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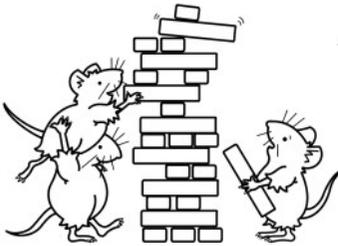
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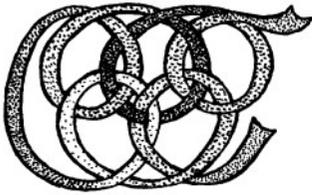
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*The
Chaplain
Writes*

Dear Saints,

Did you ever wonder why sometimes, in church, we speak of God the Parent and not always of God the Father? In part one of this article, which can be found in last month's *St Mary's Magazine*, we explored the need for inclusive language in Church in general and in liturgy in particular. We discovered that language and also biblical and liturgical language, is more than just a means of communication and can be a force behind an ideology for example patriarchy in this context. Patriarchy is a system that positions men as a dominant group and as able to marginalise and exploit women.

What does that have to do with Biblical and liturgical language? Are these texts patriarchal, and does that contradict our belief in God, who, through Christ, commands us to love God and love each other? In part one of this reflection, one of my final comments was that "inclusive language in our liturgy that breaks with patriarchy can be used to express the image of God in its fullness." Being made in the image of God has a broader biblical witness than just the creation narrative, as read in *Genesis 1 and 2*. In linking the story of creation with salvation history as revealed in Christ through baptism into his death and resurrection, and him sending the Holy Spirit and us receiving the Holy Spirit, which gives us the power to become children of God, we broaden and deepen our understanding of the meaning and purpose of people being God's image bearers.

Being God's image bearers is central to our identity as individuals and as a Christian community. The image of God is multi-layered:

- **Imago Dei:** because of their creation in the image of God, women and men are equal bearers of God's image.
- **Imago Christi:** on the basis of salvation in Christ, who is the perfect image of the invisible God, women and men are equal bearers of the image of God.
- **Imago Spiritus:** on the basis of Pentecost, when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which gives us the power to be children of God, women and men are equal bearers of the image of God.

Imago Dei - "So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (*Genesis 1:27-28*)



Forthcoming News

Summer Teas 2024



Those church bulletin notices that went wrong somewhere....

~ This Sunday morning following services we will have our monthly feelowship.

~ Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth

~ We will have a Super Bowel party this Sunday night. We will also have our regular service.

~ Applications are now being accepted for two-year-old nursery workers.

~ The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.

~ Song Lyrics: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and briefs to bear.

~ (For the group of ladies called 'Mums Who Care' and pray for the children in school). When their

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Our much-liked and well-known **Summer teas** will start again from

Sunday, July 7, till Sunday, August 11.

It is a great occasion to meet people, introduce St. Mary's to the region and make money to fund our community.

We need all the help we can get for this action to succeed.

So please take part and put your name on the list in the Hut for the baking and the serving.

If you have not helped before, other helpers recommend it as a great afternoon spent with friendly people.

If you have any questions, please call or ask Jeanet.

Children's Service:

On Sunday, 16 July, we had a children's service. Despite having reservations about services for children, I always like to see and experience them, especially here in Saint Mary's where we rarely have children showing up in the Sunday service. I arrived early and saw five children with their parents and relatives. They were dressed festively, which was a contrast to our regular church visitors who are mostly elderly.

The service was simple, with a young boy reading the first text, assisted by his father. The priest's sermon was brief but impactful. It was a good service, as I always appreciate seeing children in church, even if they're drawing or quarrelling at times. I hope to see these children more often in our Sunday morning service.
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A Word from Wales

First of all let me take the opportunity to congratulate Simone Yallop on achieving an MA in Theology. Considering all the work Simone does for the Chaplaincy, when did she find time to study?

My apologies for this magazine, covering two months, being rather small, and late. The Radiotherapy I am at present undergoing is proving to be slightly more challenging than the oncologist had described.

Clatterbridge Cancer Centre is located on the Wirral. A beautiful peninsula jutting into the Irish Sea, with the Mersey on one side, and the Dee on the other. My daily thirty minute commute to Clatterbridge is therefore, most enjoyable.

The staff at Clatterbridge are healing angels. The kindness, joy and laughter in the place verges on spiritual. Hope and help radiate from the Centre.

My thanks to the Chaplain, Erica, Simone and Jeanet for their help with content, and to Lub for printing and distribution. Much appreciated.

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://anglicanurchtwtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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meeting was cancelled one week: There will be no Mums who care this week.

~ Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

~ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget all His benefits.

Miscellaneous observations:

~ I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

~ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

~ A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

~ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many people is research.

~ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

~ In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify ..." I answered, "a doctor."

~ Since light travels faster than sound,

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some people appear bright - until you hear them speak.

~ Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for President, and 50 for Miss America?

When Radio encounters the Bible

A dramatist employed to write stories from the Bible in radio form was astonished at the end of a broadcast to hear the announcer say, 'Will Cain kill Abel? Tune in at the same time tomorrow and find out!' - *Albert R Perkins, Vogue Magazine 1943*

Press

For the benefit of those who doubt the power of the press, here is a clip from a newspaper: 'Owing to the overcrowded conditions of our columns, a number of births and deaths are unavoidably postponed this week.

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On the perils of 'standing in' for another vicar

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

You should not complain about doing duty in other churches when their clergy are on holiday. It is only in other churches that you will be appreciated.

Beatification only comes from your own church on the day you leave - which is a way of firing a shot across the bows of your successor. I remember being greeted by a churchwarden on my first day here at St James the Least of All with the encouraging words: 'I've seen six Rectors of this parish; each one was worse than the last.' As the years have gone by, I am sure I will have entirely fulfilled his expectations.

No; when you visit another church, you will be told all the many defects of their own vicar, and whatever you do will be praised. Store up these memories for the day you return to your own patch - when you will then be told how outstanding your own temporary replacement has been and how congregations thrived in your absence.

Naturally, this gives you the right to make similar remarks about your own congregation in the churches you visit. Unfavourable comparisons with the bell ringers, vergers and congregational singing in your home patch to the superb standards in the church you're temporarily serving will be much appreciated. Just make sure that the church you are staffing is sufficiently far from your own that word will not get back to your home team.

It is a mistake I made only once. After filling in for a colleague, I happened to complement the choir on the singing of the anthem. Unknown to me, a tenor was the second cousin of my organist, who received a rather embellished story that I had compared my own choir back home unfavourably with theirs. On my return the following Sunday, all the hymns were played fortissimo and at double speed and the choir in rotation dropped hymn books throughout my sermon.

Inevitably, when you staff another church, you will be told: 'It's the normal Service.' It will be *nothing of the sort*. Hymns will appear in unexpected places, Sunday schools will enter and leave (and enter again) apparently at random, objects will be brought to you to be read from, placed on the altar or blessed - just as you were about to try and



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find the pulpit. In any case, wherever you are standing, you will find you should have been standing somewhere else. But not to worry - most mistakes will be forgiven - provided your sermon is short.

So - enjoy your visits to other churches. And above all, make sure that your temporary replacement is so spectacularly incompetent that your own people will welcome you back with open arms on your return.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



In Memory of Cathy Warmink:



In June, we had the funeral service for Cathy Warmink. She had been in a nursing home for a long time due to the aftereffects of a stroke.

She lived a long and interesting life. I don't want to delve into that here. Since her husband's health was poor and he was unable to bring Cathy to the church on Sunday, I took on this responsibility. Cathy never complained about her declining health, she was always optimistic. We always sat at the back of the church, each with a pillow to sit on, but I haven't seen them since Cathy became ill.

Cathy had a great sense of humour, and the church visitors often prompted her to nod in a certain direction so I could see what she saw or to make a short and funny comment. Before the sermon started, she always gave me a cough candy. It always seemed that no matter if the sermon was short or long, I would finish the candy just before the final word "Amen." We both had a good laugh about it. I joked that I must have fallen asleep during a long sermon and not sucked on the candy, which brought about secret amusement.

After the service, I brought Cathy home and was invited for a cup of coffee. Frits, who had an interesting life, had a lot to say, and when Cathy wanted to add to his stories, he always said, "Come on Cathy, you know nothing about it. Give us another cup of coffee." Any other woman might have been irritated, but Cathy just stood up, gave me a broad grin, and went to the kitchen.

I only visited her once in the nursing home. It's a pity I couldn't do so more often. We didn't talk; Cathy never was much of a talker and was no longer able to speak understandably, but she was happy to hold hands and be silent, just like me. Her smile was enough to convey her feelings. May her soul find rest in God's glory.

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Don't go far!

The vicar went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday."

Handing him his statement, the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

Staying power

Hospital patients' comment about the new vicar: "He can stay longer in an hour than most people do in a week."

Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed.

"Cheer up," said the layman. Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day."

"Yes," said the priest. "But even then, it will be your hole!"

