I visited the church, I was sitting in my chair, watching the sunshine and seeing how wonderful all the plants were popping up their little leaves from out of the dark earth. Nothing special, you would say. Yes, but I was also looking at my little dog, who was also looking at the sunny garden. What did he see? I asked him, and he turned and looked at me, with his head bent, first to the right and then to the left. I laughed, and he gave me a lick on the back of my hand and draped himself over my feet.

And while I was looking at him, my thoughts were going to the way this little creature was giving me a lot of love. I also thought: This is perhaps an excellent example of what God means by love and how to love your neighbour.

For instance: when I think my dog is naughty and tell him loudly: "I don't like this, stop with it!" with a loud voice, he mostly does what I want him to do, but not always. Because he is a dachshund and thinks it is his right to make his own decisions. And then I get angry. But he is never mad at me. No, he just comes towards me, stays there for five minutes or so, and then returns to his place next to my chair. Or at least, if possible, very near to my feet, wherever in the house I may be.

Guests are always greeted with a lot of enthusiasm. No stranger gets a better welcome. But of course, he has his favourites, and I know when those are coming to see me because he barks at a very high pitch, even before they are around the street corner.

He has a bucket full of toys which he sometimes hands to me. No, I have to say, he pushes them between my knees. When I refuse to play with him, he waits until I do something with the toys. If not, he sighs deeply and puts his head on my shoes until I set aside my book, craft, or mobile phone. The best place to be is on my lap with his head on my shoulder. Once in a while, I get a snuffle at my ears, but I am free to read, knit, or whatever I want to do as long as he can stay there.

He never left my side for a moment when I was sometimes ill. And if the doctor does something that makes me moan or say ouch, he tries to come between me and the doctor with his nose. If I could love my neighbour the same way.... but what I do? I don't want to be screamed at or be ordered around. I am not very happy with visitors I don't like. When somebody yells at me, I walk away.

When things are not going as I should want them to, I grumble as I hang on the telephone and can be nasty to my

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neighbour. I am not the kindest person when somebody in the supermarket bumps into me or my car. When I see somebody I don't like in the distance, I turn around and take another route.

And what about forgiving my neighbour? As a puppy, two very young blackbirds teased my dog. They came very near him, and when he ran after them, they flew up just out of his reach (past the length of his leash). They did it so often that I understood it was a fun game for the birds. My dog still barks at birds in the garden and on the top of my neighbour's roof. And I, oh dear, still have trouble with forgiving people who have wronged me.

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How more protein could help prevent your midlife spread

Eating more protein can help prevent your midlife spread, partly by suppressing your appetite. A recent study has found that people eat 210 calories more per day than when they are on a low-protein diet.

Yet most of us aren't eating enough protein. A study from the University of Sheffield found less than half of over-65s studied met the official UK reference nutrient intake (RNI) of 0.8 grams of protein per kilogram (2.2lb) of their body weight per day - or about 50g a day for a 10st person.

Adding an egg, smoked salmon, authentic Greek yogurt, nuts, or half a can of beans on two slices of wholewheat toast and a 250ml glass of milk, can all help.

The great thing about protein is that it is so filling you might not need to snack. But if you are still peckish, avoid biscuits, chocolate and crisps, and instead choose nuts and seeds, cooked chicken, a bowl of Greek yogurt or a small piece of cheese.

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on fitted sheets by myself.

It's weird, being the same age as old people.

One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

Miscellaneous observations on life...

The measure of your real wealth is how much people would still value you if you lost all your money. - Anon ☐☐

The nice thing about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, somebody else always does. - Anon

The child had every toy his father wanted. - Robert C. Whitten

Jesus Christ demands more complete allegiance than any dictator who ever lived. The difference is, He has the right to. - Vance Havner

The Wonder of Creation

*The rising sun that streaks the sky with colour,
Each day we see more marvels that unfold,
Nature has a palette like no other -
Creation is a wonder to behold.*

*And can it be this happened all by chance,
Or did some cosmic force become involved?
A Power operating out of time
That has a greater story to be told.*

*Our Universe defies all understanding,
Its vastness reaching endlessly in space,
Eternity - we find it hard to fathom
Or of One perhaps who set it all in place.*

*A Deity beyond the realms of time?
We do our best to try and understand -
Of a mighty hand that flung the stars to flight
Could be the hand still beckoning to man.*

By Megan Carter

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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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