Sky at night

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

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Forthcoming Services

If you are unable to come to church on the day that you are on duty, please swop with someone else and let the wardens know

July 7 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 6

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

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Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Eliza Hannan

2.Samual 5.1-5,9-20

Psalm 48

Louw Talstra

2 Corinthians 12, 2-10

Gospel

Mark 6, 1-13

July 14 2024

10.30 Eucharist

Trinity 7

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Jaccolien Molenaar

2 Samual 6. 1-5, 12b - 19

Psalm 24

Anne Powell

Ephesians 1, 3 -14

Gospel

Mark 6, 14 -29

July 21 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 8

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden:

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erica Bonting

2 Samual 7, 1 -14a

Psalm 89, 20 -37

Joyce Wigboldus

Ephesians 2, 11 -end

Gospel

John 6, 1 -21

July 28 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 9

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Jan de Beij

Readings

1 Samual 17.1a,4-11, 19-17,32-49

Psalm 14

Lea Meijnen

Ephesians 3, 14 - end

Gospel

John 6, 1 -21

August 4 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 10

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Linda ten Berg

Readings

2 Samual 11. 26 -12, 13a

Psalm 51, 1 -13

Rita Kizito

Ephesians 4, 1 -16

Gospel

John 6, 24 - 35

August 11 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 11

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Mijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Patrick Saridjan

Readings

2 Samual 18 , 5 - 9, 15, 31 - 33

Psalm 130

Arthur Cass

Ephesians 4. 25 - 52

Gospel

John 6. 41 - 51

August 18 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 12

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Eliza Hannan

Readings

1 Kings 2.1-0-12

Psalm 111

Louw Talstra

Ephesians 5. 15-20

Gospel

John 6. 51-58

August 25 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 13

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Jaccolien Molenaar

Readings

1 Kings 8. 22 -30, 3. 3 -34

Psalm 84

Anne Powell

Ephesians 6. 10 - 20

Gospel

John 6. 56 - 69

September 1 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 14

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Erica Bonting

Readings

Song of Solomon 2. 8 -13

Psalm 45. 1-2, 6 -9

Joyce Wigboldus

James 1, 17 -end

Gospel

Mark 7, 1-8, 14 -15, 21 - 23

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We see that Adam and Eve are created in God's image and given equal responsibility for the stewardship of creation. Both embody the fundamental qualities and abilities of being human while at the same time having the added dimensions of sex and gender. Biological differences do not necessitate substantial functional distinctions. Also, God gives both Adam and Eve to "rule" over the other living creatures, but Adam is not commanded to rule over Eve.

Genesis 2 provides more details about the relationship between Adam and Eve. In Genesis 2:18, God says, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." The word translated as "helper" is "ezer", which comes from Hebrew root words meaning strength and power. The word translated as "suitable" is "kenegdo", which means facing, corresponding, or equal to. In English, "helper" suggests an assistant or subordinate, but Hebrew doesn't carry that connotation.

Nothing in the narratives of Genesis 1 and 2 supports the idea that Adam is given priority or authority over Eve at creation. The first mention of any kind of power dynamic between the man and the woman occurs in Genesis 3 after sin enters the picture. The imbalance of power introduced into the relationship impairs their ability to accurately reflect God's image.

Some would say that this new power imbalance is consistent with God's desire for how men and women should relate today - that because of what happened in the garden, women are meant to be under the authority of men. Like every other consequence of the fall, the statement in 3:16 that "he shall rule over you" describes what will be, not what should be.

Imago Christi - "So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28).

The redeeming work of Jesus on the cross reverses the effects of the Fall. Jesus ushers in a new covenant under which believers have a new identity - that of being "in Christ". When Paul states that "there is no longer male and female, for you are all one in Christ", he leaves no room for debate. It is significant that the wording "male and female" does not match the previous pairings of "Jew nor gentile" and "slave nor free". The reference to "male and female" is an exact quotation from the Greek Old Testament reference to God creating humankind in God's image "male and female" (Genesis 1:27). Paul's repudiation of this fundamental creation

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Signs found outside churches

~ It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.

~ If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.

~ Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.

~ This is a ch__ch
What is missing? (U R)

~ Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

~ In the dark?
Follow the Son.

~ Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.

~ If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Judgement Day

Judge to prisoner in the dock at Liverpool Crown Court: 'Wouldn't you like a lawyer to defend you?'

Prisoner: 'There's no need. The Lord is my defender.'

Judge: 'I think you'd do better to have someone

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known locally.'

As Good a Reason as Any...

At a mass at which three nuns were taking their final vows, the presiding bishop noticed two Jewish rabbis enter the church just before the service began. They insisted on sitting on the right side of the church.

After the service, the Bishop's curiosity got the better of him. He welcomed the two rabbis during the announcements and asked why they had chosen to be present at this occasion where the three nuns were to become 'Brides of Christ'.

One of the rabbis slowly rose to his feet and explained: 'Family of the Groom'.

Game rules
During the local football game, the coach asked

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distinction in Christ clearly points to the new creation breaking barriers between man and woman. Like every other passage about the new creation, it refers to the transformation of life, not just spiritual status.

Imago Spiritus - "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:1-4)

The Holy Spirit is poured out on all believers at Pentecost. The Spirit works in the lives of all believers, the gifts of the Spirit are given to all believers, and all believers are expected to use those gifts for the good of the Church. The coming of the Holy Spirit adds a new dimension to our identity as image-bearers of God. Paul's reference to being "clothed" (*enduo*) in Christ is similar to a statement Jesus makes at the end of Luke's gospel.

This "clothing" of the Spirit enables us to live together as the New Creation, no longer divided along gender, racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic lines. As the story progresses from creation to redemption to Pentecost, we see that men and women are equally created in the image of God, equally restored in Christ, and equally empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In our community of faith, there should be no space for patriarchy. One could even argue that patriarchy is a sin, and with that, patriarchal manipulation of language in God's talk is a sin. I would rather say that inclusive language in our liturgy that breaks with patriarchy can be used to express the image of God in its fullness. God is so much more than just a male gender/father figure. It can be so liberating and empowering to explore God's full image, of which we, women and men, are privileged to be the bearers in this world. Let us recognize this in each other and continue to explore how our language in liturgy can reflect God's greatness.

Yours in Christ as always,

Jacque



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Many people will recall the popular film *Chariots of Fire* in the 1980s. We are approaching the centenary of that big race...

Remembering the faith of Eric Liddell 100 years ago at the Paris Olympics

The 2024 Paris Olympics (26 July - 11 August) will soon be here. It was 100 years ago this summer, also at the Paris Olympics, that a young science student at Edinburgh University, Eric Liddell, ran an astonishing race that caught the imagination of millions worldwide.

Liddell had been born in China in 1902 to Scottish missionaries there. Early on, he made a deep commitment to Jesus Christ and sensed he was being called to spend his life serving others. But Liddell was also an outstanding sportsman, playing rugby for Scotland before settling on athletics.

He expected to run his preferred 100m when chosen for the Paris Olympics. But then came the news that the race would be run on a Sunday, and Liddell refused. Quickly, he trained for the 200m and 400m. Liddell took bronze at the 200m, but no one expected much from him at the 400m. Instead, he won and even broke the world record in the process.

After the Olympics, Liddell felt God calling him to his life's work. He went back to China to teach in a Christian college. As the Second World War loomed, he sent his wife and children home but stayed on himself. By 1943, Liddell was confined to a brutal prison camp, where he shone among his fellow prisoners - encouraging them, teaching Bible classes, and praying for both his fellow inmates and the prison wardens. Deeply malnourished, his health failed, and in 1945, just months before the war ended, he died, aged only 43.

In 1981, his story was made into the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.

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Quotes on Christianity

~ My experience is that Christianity dispels more mystery than it involves. With Christianity, it is twilight in the world; without it, it is night.

- Madame Swetchine

~ The Christian life is not a way 'out', but a way 'through' life. - Billy Graham

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one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "Okay," the coach continued, "do you also understand that when the referee makes a decision, you don't argue or curse or threaten to attack him, right?" Again, the boy nodded vigorously.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mother."

Could have been worse

A very long train with two engines was making its way across America. While crossing the Western mountains, one of the engines broke down. Slowly, the train chugged on. Farther along, the other engine broke down, and the train shuddered to a halt in the middle of nowhere.

Not to be discouraged, the train driver announced: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that both engines have failed, and we will be stuck here for a couple of days until the additional engines arrive. The good news is that we are not

I am Your ship

Lord, I am Your ship.
Fill me with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit.
Without You, I am empty of every blessing,
And full of every sin.

Lord, I am Your ship.
Fill me with a cargo of good works.
Without You, I am empty of every joy,
And full of vain pleasures.

Lord, I am Your ship.
Fill me with Love for You.

By John Sergieff (1829 - 1908; a priest in Russia)

Country Faith

Here in the country's heart
Where the grass is green
Life is the same sweet life
As it e'er hath been.

Trust in a God still lives
And the bell at morn
Flouts with a thought of God
O'er the rising corn.

God comes down in the rain
And the crop grows tall
This is the country faith
And the best of all!

Norman Gale (1862 - 1942)

A Breton fisherman's prayer

Protect me, dear Lord;
My boat is so small,
And Your sea is so big.

Take me from myself

My Lord and my God, take me from all that keeps me from You
My Lord and my God, grant me all that leads me to You
My Lord and my God, take me from myself and give me completely to You.

By St Nicholas of Flue (d.1487)

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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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